



DOUSMAN WILDLIFE HABITAT

Native species and plants are flourishing on a 32-acre wildlife habitat managed by employees at the Dousman Sand and Gravel facility. Nationally recognized by the Wildlife Habitat Council and the National Stone Sand and Gravel Association, the Dousman facility continues to strengthen its commitment to the environment.

Through natural land grading, a native savanna and prairie thrives. The plant wildlife team also removes non-native species from the area and replants with native species, along with implementing a controlled burning program. The property includes a portion of the Glacial Drumlin Trail, part of the 1,000-mile nature path of the Ice Age Trail. Also on the property is a pond and marshland providing habitat for aquatic and semi-aquatic animals. Nest boxes were also installed as homes for bluebirds, tree swallows, and wrens.

The Dousman facility enjoys an ongoing partnership with the University of Wisconsin, Waukesha Field Station. The success of the wildlife habitat depends upon this relationship, along with the daily work of Vulcan employees and conservationists.

Environmental Partnerships

Vulcan's environmental partnerships focus on being good stewards with our natural resources

As part of Vulcan's commitment to local communities, many of its environmental and charitable activities center on preserving land and its wildlife inhabitants. In the Midwest Division, Vulcan's Wildlife Habitat Council-certified sites include Macon Sand and Gravel in Decatur and Dousman Sand and Gravel.

In the course of environmental partnerships, Vulcan works to educate the local public about environmental responsibility. In conjunction with the Cossitt Elementary School Environmental Club, Vulcan helps teach fourth- and fifth-grade students how quarries utilize recycling and environmentally-friendly practices in day-to-day operations. Vulcan explains how it recycles concrete, tires, batteries, conveyor belts and water throughout the production process. Recycling is a core part of Vulcan's business.

In McCook, Vulcan sponsors a summer rain barrels art project. Designed to show the importance of water conservation, each barrel is sponsored by a local business and designed by an artist or group. The barrels are displayed throughout downtown La Grange. Eventually, they are auctioned off with proceeds going to charity.