

Putting Energy into Conservation: Wildlife Habitats



- DTE has partnered with the Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC), a nonprofit, non-lobbying organization that helps corporations manage their property for the benefit of wildlife, since 1995.
- More than 30 DTE Energy facilities have attained certification through WHC's Conservation Certification program, with many other sites working toward certification.
- Wildlife Habitat projects are managed by DTE "Green Team" volunteers, who donate their time to maintain and monitor these projects long-term.
- As one of the largest landowners in Michigan, over 8,000 acres of DTE property is habitat for wildlife, including bald eagles, peregrine falcons, eastern fox snake, the American lotus, as well as migratory birds.
- Wildlife Habitat projects include: prairies, wetlands, pollinator gardens, shorelines, and nesting or roosting space for birds and bats, such as:
 - Monroe Power Plant manages 800 acres of prairie and wetland habitat and serves as an outdoor laboratory for the Monroe Public School's Knabusch Math and Science Center.
 - The River Rouge and Monroe power plants have conducted projects to restore native shoreline.
 - DTE manages 30 pollinator gardens featuring native plants that attract butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.
 - Nesting structures have been built at DTE facilities including osprey nesting platforms, Eastern Bluebird boxes, bat houses, peregrine falcon boxes, brush piles for small mammals, and hibernacula for snake species.
- DTE partners with organizations such as Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, Pheasants Forever, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Services, University of Michigan and many others.