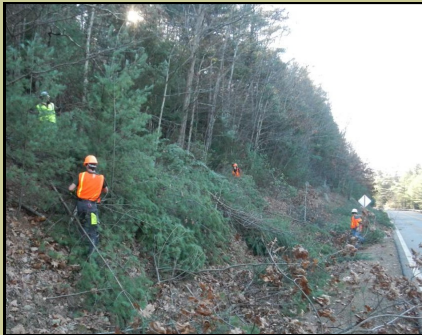


“INNOVATION IN WILDLIFE AND TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION”



LINKING LANDSCAPES FOR MASSACHUSETTS WILDLIFE



Habitat Restoration



Community Engagement



Conservation

What is Linking Landscapes?

- Linking Landscapes, a partnership between the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) and MA Department of Transportation Highway Division (MassDOT), was established in 2008, to:
 - Reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions & improve public safety.
 - Enhance, protect, and restore habitats impacted by roads.
 - Control invasive species.
 - Incorporate conservation priorities into transportation planning and design.
 - Implement wildlife and transportation research.
- The program grew out of a broader cooperative agreement to streamline the environmental review process. This nationally recognized model of cooperation between state agencies is resulting in **faster reviews**, **cost-savings**, and **protection of endangered species** and their habitats.
- Together, we are working to implement MassDOT's GreenDOT Initiative goal of “Enhancing the ecological performance of MassDOT impacted land.”

<https://www.massdot.state.ma.us/GreenDOT/GreenDOTImplementationPlan.aspx>

Linking Landscapes in Action

- Partnering with volunteers to identify and monitor road mortality hotspots.
- Installation of improved crossing structures and wildlife barriers to enhance public safety and protect endangered species (Route 2, 119, and 18/105).
- Invasive species control and habitat restoration at scenic calcareous wetlands that are hotspots for biodiversity.
- Engaging with community organizations to build and install nesting boxes for American Kestrels, a declining species.
- Installation and monitoring of Peregrine Falcon nesting boxes on bridges.



How can you help? Visit: www.linkinglandscapes.info