WHC CONSERVATION CERTIFICATION® POSTE DE TRANSBORDENE DE VALLEYFIELD

For more than 20 years, Waste Management has partnered with Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) to promote sustainability, wildlife preservation, biodiversity and environmental education at the company's WHC-certified sites. At the Poste de transbordement de Valleyfield in Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, Quebec, Canada, employees actively manage 49 acres for conservation projects focused on birds, forests, reptiles, amphibians and land conservation agreements. **The conservation program at Poste de transbordement de Valleyfield since 2010.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Site granted status of a nature reserve under the Natural Heritage Conservation Act in Quebec.
- Duck boxes installed throughout the site's wetlands to provide shelter for wood ducks.
- Nest boxes installed to increase populations of native birds including house wrens and tree swallows. An inventory is conducted each winter to verify which avian species use the boxes.
- Trees, shrubs and native grasses planted to enhance forest and grasslands habitats.
- Rock piles constructed to serve as shelter for reptiles. Six shelters have been constructed for snakes to help them avoid predation.
- Cleanup program implemented to improve on-site water quality. Fences were installed to prevent waste from entering the stream.



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