

WHC CERTIFICATION SKYLINE LANDFILL



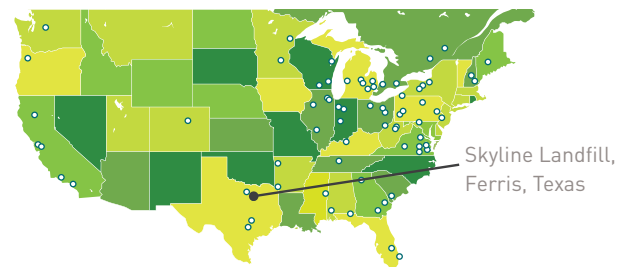
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At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

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team created a 1.5-acre Outdoor Learning Center to engage youth in environmental education on-site. Tour groups visit the landfill to learn about wildlife habitat, while also learning about the renewable natural gas facility that collects landfill gas produced from decomposition to produce pipeline-quality renewable natural gas.
- The former “brick pits” area was restored with native vegetation to provide additional riparian buffer area for the wetlands.
- Vegetation around the mitigation wetland is maintained through rotational mowing.
- Nest boxes for wood ducks and nesting gourds for purple martins are maintained to provide nesting sites around wetlands areas.
- Native landscaping provides food sources for birds, pollinators and other wildlife.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



CONSERVATION PROJECTS



LANDSCAPED
Landscaped-Pollinator Project



OTHER HABITATS
Recertification Project No. 2: Enhancements to Former Brick Pits Project
Recertification Project No. 4: Development of an Outdoor Learning Center (OLC) Project



WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES
Recertification Project No. 3: Enhancements to a Wetland Mitigation Area Project

RESOURCES

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