

# WHC CERTIFICATION PIONEER ROCK LANDFILL



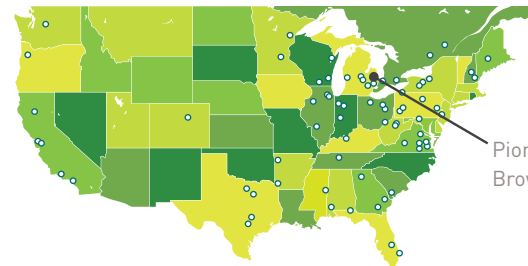
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Pioneer Rock Landfill in Brown City, Michigan, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on forests, grasslands, invasive species, mammals and pollinators. **The conservation program at Pioneer Rock Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2011.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team planted white pine, Norway spruce and fruit trees to create a forest habitat that provides foraging and shelter opportunities for a variety of wildlife species, including pollinators.
- The forest habitat is regularly monitored to determine survivability of newly-planted trees, the presence of invasive species, and use of the forest by wildlife.
- The native prairie area was planted to provide nesting habitat for prairie birds and foraging opportunities for deer and pollinators.
- The prairie habitat is mowed annually to control woody growth. Mowing also provides varied grass heights for better foraging and breeding areas for prairie birds.
- Bee blocks and rock piles were installed to provide shelter for a variety of bee species and basking areas for other pollinators.
- Autumn olive (an invasive species) is monitored several times per year to determine growth; removed through mowing and manual removal.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Pioneer Rock Landfill  
Brown City, Michigan

## SILVER STATUS

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS



**FOREST**  
Forest Areas



**GRASSLAND**  
Native Grass, Prairie and Grassland Habitats



**INVASIVE SPECIES**  
Invasive Species Control



**MAMMALS**  
White Tail Deer



**POLLINATORS**  
Pollinator Habitat

## RESOURCES

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