

# WHC CERTIFICATION SC HOLDINGS - WILSONVILLE FACILITY



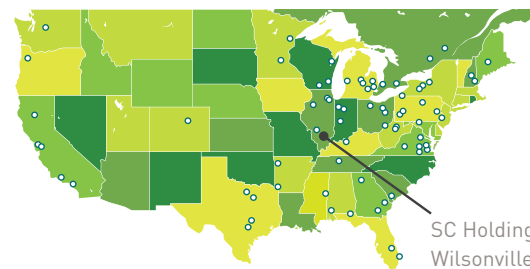
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At SC Holdings - Wilsonville Facility in Wilsonville, Illinois, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, bats, grasslands, reptiles and amphibians and wetlands and waterbodies. . **The conservation program at SC Holdings - Wilsonville Facility has been WHC-certified since 2009.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team maintains the site through rotational mowing to control woody species and non-native, invasive species.
- The Wilsonville Facility wetland is managed to provide quality habitat for a wide variety of birds, reptiles, amphibians, insects, mammals and fish. The Wilsonville team monitors the wetland vegetation and water levels several times each year to ensure the wetland is protected against erosion and for the presence of invasive species.
- The Wilsonville team installed frog tubes and cover boards to provide shelter for amphibians and reptiles, such as Cope's tree frogs and garter snakes. Several times a year, the Wilsonville team monitors the tubes and boards for use by wildlife.
- In May 2017, the team installed a purple martin nest box and continue to monitor and maintain the nest box through annual cleaning.
- In April 2015, the team installed and continues to monitor bat boxes, specifically targeting the little brown bat in addition to other native bat species.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



SC Holdings - Wilsonville Facility, Wilsonville, Illinois

## SILVER STATUS

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS



**AVIAN**  
Purple Martin



**BATS**  
Little Brown Bat



**GRASSLAND**  
Wilsonville Grasslands



**REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS**  
Reptile and Amphibian Refuge/Monitoring



**WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES**  
Wilsonville Wetlands

## RESOURCES

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