

WHC CERTIFICATION HIGH ACRES LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER



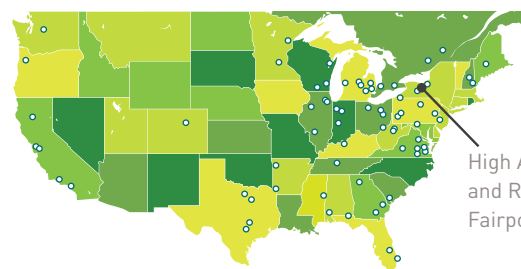
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At High Acres Landfill and Recycling Center in Fairport, New York, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, forests, formal learning, landscaped habitats and wetlands and waterbodies. **The conservation program at High Acres Landfill and Recycling Center has been WHC-certified since 2006.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- This site largely consists of emergent marsh and forested wetland. Water level is monitored throughout the year to ensure that levels are appropriate for native vegetation to grow. The on-site team, which includes employees, volunteers, consultants and students from Rochester Institute of Technology, also plants native vegetation to keep the wetlands areas of high ecological value.
- High Acres Nature Area is a hotspot for avian diversity. Many species use the site as stopover and breeding habitat. The team monitors birds throughout the year to better understand the populations on-site. They report this data to the NYS Breeding Bird Atlas III to further support avian conservation efforts.
- Students from Rochester Institute of Technology's Environmental Program conduct research on-site. In addition to monitoring avian species and vegetation, the students remove invasive vegetation and make recommendations for wetland management. Employees and other volunteers serve as mentors to the students during these projects.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



High Acres Landfill and Recycling Center, Fairport, New York

GOLD STATUS

CONSERVATION PROJECTS



AVIAN

Avian Diversity, Pied-Billed Grebe



FOREST

Eastern Woodlands, Western Woodlands



FORMAL LEARNING

Rochester Institute of Technology - Wetlands Ecology Education and Research



LANDSCAPED

31F Berm, Pollinator Garden



WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES

Western Wetlands (Area 1), Cady Wetland Complex (Area 2 and Vernal Pools), Packard Wetland Complex (Area 3 - Unit 6), Eastern Wetlands (Unit 4)

RESOURCES

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