

# WHC CERTIFICATION VALLEY LANDFILL



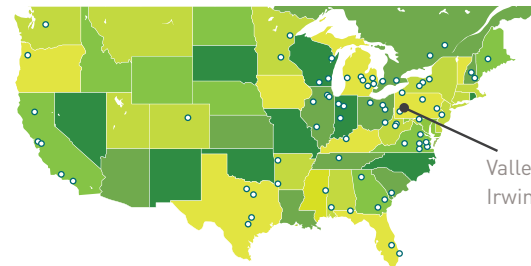
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At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

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team works to control Japanese knotweed and phragmites (common reed) on-site to ensure the growth of these invasive species does not interfere with the wildlife habitat or infiltrate other parts of the site.
- Valley Landfill removes knotweed and phragmites by cutting, mowing and removing the roots of these species. In addition, the team also minimizes edge habitats that are prone to invasion and plans to replace invasive species with desirable ones that will provide native habitat.
- Monthly visual observations are conducted to monitor the site for emerging invasive species.
- The plants selected for the 600-square-foot garden were chosen to provide pollen at different times of year, ensuring a consistent food source for pollinators.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Valley Landfill  
Irwin, Pennsylvania

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS



### INVASIVE SPECIES

Japanese Knotweed - Invasive Species Management



### LANDSCAPED

Chuck Law Memorial Garden

## RESOURCES

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

