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**WILDLIFE HABITAT COUNCIL ANNOUNCES
INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS SECRETARY-TREASURER**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) announces Greg Cekander, Waste Management Vice President of Environmental Management Group (EMG), as the new Secretary-Treasurer on its Board of Directors. He assumed the position on March 4, 2009, during the biannual Board meeting, which took place in Houston, Texas. He has served on the WHC Board since November of 2004.

“I am excited and honored to serve WHC in this expanded leadership role as we look to a greener America. We discover time and time again that WHC programs provide an opportunity to have a significant and positive effect on society towards biodiversity and social responsibility. WHC broadens our connections to conservation and environmental groups, universities and our local communities whom we partner at Waste Management with on habitat restoration, education and communication,” said Greg Cekander, Vice President of EMG, Waste Management.

“Over the course of its 20 year history, the Wildlife Habitat Council has attracted the highest level of inspirational corporate and nonprofit leaders to be part of its Board of Directors, dedicated to increasing the awareness and opportunities for companies to participate in natural resource conservation and public engagement as part of standard sustainable business practice. Greg Cekander was elected by his fellow Board members to become the Secretary-Treasurer of WHC at its most recent Board meeting and, in so doing, will assume the WHC Chairmanship in two years. We could not be more thrilled than to have Greg step into this role and help move WHC to ever increasing accomplishments and global reach in the conservation of biodiversity and sustainability of business,” said Robert Johnson, WHC President.

As Vice President of EMG, Mr. Cekander champions environmental leadership programs in the solid waste management industry. EMG develops and implements programs, tools, training, and processes associated with engineering operations in the field focusing on: infrastructure design and capital program management, landfill gas design/operational management, air emissions, greenhouse gas (GHG), and carbon footprint and accounting, as well as environmental due diligence with associated asset purchase/divestitures. In addition, his team evaluates the engineering science surrounding our business practices and looks to expand service offerings through use of innovative technologies for our customers from accelerating the decomposition of organic waste using anaerobic/aerobic technologies.

Waste Management has been involved with WHC since 1989, demonstrating a solid commitment as a steward of nature and corporate citizen. Projects already spearheaded by Waste Management range from native plantings, pollinator gardens, nest box construction and installation, and education outreach. Programs at 49 Waste Management sites have been WHC-certified for *Wildlife at Work*SM; ten of these programs have also earned WHC certification for *Corporate Lands for Learning*SM. Waste Management's Alliance Landfill in Pennsylvania received WHC's 2008 *Corporate Lands for Learning* of Year Award, which recognizes a site for outstanding environmental education, stewardship, and voluntary employee efforts. The Wheelabrator Saugus, J.V. site, located in Massachusetts, was awarded the 2008 North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) WHC Pollinator Protection Award for the implementation of specific land-management practices that promote pollinator populations.

Waste Management was also the recipient of WHC's inaugural William W. Howard C.E.O. Award, which was presented to Waste Management CEO David P. Steiner at WHC's 20th Annual Symposium, held in Baltimore, Maryland, in November of 2008. The William W. Howard C.E.O. Award for conservation, education, and outreach recognizes an entire organization for its combined efforts in providing educational experiences, access to quality education opportunities and the opportunity to experience personal contact with the natural world to its employees and the surrounding community.

Since 1990, WHC has certified 489 *Wildlife at Work*SM programs and 97 *Corporate Lands for Learning*SM programs worldwide. The certification programs recognize outstanding wildlife habitat management and environmental education efforts at corporate sites, and offers third-party validation of the benefits of such programs. Certification requirements are strict and require that sites apply for periodic renewal.

Waste Management (NYSE: WMI) is its industry's leading provider of comprehensive waste management, recycling, and environmental services. Based in Houston, Texas, the company serves municipal, commercial, industrial, and residential customers throughout North America. For more information, visit <http://www.wm.com>.

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. More than 2.4 million acres in 46 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 16 other countries are managed for wildlife through WHC-assisted projects. For more information, go to www.wildlifehc.org.

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