

## Pine Tree Acres Wins Award from Macomb Conservation District

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February 7, 2013 (MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich.) - The Board of Directors of the Macomb Conservation District has awarded Waste Management's Pine Tree Acres as a 2013 Civic Innovator. Waste Management was honored for the work it does toward promoting wildlife habitat preservation and natural resources conservation.

Pine Tree Acres Landfill has more than 100 acres of dedicated wildlife habitat. Located in Lenox Township, the habitat preserve is utilized for educating visitors about the importance of connecting with nature, and it provides habitat for wood ducks, blue birds, bats and other migratory birds and waterfowl. One of Waste Management's site employees even keeps bees on site and produces local honey for personal (and co-workers') consumption.

"Waste Management's dedication to wildlife habitat preservation proves that a balance can exist between managing the waste society generates, side by side with wildlife habitat preservation," said Kathleen Klein, Community Relations Representative for Waste Management. "People who are connected to their natural environment are more likely to be good stewards of the environment, and early connections with nature have been linked to student health and well-being and to growing interest in the fields of science and engineering."

The recognition was awarded this week to Waste Management along with other local recipients, including the Clinton River Watershed Council and Huron Pointe Sportsman's Club. Waste Management partners with both of these organizations for a variety of environmental education events throughout the year.

Waste Management is the nation's leading environmental services provider and the largest recycling company in North America. Waste Management has a strong commitment to protecting and preserving the natural environment as evident in its commitment to the Wildlife Habitat Council. In 2007 the company had set a sustainability goal to have 100 WM sites certified by 2020. By 2010 Waste Management employees had over 100 sites certified, 10 years in advance of the corporate sustainability goal. These employees exemplify WM's strong commitment to conservation.



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