

ENVIRONMENT + SUSTAINABILITY

ITC'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFORTS AND IMPACTS



A modernized electric grid will allow America to realize enormous environmental benefits and achieve its climate goals. ITC's commitment to the environment begins with employees in our workplaces—and extends to building, operating, and maintaining our transmission systems.

ENTERPRISE-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS

ITC fully implemented its environmental management system (EMS) in 2011. Since then, the company has earned significant recognition for both the program and its impacts.

ITC follows the international standard, ISO 14001, that specifies requirements for an effective EMS. The framework helps ITC introduce, improve, and maintain its environmental stewardship activities across all of its operations.

GOVERNOR'S IOWA ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The premier environmental honor in Iowa, the Governor's Iowa Environmental Excellence Award recognizes leadership and innovation in the protection of Iowa's natural resources. ITC Midwest earned the award in both 2013 and 2016. ITC's habitat restoration efforts include targeting invasive species for removal, promoting the establishment of native low growing vegetation and prairie grasses that are naturally compatible with required line clearances, and modifying vegetation management techniques to minimize impacts on rare species.

In addition to the Governor's office, the award is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Partnership for Economic Progress, the Iowa Department of Education, the Iowa Department of Public Health and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center.

POLLINATOR ADVOCATE AWARD

ITC earned the 2015 Pollinator Advocate Award from the Wildlife Habitat Council and North American Pollinator Protection Campaign.

The award recognizes ITC's individual and collaborative land management practices that support birds, bees, butterflies, moths and bats in the vicinity of its headquarters.



**WILDLIFE
HABITAT
COUNCIL™**

GOLD TIER PROGRAM AWARD

In 2022, ITC was recognized for its exemplary leadership in corporate conservation and received the 2022 Wildlife Habitat Council Gold Tier Program Award for its corporate headquarters in Novi, Michigan. Encompassing 92 acres, ITC's corporate campus features a naturalized transmission corridor, diverse woodlands, open green space, wetlands, as well as a nature trail and a large pond. The campus is also home to a corridor demonstration and pollinator garden including native species, bluebird nesting boxes and bat roosting boxes. The grounds are maintained year-round under sustainable environmental principles utilizing native plantings, invasive species removal, wildlife trail cameras and annual flora and fauna surveys.



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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES AND ENERGY (EGLE)

ITC is recognized as a **Michigan Clean Corporate Citizen** by EGLE. This voluntary environmental program recognizes exceptional environmental compliance and stewardship at Michigan facilities. Candidates must demonstrate facility-specific environmental management systems, active pollution prevention initiatives, and have a consistent record of compliance with state and federal environmental requirements.

After earning Clean Corporate Citizen status, ITC became a member of the **Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership**, which recognizes environmental stewardship, a strong environmental ethic in business operations and an exemplary compliance record among Michigan businesses.

ITC earned the **Neighborhood Environmental Partners** award from EGLE for restoring natural habitats on company-managed land and providing invasive species control and management in cooperation with local governments and agencies. This recognition is available to companies previously designated by EGLE as Clean Corporate Citizens or Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partners.

Based on ITC's involvement in these EGLE programs, the company was invited to apply – and was subsequently selected for – the **Michigan Environmental Leaders** Award. ITC's headquarters was one of 20 in a pilot group that demonstrated significant, real-world examples of environmental leadership.

ITC has held these State of Michigan recognitions since their initial issuance.

ABOUT ITC

ITC's investments in power transmission infrastructure lower electricity costs, improve service reliability and safety, and increase economic activity and tax revenues for customers, stakeholders and communities.



ENTERPRISE-WIDE EPA PARTNERSHIP

In recognition of its efforts to reduce sulfur hexafluoride (SF6) emissions across its operating footprint, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency presented ITC with its SF6 Team Leadership Award in 2012. SF6, used in high-voltage substation equipment, is a potent greenhouse gas. ITC voluntarily joined the EPA's SF6 Emission Reduction Partnership for Electric Power Systems in 2005. Through the partnership, ITC instituted industry standards for tracking SF6 use and reporting emissions. ITC continues to collaborate with industry partners and the EPA to develop and improve gas handling and maintenance programs.

