

WHC CERTIFICATION SIMI VALLEY 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 Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center in Simi Valley, California, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, awareness and engagement, bats, landscaped habitats, other habitats and wetlands. **The conservation program at Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center has been WHC-certified since 2007.**

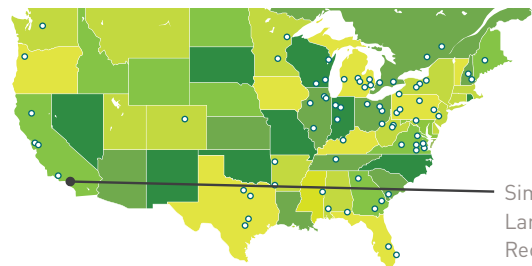
PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Since 2017, five barn owl boxes have provided shelter, roosting, nesting and natural pest control on the site. Community relations specialists visit each owl box, documenting droppings and animal skeletons at the base of the pole to determine if a box is active. In 2022, through WM's Eagle Scout projects, the five barn owl boxes were refurbished.
- In 2011, three bat houses were built by local a local Girl Scout Troop. They are located in the pollinator garden on the site and are monitored bi-annually for bat activity.
- Over fifty acres of tree and shrub habitat are maintained through a restoration project. At the end of the seven-year monitoring period, the trees exceeded established performance criteria.
- Since 2008, more than 9,000 community members have participated in educational landfill tours to learn about native plant and wildlife species on-site and their associated habitats. In 2023, a highly successful ecological field work day was held for local Boy Scouts.



WHC
CERTIFICATION

WM has achieved WHC
Certification for conservation
programs across North America



Simi Valley
Landfill and
Recycling Center,
Simi Valley, California

SILVER STATUS

CONSERVATION PROJECTS



AVIAN
Barn Owls



AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT
Pollinator Garden Education Awareness



BATS
Bats



LANDSCAPED
Pollinator Garden



OTHER HABITATS
Trees and Scrub Restoration



WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES
Riparian Restoration

RESOURCES

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