

# WHC CERTIFICATION OAK RIDGE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FACILITY



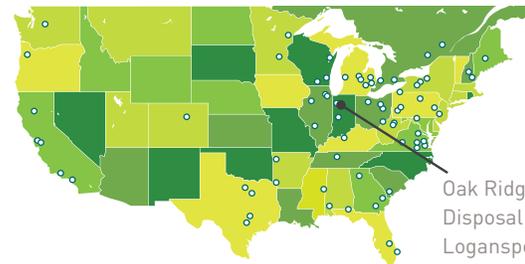
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Oak Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility in Logansport, Indiana, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on forests, grasslands, landscaped habitats and wetlands and water bodies. **The conservation program at Oak Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility has been WHC-certified since 2009.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- More than 100 acres of forested habitat are managed near the landfill, including both an established forest as well as a reforestation area.
- Invasive honeysuckle is removed from forest edges. The team regularly monitors flora and fauna observed in the forest habitat.
- A beehive, nest boxes and rabbit feeders were installed in the grasslands, providing habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. The prairie is managed using seasonal mowing to manage woody vegetation and herbicide to treat invasive species.
- Native evergreen and deciduous trees were planted along the roadside, creating a landscaped habitat. The area is monitored periodically, and new saplings are added as needed.
- Wetlands created as part of a wetland mitigation project. The team monitors the wetland vegetation twice a year, the stream water quality once per year every other year and the wildlife use of the habitat several times per year.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Oak Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility, Logansport, Indiana

## SILVER STATUS

### CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **FOREST**  
Oak Ridge Forest Area
-  **GRASSLAND**  
6.63-acre Tallgrass Prairie
-  **LANDSCAPED**  
Oak Ridge Natural Landscape Areas
-  **WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES**  
Oak Ridge Wetland Area

## RESOURCES

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

