

WHC CONSERVATION CERTIFICATION® HARLEM RIVER YARD TRANSFER STATION



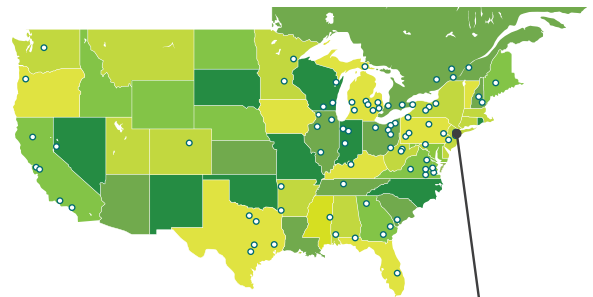
For more than 20 years, Waste Management has partnered with Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) to promote sustainability, wildlife preservation, biodiversity and environmental education at the company's WHC-certified sites. At Harlem River Yard Transfer Station in New York, New York, employees actively manage 14 acres for conservation projects focused on native landscaping. **The conservation program at Harlem River Yard Transfer Station has been WHC-certified since 2010.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Pollinator garden installed to provide foraging, shelter and breeding habitat for a variety of pollinators in an urban environment.
- In partnership with student volunteers from BronxWorks (a nonprofit dedicated to community economic and social well-being), the pollinator garden was expanded through the addition of swamp milkweed to benefit monarch butterflies, as well as native flowering shrubs and fruit trees.
- Vegetable garden planted next to the pollinator garden to provide additional foraging opportunities for butterflies and bees, as well as food for the community.
- Gardens maintained by employees through watering and removal of weeds and invasive species.
- Gardens monitored on a regular basis to assess the health of blooming plants, the presence of invasive species and use by wildlife.
- Signage installed to inform employees and visitors about the pollinator garden.
- Visual inspections of the site conducted to identify and immediately remove invasive species such as Japanese knotweed, phragmites and tree-of-heaven.



Waste Management has WHC-certified programs across North America



Harlem River Yard Transfer Station, New York, New York

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **INVASIVE SPECIES** Invasive Species Control
-  **LANDSCAPING** Pollinator Garden

RESOURCES

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