

WHC CERTIFICATION

# GREATER WENATCHEE REGIONAL LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER



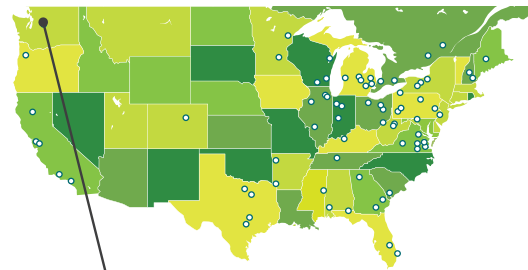
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Greater Wenatchee Regional Landfill and Recycling Center in East Wenatchee, Washington, employees actively manage a conservation project focused on deserts. **The conservation program at Greater Wenatchee Regional Landfill and Recycling Center has been WHC-certified since 2010.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team has been monitoring American kestrels in and near nest boxes on-site for over a decade. Over time, kestrels of all ages have been consistently documented on landfill property.
- Knapweed is actively monitored throughout the year, and past attempts to control it include the release of knapweed weevil as an alternative to chemical controls. Reduction to the percentage of land area covered by knapweed will be slow, given that knapweed is notoriously difficult to extirpate because minimal disturbance encourages seeding.
- Following the impacts of wildfire in 2021, habitat improvements planned for the near future include reseeding of native plants and replacement of a damaged nest box.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Greater Wenatchee Regional Landfill and Recycling Center, East Wenatchee, Washington

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS



DESERT

Greater Wenatchee Regional Landfills Desert Parcel

## RESOURCES

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