

# WHC CONSERVATION CERTIFICATION® VARICK 1 TRANSFER STATION



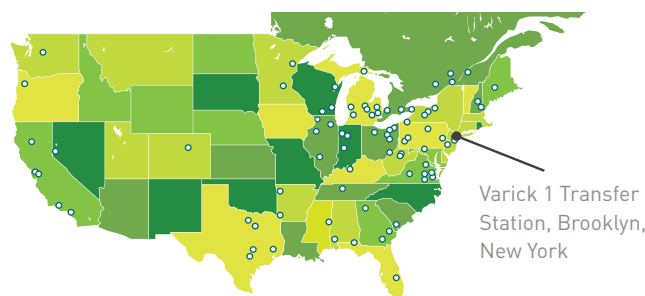
For more than 20 years, Waste Management has partnered with Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) to promote sustainability, wildlife preservation, biodiversity and environmental education at the company's WHC-certified sites. At Varick 1 Transfer Station in Brooklyn, New York, employees actively manage the site for conservation projects focused on pollinators and invasive species. **The conservation program at Varick 1 Transfer Station has been WHC-certified since 2013.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- A pollinator garden along the banks of the Newtown Creek, a tributary of New York City's East River, is managed to improve soil health and to provide nourishment and cover for insects, native birds and small mammals, including Eastern cottontails, cabbage white butterflies and robins.
- Native plants include flowering perennials, berry-bearing plants and trees.
- Employees conducted extensive research on invasive species and best practices on how to detect and effectively remove these plants.
- Invasive plant species from several designated restoration areas of the property are removed manually, including Japanese knotweed and phragmites.
- Monitoring of the habitat includes inventory of the native plants and invasive species. The data is used to inform future conservation practices.



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## CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **LANDSCAPED** Varick 1 Project
-  **INVASIVE SPECIES COORDINATED APPROACHES** Varick 1 Project

## WHC AWARDS

Winner: Invasive Species Coordinated Approaches Project Award

## RESOURCES

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