

# WHC CERTIFICATION OKEECHOBEE LANDFILL



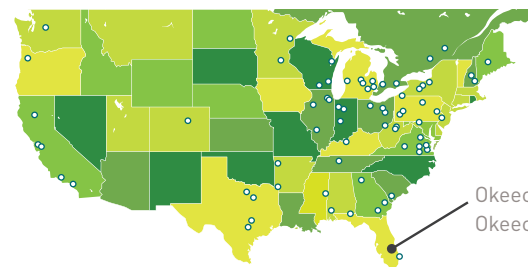
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Okeechobee Landfill in Okeechobee, Florida, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, bats, landscaped habitats, other species and pollinators. **The conservation program at Okeechobee Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2003.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The pollinator meadows on-site provide habitat for pollinators, especially the monarch butterfly.
- The avian species project focuses on providing nesting sites for multiple native species. The team installs boxes and monitors them for owl usage throughout the year, noting when other species are using the boxes and relocating them.
- A second avian species project supports native wood ducks by installing nesting boxes above water.
- The team utilizes fallen wood and logs to provide habitat for a variety of small animals. No maintenance is done on the habitat, but partners monitor the area for small animal usage on a quarterly basis.
- The pollinators species project focuses on supporting pollinators by providing them habitat with features such as water, shelter and areas for larvae.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Okeechobee Landfill, Okeechobee, Florida

### SILVER STATUS

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AVIAN**  
Owls, Wood Ducks
-  **BATS**  
Bat Boxes
-  **LANDSCAPED**  
Pollinator Meadows
-  **OTHER SPECIES**  
Small Animals
-  **POLLINATORS**  
Pollinators

## RESOURCES

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

