

The Green Mountains to Hudson Highlands (Berkshire Wildlife) Linkage: Moving animals and people safely across a wildlife corridor

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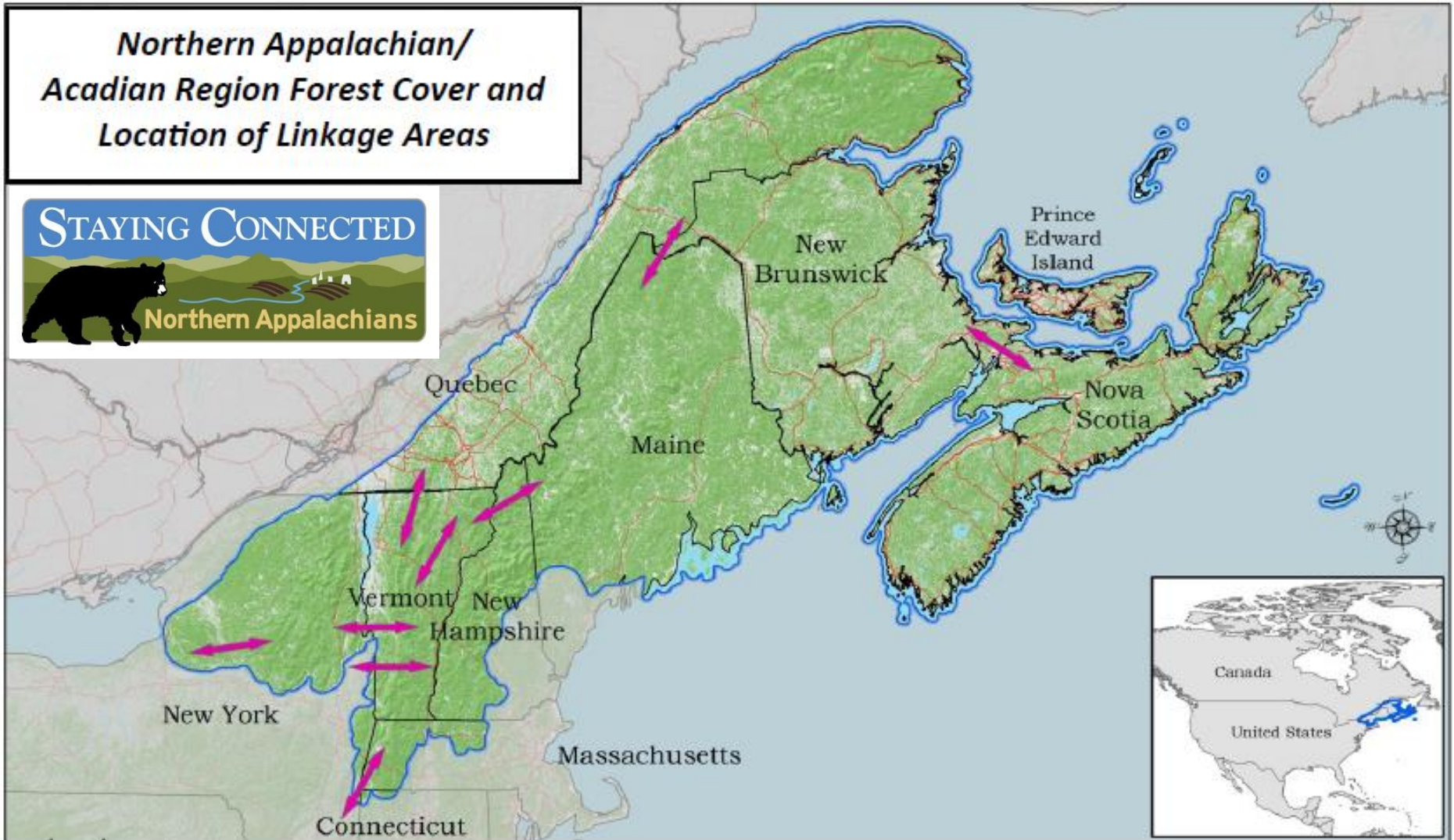


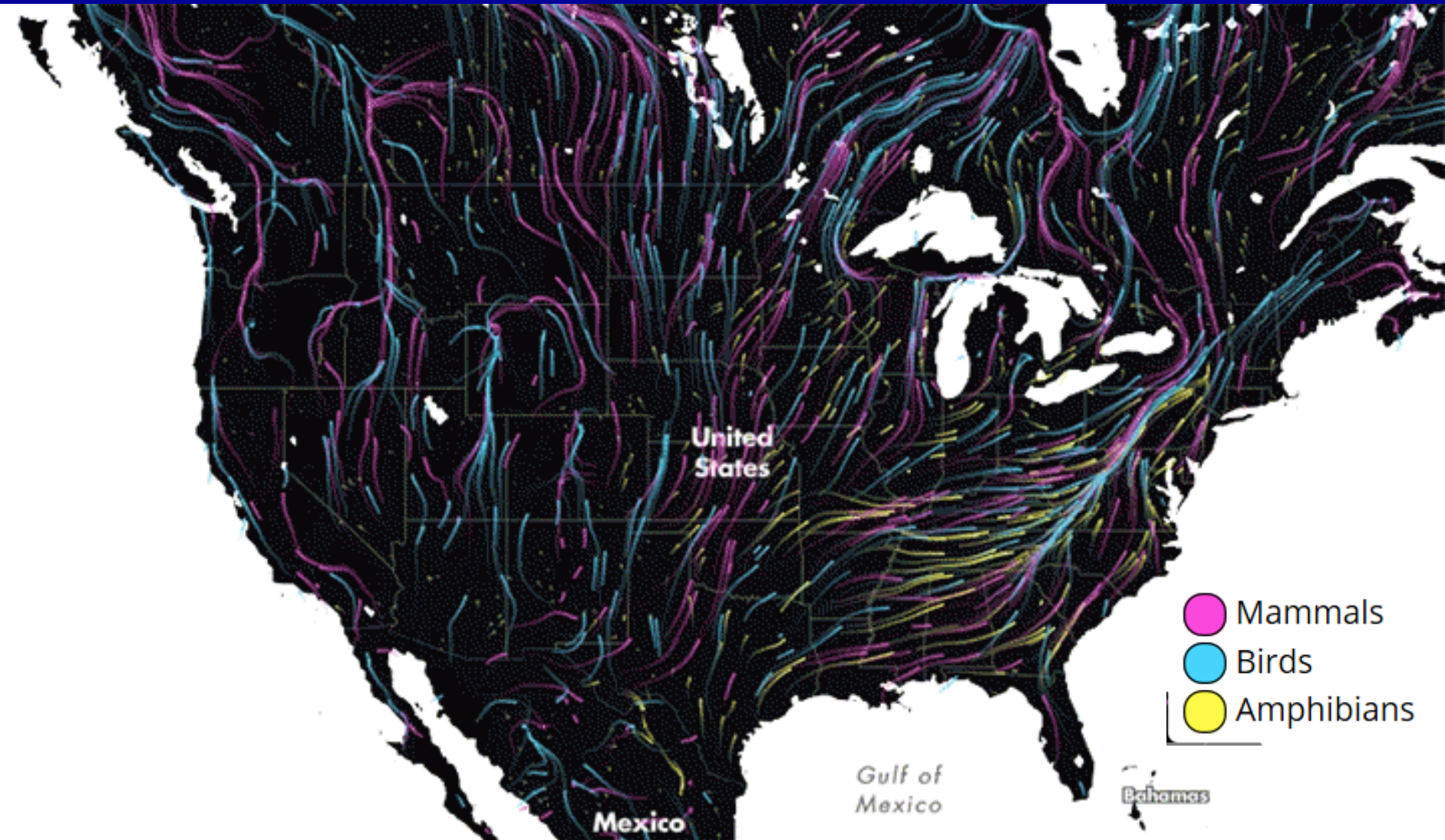
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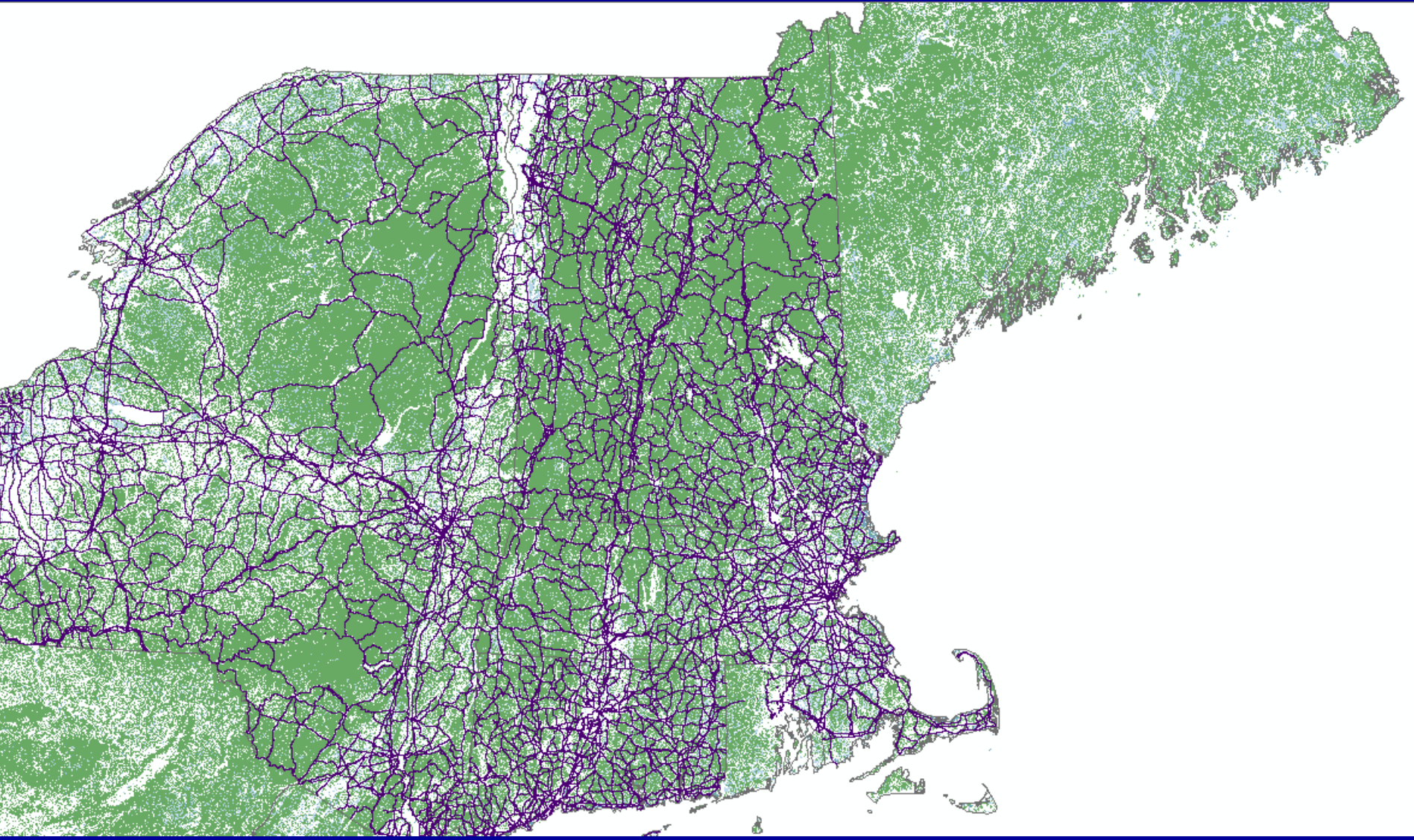
The Staying Connected Initiative in the Northern Appalachians:

A bi-national partnership to conserve, restore, and enhance connectivity across the Northern Appalachians/Acadians for the benefit of nature and people

*Northern Appalachian/
Acadian Region Forest Cover and
Location of Linkage Areas*







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Table 3. Crash Portal data, number of animal vehicle collisions, by year. Essentially all data had a valid location tag and could be mapped.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total	Percent
Collision with animal – deer	975	1,218	1,286	1,317	1,500	1,621	1,941	2,084	11,892	88%
Collision with animal - other	160	184	170	193	206	228	241	252	1,629	12%
Total	1,135	1,402	1,456	1,510	1,706	1,849	2,182	2,336	13,521	100%

LLMW:2010-2017 Road Mortality Summary Report January 2018



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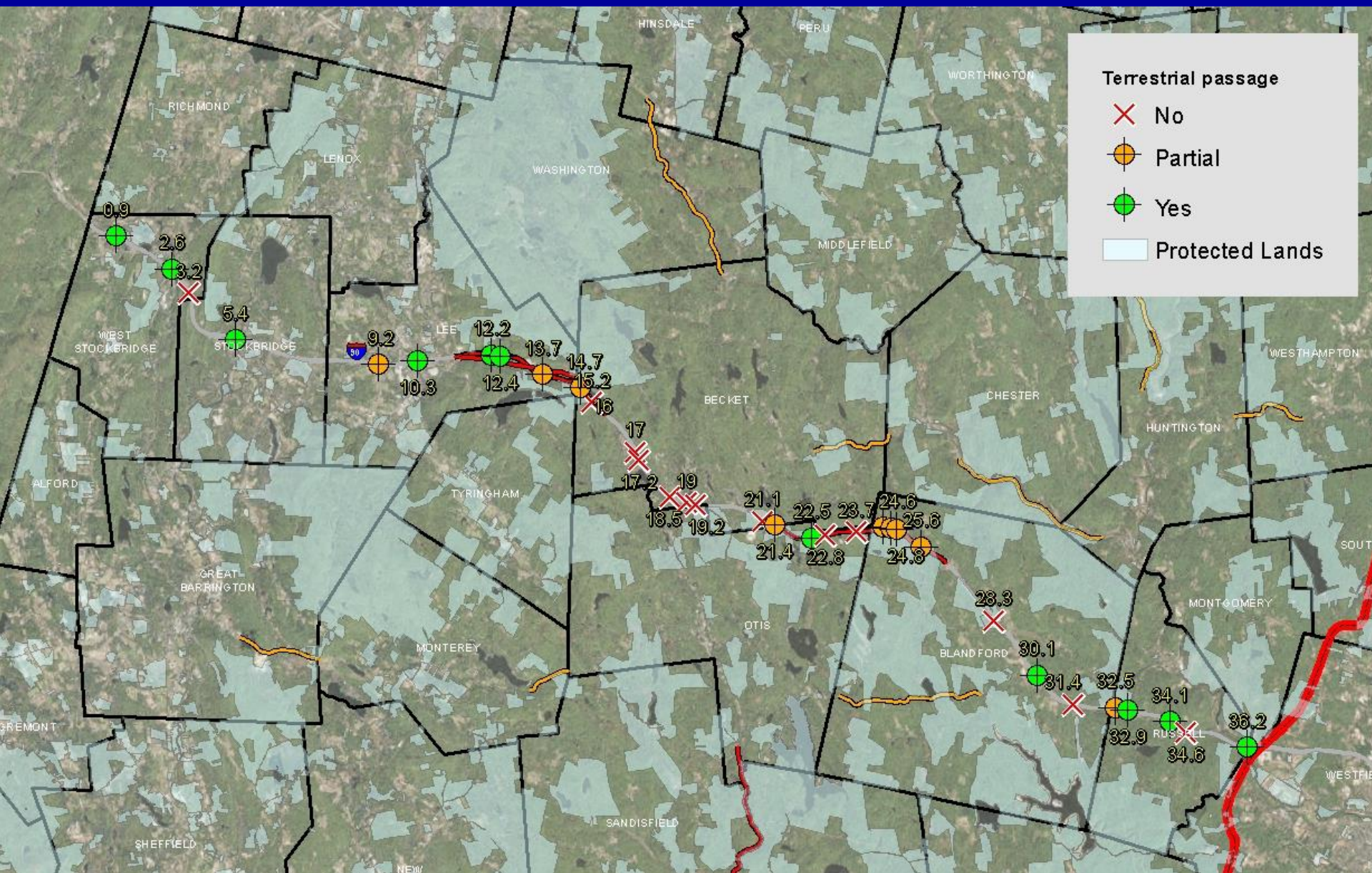
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2. Improve transportation to get wildlife and water under roads

3. Help people find their place (geographically, and in the Partnership)

Berkshire Wildlife Linkage partners:

- Berkshire Environmental Action Team
- Berkshire Natural Resources Council
- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission
- DCR
- DFW
- Franklin Land Trust
- Hilltown Land Trust
- Hudson Highlands Land Trust
- Kestrel Land Trust
- Mass Audubon
- **MassDOT**
- The Nature Conservancy
- New England Forestry Foundation
- Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
- Sheffield Land Trust
- UMass-Amherst
- Vermont Land Trust
- Weantinogue Heritage Land Trust
- Westfield State University



~104 roads or streams cross the Mass Pike (I-90). 34 were surveyed







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PERMIT - BECKET, BLANDFORD, LEE, OTIS, RUSSELL, STOCKBRIDGE, WEST STOCKBRIDGE, ACCESS, I-90

Permit #: 1-2018-0102

Subject to all the terms, conditions, and restrictions printed or written below, permission is hereby granted to:

The Nature Conservancy Massachusetts Chapter, c/o Laura Marx, of 136 West Street, Northampton, MA, 01060 to enter upon the State Highway known as I-90, in the Towns of Becket, Blandford, Lee, Otis, Stockbridge, Russell, & West Stockbridge, from Mile Marker 0.0+/- to 36.0+/-, for the purpose of "Obtaining access to perform an assessment of aquatic and terrestrial passage through the culverts"

WORK HOURS: 8:00 A.M. thru 2:30 P.M. Monday thru Friday.
DIG SAFE# NA

The hardened surface of the highway will not be disturbed during the proposed access.

The Grantee shall notify the Area Foreman, for access on I-90, in the Towns of Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, & Lee, Carl Lafreniere, 413-262-4112, or Daniel Decker 339-223-0433, at least 2 days prior to the start of work.

The Grantee shall notify the Area Foreman for access on I-90 in the Towns of Becket, Otis, Blandford, & Russell, Tim Dion, 413-2623716, or Sean Foley, 413-262-3998, at least 2 days prior to the start of work.

No trees shall be cut or removed under this permit.

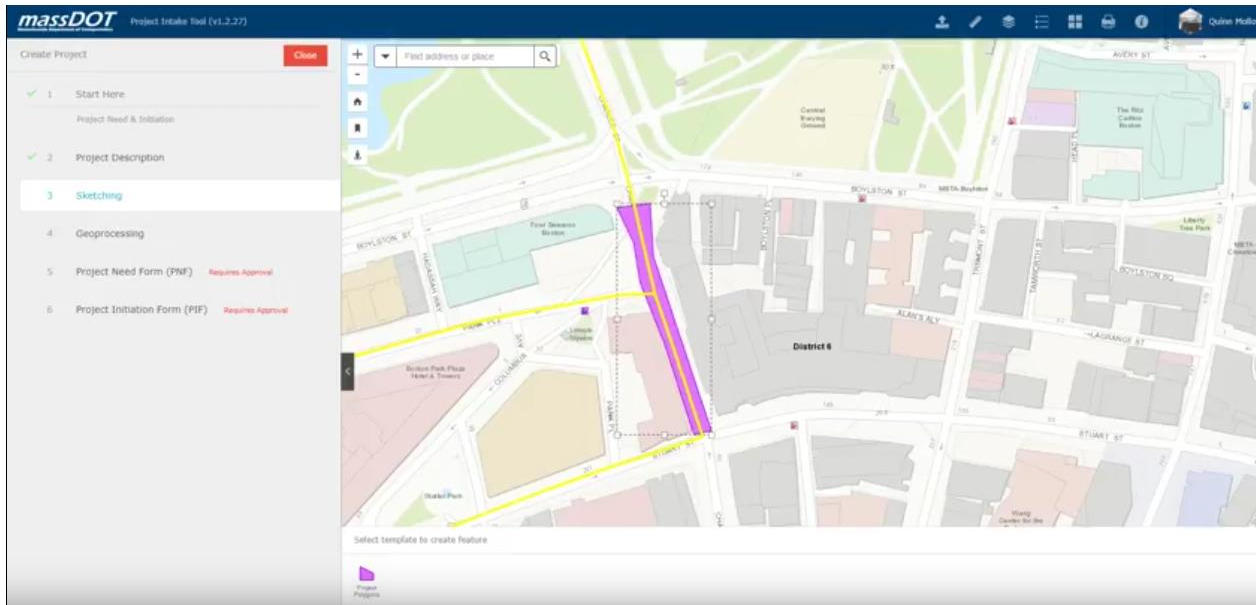
Saturday and Sunday work is not permitted under the terms of this permit.

No work will be performed on the day before or the day after a long week-end which involves a holiday on any highway, roadway or property under the control of the MassHighway Department or in areas where the work would adversely impact the normal flow of traffic on the state highway system representative.

The Grantee shall outlets of each cul

Equipment needs

MassDOT -





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Our RCP members do these at the same time, at the same table.