

WHC CERTIFICATION

# MAPLEWOOD RECYCLING AND WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY



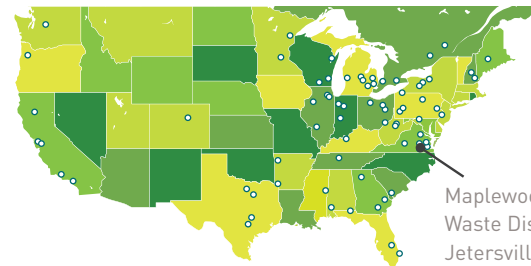
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Maplewood Recycling and Waste Disposal Facility in Jetersville, Virginia, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds and bats. **The conservation program at Maplewood Recycling and Waste Disposal Facility has been WHC-certified since 2008.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- A multi-unit, gourd style purple martin complex installed in the grassland habitat provides nesting sites for the local purple martin population.
- Regular monitoring is conducted to measure success of the complex, documenting adults, eggs and juveniles, with approximately 50 birds born each nesting season.
- The grasslands habitat on and around the landfill provides foraging opportunities for the purple martins.
- Bat boxes installed on-site target all bats of eastern Virginia including big brown, little brown, hoary and northern long-eared bats.
- The wooded wetlands, grasslands and open ponds are maintained to provide essential habitat and food and water sources for bats.
- Employees host local students for tours to learn about the species and habitats on-site.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Maplewood Recycling and Waste Disposal Facility, Jetersville, Virginia

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS

**AVIAN**  
Maplewood Purple Martins

**BATS**  
Maplewood Bats

## RESOURCES

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