

WHC CERTIFICATION BLUFF CITY TRANSFER STATION



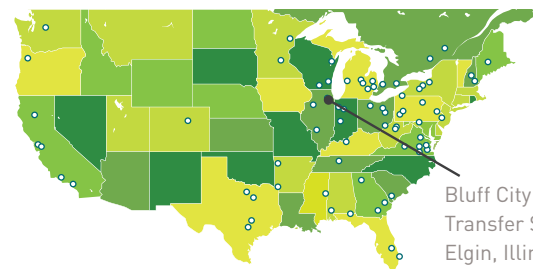
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Bluff City Transfer Station in Elgin, Illinois, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds and invasive species. **The conservation program at Bluff City Transfer Station has been WHC-certified since 2009.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Phragmites, also known as common reed, is an invasive plant that outcompetes native vegetation and displaces native animals. Site managers manage one acre of phragmites using appropriate techniques including mowing, controlled burns and herbicide application to control the spread.
- Employees are regularly engaged in monitoring the spread and growth of phragmites. Throughout the year, they monitor the site to ensure their management is successful. When phragmites is observed, appropriate management actions are taken.
- The team installed a purple martin house to provide breeding habitat for this avian species. A retention pond and nearby wetlands offer water and food sources.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Bluff City Transfer Station, Elgin, Illinois

CONSERVATION PROJECTS



AVIAN
Purple Martin



INVASIVE SPECIES
Phragmites

RESOURCES

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