

## WHC CERTIFICATION

# TURNKEY RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERPRISE



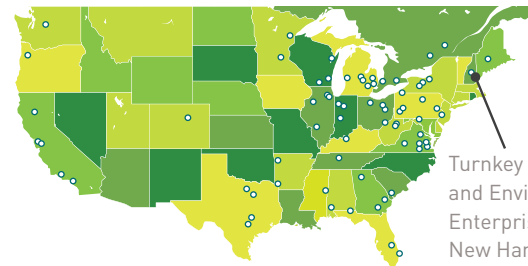
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Turnkey Recycling and Environmental Enterprise (TREE) in Rochester, New Hampshire, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on awareness and engagement, forests, grasslands, invasive species and wetlands and waterbodies. **The conservation program at TREE has been WHC-certified since 2007.**

### PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team offers regular events for the public, including opportunities to learn about wildlife through trout stocking and honeybee hives on-site. These efforts reach about 700 people a year.
- The Turnkey site is home to the Gonic Trails, where signage and a trail map allow more than 7,000 visitors a year to learn about local habitats while enjoying the hiking trail.
- The site maintains over 160 acres of forested area, which it manages through preservation lands being monitored annually by the South East Land Trust of New Hampshire and harvesting for recreation and wildlife use.
- Over 70 acres of grassland habitat are maintained to promote native plant growth and support a healthy grassland habitat. The habitat provides opportunities for monarchs, pollinators and grassland birds to thrive.
- The site works with the Isinglass River Association and the Three Rivers Stocking association to restock rainbow trout into the Isinglass river. Annually this project adds over 100 individual trout to the river to promote the species and positively impact the river environment.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Turnkey Recycling and Environmental Enterprise, Rochester, New Hampshire

### GOLD STATUS

### CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT**  
Community Events, Gonic Trails
-  **FOREST**  
Forest Management Area
-  **GRASSLAND**  
Turnkey Grasslands
-  **INVASIVE SPECIES**  
Invasive Species Management
-  **WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES**  
Cocheco and Isinglass Rivers

### RESOURCES

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

