Biodiversity at Ready Mixed Concrete Plants

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association & Wildlife Habitat Council: Partnership for Sustainability

The toolkit developed provides contextual information and detailed how-to instructions needed to implement voluntary biodiversity projects at Ready Mixed Concrete production facilities. This toolkit is designed to introduce employees to potential projects and the benefits they can bring to the production facilities as well as the environment. When prepared for a partner, the biodiversity toolkit includes a brochure presenting standard habitat enhancement recommendations chosen to fit the industry and the typical plant landscape. Those project opportunities include:

- Identify and manage exotic, invasive species
- Create habitat for pollinators
- Establish an avian management program
- Enhance visual berms
- Wetland / pond structural enhancement
- Conservation education

Several supporting documents are also provided as part of the biodiversity toolkit. These include native species lists, technical references, links to priority actions in the state, potential partner contact, wildlife management plan templates, sample monitoring logs and certification information. WHC’s goal is to provide the production facilities with all the information they need to be able to readily pursue one or more of these projects and initiate a strong program.

How to get Started

The biodiversity toolkit and associated voluntary habitat projects are part of WHC’s Wildlife at Work™ program. Under the program, valuable habitat projects going above and beyond mitigation and regulation are eligible for certification. Certification requirements are detailed in the biodiversity toolkit and can also be found on WHC’s website at www.wildlifehc.org.

Productions facilities initiating projects, participating in the program and/or pursuing certification can also obtain points under the NRMCA Sustainable Plant Guideline system. Actions and values are presented in the official documentation available through NRMCA.

WHC strongly encourages corporate strategies to be set as part of an integrated approach to sustainability. Several projects are compatible with operations and still represent opportunities for employee and community involvement. If the program is undertaken at the site level, the following are typical steps to plan for:

- Contact WHC, discuss with WHC regional biologist to identify best approach
- Request Biodiversity Toolkit
- Initiate first project and schedule biologist visit

For further information about the Biodiversity Toolkit, contact WHC’s Director of Field Programs, Josiane Bonneau (jbonneau@wildlifehc.org / 301.588.8994 x105)
## Plant Information

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## Eligibility

- Are you a member of NRMCA
- Are you a member of the Wildlife Habitat Council
- Does your operation include less than 10 acres of land (owned or leased)

## Physical Characteristics

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- Are there currently any biodiversity or habitat enhancement projects in place
- If so, describe:

## Please check all applicable to the site

- There is a retention / drainage pond on site
- Visual berms surround the entirety or part of the operations
- There are bodies of water (wetland, stream, creek) on site or bordering the site
- There are landscaped areas on site or at the entrance points
- We have observed the presence of birds on and around site
- The site includes a buffer area where no activities occur

## Which of the following objectives would you like your program to achieve?

- Habitat Restoration / enhancement
- Community Relations
- Public Relations
- Employee relations
- Cost Savings
- Other (specify)

## SIGNATURE

| Signature of authorized site representative | Date: |

Please fax at 301.588.4629 or email at jbonneau@wildlifehc.org

Once received a regional biologist will contact you to gather additional details, billing information and explain the project and certification process. Allow 5 to 7 working days to receive the project information toolkit. If you have any questions, please contact Josiane Bonneau, Director of Field Programs at 301.588.8994 x105

Received (date/Initials)  
Contacted (date/Initials)  
Payment Received  
Toolkit Sent (date/Initials)