

WHC CERTIFICATION

WEST CARLETON ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE



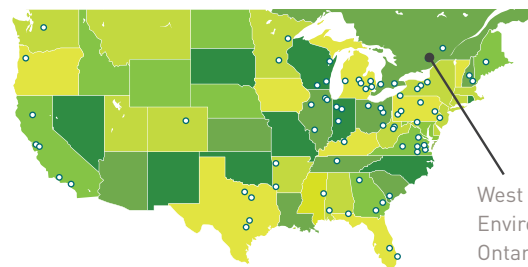
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At West Carleton Environmental Centre in Ontario, Canada, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, landscaped habitats, pollinators and reptiles and amphibians. **The conservation program at West Carleton Environmental Centre has been WHC-certified since 2006.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team installed sunning logs and basking rocks for painted turtles and their offspring. Every month, the team monitors for the turtles and evaluates which types of basking structures the turtle population prefers.
- To ensure a safe environment for the turtles, the team also placed turtle crossing signs on-site and performs a morning walk to observe turtles crossing roads.
- The team has planted three wildflower gardens totaling 1,450 square feet to support the habitat needs of pollinators like monarch butterflies and bumblebees. Species planted include milkweed, bee balm and coneflower. The team also added bee hotels and bird baths to attract pollinators.
- Nesting tubes, bird boxes and raptor nest platforms enhance nesting habitat for over 20 avian species that have been observed on-site. The team has also planted fruiting trees, sunflowers and nectar-producing flowers to supply a variety of food sources for the birds.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



West Carleton Environmental Centre, Ontario, Canada

SILVER STATUS

CONSERVATION PROJECTS



AVIAN

Enhance Nesting Areas for Native & Migratory Birds



LANDSCAPED

Wildflower Gardens



POLLINATORS

Pollinator Project



REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Painted Turtles

RESOURCES

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