

## **News Release**

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### **Transfer Station as a Wildlife Refuge for Birds**

The Transfer Station and Recycling Center may be thought of primarily as a place to bring recyclables and trash. However, being adjacent to wetlands, the Transfer Station is also a refuge for wildlife. To assist in preserving a habitat for such creatures, Dunn County Solid Waste recently commissioned bluebird houses be built and erected at the Transfer Station site.

For this project Dunn County Solid Waste consulted Ryan Haffele of the Department of Natural Resources. Haffele surveyed the Transfer Station's wetlands and determined the best placement of the houses.

The bluebird houses were built by Roy Larabee, a site attendant at the Transfer Station. Larabee, a former craft store owner who built bird houses in the past, salvaged discarded road signs and old lumber found at the Transfer Station. He then recycled the materials into homes for the birds. Roy's wife Alice painted and decorated the houses.

Larabee's bluebird houses can be found at the Public Drop-Off Area of the Transfer Station. The houses are affixed to two different exit signs just on the edge of the pavement, where the grassy area begins.