

# WHC CERTIFICATION SIMI VALLEY LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER



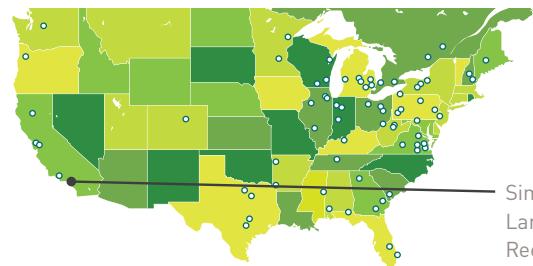
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center in Simi Valley, California, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, awareness and engagement, bats, landscaped habitats, other habitats and wetlands. **The conservation program at Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center has been WHC-certified since 2007.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Since 2017, five barn owl boxes have provided shelter, roosting, nesting and natural pest control on the site. Community relations specialists visit each owl box, documenting droppings and animal skeletons at the base of the pole to determine if a box is active. In 2022, through WM's Eagle Scout projects, the five barn owl boxes were refurbished.
- In 2011, three bat houses were built by local a local Girl Scout Troop. They are located in the pollinator garden on the site and are monitored bi-annually for bat activity.
- Over fifty acres of tree and shrub habitat are maintained through a restoration project. At the end of the seven-year monitoring period, the trees exceeded established performance criteria.
- Since 2008, more than 9,000 community members have participated in educational landfill tours to learn about native plant and wildlife species on-site and their associated habitats. In 2023, a highly successful ecological field work day was held for local Boy Scouts.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center, Simi Valley, California

### SILVER STATUS

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AVIAN**  
Barn Owls
-  **AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT**  
Pollinator Garden Education Awareness
-  **BATS**  
Bats
-  **LANDSCAPED**  
Pollinator Garden
-  **OTHER HABITATS**  
Trees and Scrub Restoration
-  **WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES**  
Riparian Restoration

## RESOURCES

[sustainability.wm.com](http://sustainability.wm.com)

