

WHC CERTIFICATION SAGINAW VALLEY LANDFILL



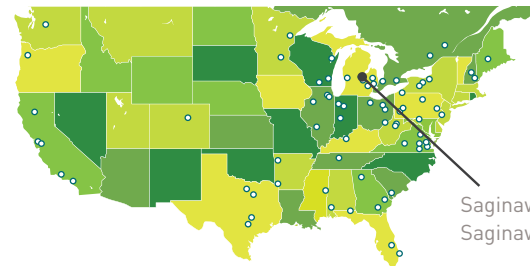
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Saginaw Valley Landfill in Saginaw, Michigan, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on grasslands, pollinators and wetlands and waterbodies. **The conservation program at Saginaw Valley Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2017.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team mows annually, uses selective herbicides against invasive Canada thistle and seeds with native grass and forbs. Annual inspections of the project inform adaptive management of the project.
- Monitoring includes plant species identification, percent cover and survival. The project areas are walked multiple times per year, and plants are photographed when in bloom to more easily identify species. In 2022, 16 native species of grasses and wildflowers were present.
- Monitors also observe and log bird species observed into the e-Bird website, a global tracking platform. Unusual sightings are discussed with the website managers.
- Employees are encouraged to visit the site, and members of the public can contact the facility to arrange access.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Saginaw Valley Landfill, Saginaw, Michigan

CONSERVATION PROJECTS



GRASSLAND
Native and Prairie Grasses



POLLINATORS
Pollinator Garden and Native Forbs



WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES
Storm Water Pond

RESOURCES

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