

WHC CERTIFICATION

ORCHARD RIDGE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL 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 Orchard Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, awareness and community engagement, forests, formal learning, grasslands, pollinators and wetlands. **The conservation program at Orchard Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility has been WHC-certified since 2010.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team has worked for over 10 years to restore the four-acre Hidden Springs Wood by removing woody and annual invasive species through forest mowing and herbicide use.
- Through prescribed burns, mowing, native seed spreading and chemical treatments, the team restored the 10-acre Hidden Springs Grassland to provide habitat for wildlife such as monarch butterflies, white-tailed deer and wild turkeys.
- Twenty-eight nest boxes support eastern bluebirds and tree swallows. Hundreds of native birds have fledged from the boxes.
- Annual community/youth planting days give participants an opportunity to help plant native species while learning about the importance of native plants for water quality and wildlife.
- The team has restored 1.3 acres of herbaceous host plants, such as milkweed and forbs, to support native pollinators. The area was seeded with the help of local students.

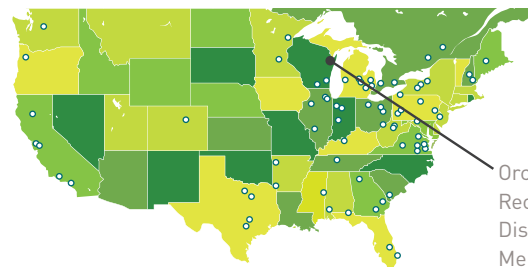
RESOURCES

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WM has achieved WHC
Certification for conservation
programs across North America



Orchard Ridge
Recycling and
Disposal Facility,
Menomonee Falls,
Wisconsin

GOLD STATUS

CONSERVATION PROJECTS



AVIAN

Eastern Bluebirds and Other Cavity Nesters, Wood Duck



AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community/Youth Planting Events



FORESTS

Hidden Springs Wood



FORMAL LEARNING

Student Field Data Collection



GRASSLAND

Hidden Springs Prairie



POLLINATORS

Pollinator Prairie Planting



WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES

Hidden Springs Wetland and Pond