

WIN WASTE MAKES PITCH FOR SAUGUS SOFTBALL



WIN Waste plant manager Elliott Casey threw out a first pitch at the Saugus Little League Softball Opening Day ceremony. WIN Waste donated \$8,000 for a new scoreboard at Grabowski Field.

THIRD-PARTY REVIEW GIVES PLANT, MONOFILL A THUMBS-UP FOR 2024

Tech Environmental, a consultant contracted by the Saugus Board of Health to monitor the WIN Waste Innovations waste-to-energy facility, has released a report concluding the plant and nearby monofill met all air compliance criteria outlined in its operating permits in 2024.

Tech Environmental submitted the report, 2024 Annual Air Monitoring Report for WIN Waste Innovations Saugus, to the Board of Health in March after concluding its year-long review of the plant and adjacent ash monofill. The review included: the examination of reports WIN Waste submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; a comprehensive on-site examination of the operations; stack test data from July 2024; and six bi-monthly monofill inspections that included staff interviews and records reviews.

Tech Environmental noted that the plant's ash handling area "is well maintained and well sealed and ... ash is not being released into the atmosphere." The report determined that "even under the worst-case meteorological conditions, the emissions from the WIN Waste facility will not cause adverse effects on air quality."

"We are very pleased that Tech Environmental's thorough and stringent review of our site has again confirmed the excellence of our operations," said Elliott Casey, WIN Waste plant manager. "These results affirm our ongoing commitment to provide a critical service in a manner that is protective of the environment and public health."

WIN Waste Sr. Director of Communications & Community Mary Urban said, "These findings underscore our commitment to safety and good environmental stewardship. Our industry is one of the most technical and therefore highly regulated in the world, and we're pleased that one layer of third-party expert reviews confirms our achievement in operational excellence."

To read the full report, visit <http://bit.ly/3GpVYia>

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE



WIN Waste was honored to have one of our electric trash trucks lead the Saugus Memorial Day parade. The message on the truck says it all: "This truck runs on the waste it collects." We are proud to participate in this parade every year, providing an opportunity to honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our country. From left, WIN Waste Market Manager Jerry Collins, Saugus Veterans Council Commander Steve Castinetti, driver Ryan Shaw and WIN Waste Sr. Director of Communications & Community Mary Urban.

BEAR CREEK STRIKES GOLD WITH WHC DESIGNATION

WIN Waste Innovations has again received the Wildlife Habitat Council's (WHC) Gold Certified designation for its excellent management of Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary in Saugus. It is the highest-level designation available through WHC's certification program. WIN Waste first received Gold Certified status in 2010 and has been recertified five times since.

"We are honored to again earn the highest level of WHC certification," said Mary Urban, WIN Waste Innovations Senior Director of Communications and Community. "Bear Creek is a point of pride for our company and a prized resource we are happy to share with thousands of birders, schoolchildren, and other community members who enjoy it."

Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary is a 370-acre refuge abutting the 2,274-acre Rumney Marsh ecosystem in Saugus and Revere. The site features grasslands, woodlands, trails, an outdoor classroom, and 12 bee hives. Since the mid-1990s WIN Waste has been working to restore the salt marsh ecosystem, which was made vulnerable by colonial-era farming practices, the remains of which are still around.

"Salt marshes help filter pollutants; they buffer against erosion and flooding; and they serve as nursery habitat for fisheries and feeding grounds for migratory birds," said Geoff Wilson, who has managed the sanctuary for WIN Waste since its inception. "When marshes cannot thrive, the species that depend upon them cannot thrive. So, part of our restoration effort has been

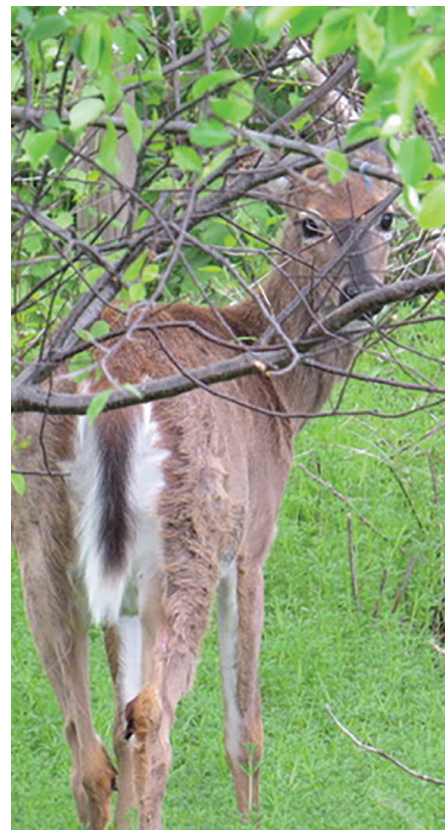
constructing habitats that replicate the tones and textures birds seek during migration."

Wilson and WIN Waste are helping the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) monitor Bear Creek's population of Salt Marsh Sparrows, birds that depend upon salt marsh habitats more than other species. And the company will soon begin the next phase of a plan to restore another 200 acres of the Rumney Marsh and 100 acres of the Pines River portion of the estuary.

"Salt marshes store and sequester blue carbon, the atmospheric carbon captured and stored by the ocean in various ecosystems and organisms. Salt marsh plants can sequester blue carbon in their roots for long periods – often thousands of years or more – which means less carbon entering the atmosphere. In fact, compared to forests, salt marshes have a 10 times greater capacity to absorb and store carbon," Wilson said. "Our restoration work will stabilize the marsh and reverse the damage caused by legacy land practices," Wilson said. "It will also preserve habitat and help the marsh adapt to rising sea levels."

WIN Waste will receive the Gold Certified award during the WHC 2025 Conservation Conference in Detroit in June.

To learn more about the Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary visit winwins.co/bearcreek. To join an upcoming bird walk, email s2ary@comcast.net.





RARE BIRDS ON DISPLAY

The Lapland Longspur is a songbird that is relatively nondescript-looking most of the year, but when they transition into their breeding plumage they are spectacular, showing deep black masks and chestnut napes. You would typically have to be as far north as Alaska to witness this transformation, but it was on display earlier this spring at Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary in Saugus.

Geoff Wilson, who manages Bear Creek, said two male Lapland Longspurs have been viewed in their breeding plumage during at least three weekly bird walks in March and April. The last time that happened was about 10 years ago.

There is a need for wildlife habitats for birds to pass through on their natural voyage north and south. WIN Waste is committed to being an environmental steward, not just in operations at our waste-to-energy plant, but also in its corporate social responsibility and charitable support.

Wilson said the Lapland Longspurs were part of the winter resident bird species population at Bear Creek, which was also the winter home of open country passerines the Horned Lark and Snow Bunting.

Bird walks are typically held Sunday mornings at 9. If you are interested in attending one, email Wilson at s2ary@comcast.net.



UNsung HERO EVENT A WIN FOR SAUGUS STUDENTS

Eight Saugus Public Schools students received the Unsung Hero Award from the Saugus Business Education Collaborative (SBEC) in a ceremony May 28 at Saugus Middle High School, sponsored by WIN Waste Innovations.

The 2025 Unsung Hero Award recipients are: Saugus High School – Nevaeh Rogers and Alex Wallace; Saugus Middle School – Arthur Freitas and Ava Newbury; Belmonte STEAM Academy – Ryder Cutelis and Ava

Najem; Veterans Early Learning Center – Maeve Chiaravallotti and Kai Torres.

The Unsung Hero Award is based on a variety of factors including academic effort, character, maturity, personality, standing among peers and staff, school citizenship, and contributions to the entire school community.

“We understand what it means to do important work behind the scenes,” said Brooke Miles, Fuel and Ash Manager at WIN Waste Innovations

in Saugus. “We turn trash into energy, working hard in places most people never see ... That’s why sponsoring the Unsung Hero Awards means so much to us. You are doing the right thing, helping others, not looking for attention or praise.”

The students received a star-shaped trophy, Amazon gift card, and citation from the Mass. House of Representatives from Rep. Donald Wong.

CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY



WIN Waste is pleased to support a wide variety of community organizations and events in the community throughout the year. Above, It was a festive time at the annual Saugus Senior Center St. Patrick's Day party. At right, Doris Piwowarski won the wheelbarrow gift basket donated by WIN Waste at the Spring Fling at the Senior Center. Below, WIN Waste donated 50 coats for a coat drive organized by firefighters from Saugus and Revere. From left, Matt Parlante, Revere Fire Department, Stephanie Mastrocola, community relations specialist for WIN Waste, Mario Long and Andrew McDermott, both of the Saugus Fire Department. The firefighters donated more than 200 coats to students in Saugus schools.

