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**WASTE MANAGEMENT RECEIVES
INTERNATIONAL HABITAT CONSERVATION AWARDS**

*Company's 73 programs are the most by any organization certified by
the Wildlife Habitat Council's 'Wildlife at Work' Program*

BALTIMORE, MD, November 11, 2009 – The Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) today certified 24 additional programs at Waste Management(WM)-owned sites and recertified 18 other programs as protected habitats, bringing to 73 the total number of WM programs preserved under the council's programs.

At its 21st annual symposium, WHC named 24 additional WM programs to the “Wildlife at Work” certification program and four more programs to the “Corporate Lands for Learning” program. Waste Management’s sustainability goal is to earn WHC certification of 100 programs and preserve 25,000 acres by 2020. The “Wildlife at Work” program preserves land as wildlife habitats by providing food, water, shelter, cover and space “suitable to animals’ needs.” A program must be actively maintained and monitored for a year before it qualifies for certification. The “Corporate Lands for Learning” promotes using company lands already certified for “Wildlife at Work” for hands-on environmental education by school and community groups. Waste Management has set aside a total of 24,000 acres for wildlife habitat.

“The Wildlife Habitat Council believes that collaboration among all stakeholder groups is critical to addressing the complex issues facing the sustainability of the planet,” said Robert Johnson, WHC President. “WHC members take a leading role in connecting community stakeholders through wildlife habitat enhancement, community outreach and conservation education. Congratulations to Waste Management for their commitment to a healthy natural world and connected communities.”

WHC is a non-profit, non-lobbying organization that works to increase the amount of quality wildlife habitat on corporate, private and public lands. Waste Management has received several awards from the WHC over the last few years. In 2006, WM was the first organization to receive the WHC’s President’s Award, which is presented for leadership and strategic vision for building conservation programs. In 2008, Waste Management was the first recipient of WHC’s William W. Howard C.E.O Award recognizing the company’s efforts in conservation, education and outreach efforts.

"WHC's work proves that corporations and advocates can work together to improve the environment," said CEO David Steiner. "Their recognition affirms how hard our 45,000 employees work to make a difference in our communities through sustainable conservation programs."

To read more about each program, please visit <http://www.wm.com/wm/community/whc/index.asp>

About Wildlife Habitat Council

The Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) is a nonprofit, non-lobbying organization dedicated to increasing the quality and amount of wildlife habitat on corporate, private and public lands. WHC devotes its resources to building partnerships with corporations and conservation groups to create solutions that balance the demands of economic growth with the requirements of a healthy, biodiverse and sustainable environment. WHC-assisted wildlife habitat and conservation education programs are found in 48 states, the District of Columbia and nine other countries. To learn more, visit www.wildlifehc.org.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Our subsidiaries provide collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. We are also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. Our customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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