

Wheelabrator Gloucester receives certification from Wildlife Habitat Council for enhancing and protecting 20 acres of habitat

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WESTVILLE, N.J. - November 11, 2009 - Announced during the Wildlife Habitat Council's (WHC) 21st annual symposium on November 10, 2009, Wheelabrator Gloucester Company, L.P. was one of 24 Waste Management (WM) sites that received new 'Wildlife at Work' certifications. These certifications recognize outstanding native habitat management and environmental education programs developed through partnerships with local organizations.

"Our certified program provides the opportunity to work with our neighbors and local environmental groups on a project that is important to our community - enhancing the natural environment," said Jeff Morris of Wheelabrator Gloucester. "These programs welcome children and adults to visit our site for a unique hands-on experience which they can't get in a classroom."

Wheelabrator Gloucester is located on 153 acres on the shores of the Delaware River in west-central New Jersey. The property includes three primary habitat types: grasslands, upland forests and wetlands. As part of the Wildlife at Work program, the WM wildlife team actively manages 30 acres of the site for wildlife habitat enhancement and restoration.

The WM wildlife team consists of six core members whose primary goal is to minimize and potentially reverse the impacts of invasive plants to restore native grassland and wetland habitat. Working with partner organizations including the New Jersey Quail Project, Gloucester County Nature Club and South Jersey Quail Unlimited, the WM wildlife team is taking a long-term approach to managing invasive plants on the property. In June 2008, the team initiated a plan to curb the most problematic invasive plant, Phragmites. The team cut down the Phragmites

covering most of the site's upland areas, then sprayed the re-growth later in the year; the process was repeated again in 2009. Other invasive plants managed by the team include mile-a-minute vine and princess tree. A partnership with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture released weevils to control the mile-a-minute vine, and periodic assessments show this method is proving successful.

In addition to controlling invasive species, the WM wildlife team created a nature trail through the site's natural areas in the late 1990s. The trail is open to the public and includes observation stands for wildlife watching. The team recently partnered with an Eagle Scout to conduct improvements to the trail and repair a pavilion. The site also participates in the annual Environmental Symposium event for 200 middle school students and 30 teachers from eight states. The Environmental Symposium is designed to increase environmental and social awareness.

Wheelabrator Gloucester is one of 45 WM locations receiving this award bringing the company's total number of sites with Wildlife at Work certifications to 73. WM's sustainability goal is to win WHC certification for 100 sites and 25,000 acres by 2020. To date, WM has set aside a total of 24,000 acres for wildlife habitat and has earned more WHC certified sites than any other participating company. The company has also been recognized with prestigious awards from the WHC in the past. In 2006, WM was the first organizational recipient of the Wildlife Habitat's President's Award, which is awarded for leadership attributes and an innovative strategic vision

to building conservation programs within economically viable, sustainable communities; and in 2008 became the first recipient of WHC's William W. Howard CEO Award recognizing the company's efforts in conservation, education and outreach efforts.

About Wildlife Habitat Council

Celebrating 21 years in conservation, 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. More than 2.4 million acres in 46 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 16 other countries are managed for wildlife through WHC-assisted projects. To learn more, visit www.wildlifehc.org.

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