

# WHC CERTIFICATION CHASTANG LANDFILL



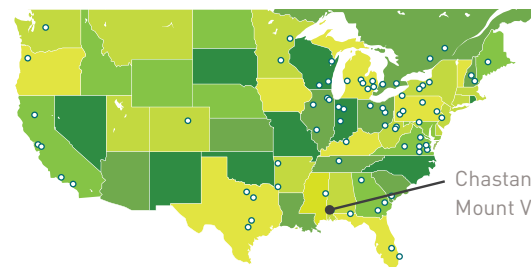
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Chastang Landfill in Mount Vernon, Alabama, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on awareness and community engagement, landscaped habitats and pollinators. **The conservation program at Chastang Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2008.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- In order to help increase the monarch population and provide plant communities for native pollinators, the team provides a suitable habitat focusing on milkweed growth to attract pollinator species, specifically monarch butterflies. Focusing on milkweed growth and propagation ensures an annual stopover for monarch butterflies during their migration. The milkweed plants are located in multiple areas to prevent full loss of the plants in case of adverse weather.
- The Chastang Landfill team monitors monarchs by counting individuals in both the caterpillar and adult stage. The goal is to provide a stopover and to monitor the species for year-round individuals and use that data to prevent disease.
- Tours are offered for local students and WM employees to view the landfill and help with plantings in the pollinator garden.





WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Chastang Landfill, Mount Vernon, Alabama

### SILVER STATUS

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT**  
Landfill
-  **LANDSCAPED**  
Pollinator Garden
-  **POLLINATORS**  
Monarch Butterfly

## RESOURCES

[sustainability.wm.com](http://sustainability.wm.com)

