



BEECHWOOD ROAD ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The proposed Beechwood Road Environmental Centre builds on our long standing commitment of being an engaged and responsible corporate citizen to create significant community and economic benefits.

Recreation

Waste Management's current landfill operations have extensive non-operational lands. Some space will be required to support the facility's operation, but other lands will be dedicated for community uses that could include sports fields, biking and hiking trails and a leash-free dog park.

Community input will be an important part of determining the ultimate use of these areas. Residents and community leaders have told us that they value increasing the amount of available recreational and community lands, and we are responding by setting aside space surrounding our operations for dedicated community use.

Wildlife Habitat

An on-site wildlife habitat centre has been opened to the public and will continue to serve as an education centre for the community. Our existing seven-acre wildlife preserve provides a habitat for numerous species of birds and other wildlife, and our on-site learning centre is used by the general public, community groups, as well as primary schools and post-secondary institutions. There are a number of wildlife and habitat initiatives occurring at the site, including nesting boxes, our Learning Centre with interactive displays and a variety of programs available to the public.

We plan to expand these through collaborations with Ducks Unlimited and the Napanee Rod and Gun Club. We also plan to expand our outdoor educational programs with local schools and service organizations.

The Beechwood Road Environmental Centre has received international recognition for its contribution to wildlife habitat conservation in the form of a Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) certification in 2006. Waste Management is the only waste management company to receive WHC certification.