

Wildlife Habitat Council awards Waste Management's Wheelabrator Falls Inc. Wildlife Habitat Council Certification

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Wheelabrator Falls is one of eight Waste Management facilities to receive Wildlife Habitat Council's Wildlife at Work certifications for its habitat protection program

MORRISVILLE, Pa. — Nov. 14, 2012 — At its 24th Annual Symposium, Working for a Greener World, the [Wildlife Habitat Council](#) (WHC) presented Wheelabrator Falls with its Wildlife at WorkSM certification. This certification is part of 134 total certified programs for Waste Management at 116 sites company-wide.

"WHC members continue to raise the bar for conservation success. We connect corporations, conservation and community to create habitat and increase biodiversity. The programs being honored today are the best examples of our model at work," said Margaret O'Gorman, WHC President. "Congratulations to Waste Management's Wheelabrator Falls for its successful efforts towards habitat enhancement and biodiversity."

This 75-acre site, located in Southeastern Pennsylvania, actively manages 27 acres for the benefit of local wildlife. The land surrounding the site is primarily industrial. The habitat types include grasslands/meadows, forests, and wetlands. The wildlife team focused its efforts on creating a pollinator garden, enhancing the grasslands/meadows and replenishing the forests.

Through collaboration with students from the FDR Middle School, a large pollinator garden has been planted using numerous native species and now includes butterfly houses to attract Monarch butterflies. The wildlife team monitors and performs routine maintenance on the pollinator garden and has seen great success including certification as a Monarch Waystation by the Monarch Watch Organization.

In response to a decline in the amount of available grassland habitat in the area, the wildlife team has also implemented a rotational mowing schedule for a tract of land. A test plot of wildflowers has been planted and, based upon success, wildflower plantings will continue. The wildlife team has planted many native tree species, including both hard and soft mast producing trees, in the forested area.

With the help of students from the Student Conservation Association, the Nature Trail on site has been extended and improved by removing invasive species and performing regular trail maintenance.

"Waste Management and Wheelabrator are honored to receive this WHC certification in recognition of the continued success of our environmental efforts," said Fred Lodini, Plant Manager, Wheelabrator Falls. "Our partnership with WHC engages our team and our community in wildlife enhancement and land stewardship initiatives that prove to be a valuable experience for all."

This year's certifications also helped Waste Management to continue to surpass one of its corporate-wide sustainability goals set for 2020. In 2007, Waste Management pledged to preserve and restore 25,000 acres of wildlife habitat across North America. The company achieved this in 2010 and now has over 28,000 acres. Waste Management also committed to have at least 100 of its facilities with WHC certifications. With the addition of this year's certifications, the company has surpassed this goal.

"Waste Management first began working with WHC because our employees wanted to get involved and this organization helped us do that," said Waste Management President and CEO David Steiner. "Our relationship has turned into one that truly benefits Waste Management and its communities. Through the WHC programs we feel we are making a difference as a trusted and valued partner to our customers and communities."

Waste Management has been working closely with WHC since 2000. In 2008, the company was the first recipient of the organization's William W. Howard CEO Award recognizing the company's efforts in

conservation, education and outreach efforts. To read more about each program, please visit <http://www.wm.com/wm/community/whc/index.asp>.

Wheelabrator Falls is one of 270 sites recognized at the 2012 Symposium for a Wildlife at Work program. In addition, 57 Corporate Lands for LearningSM (CLL) programs were recognized, reaching thousands of learners from schools and scout groups to master gardeners and university researchers. Since 1990, WHC has certified 665 Wildlife at Work and 147 CLL programs worldwide. The certification program recognizes outstanding wildlife habitat management and environmental education efforts at corporate sites, and offers third-party validation of the benefits of such programs. Certification requirements are strict and require that sites apply for periodic renewal.

About Wildlife Habitat Council

The Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) is a nonprofit, non-lobbying organization dedicated to increasing the quality and amount of wildlife habitat on corporate, private and public lands. WHC devotes its resources to building partnerships with corporations and conservation groups to create solutions that balance the demands of economic growth with the requirements of a healthy, biodiverse and sustainable environment. WHC-assisted wildlife habitat and conservation education programs are found in 45 states, the District of Columbia and twelve other countries. To learn more, visit www.wildlifehc.org.

About Wheelabrator Technologies Inc.

A wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management of Houston, Texas, Wheelabrator Technologies Inc. is a world leader in the safe and environmentally sound conversion of municipal solid waste and other renewable waste fuels into clean energy. Wheelabrator's 17 waste-to-energy facilities provide safe waste disposal for towns and cities across the U.S. Wheelabrator also operates five independent power plants designed to generate electricity using an assortment of fuels, including waste wood, tires, waste coal, and natural gas. In addition to producing electricity, some of these facilities also produce steam sold to nearby government and commercial establishments. Wheelabrator's 22 facilities have a combined electric generating capacity of 896 megawatts, enough energy to power more than 985,000 homes. To learn more, visit www.wheelabratortechnologies.com.

About Waste Management

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more, visit www.wm.com or www.thinkgreen.com.

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