

### **Station 13: Wildlife Corridors**

Hayes Woods forms part of a wildlife corridor that connects the Squannacook River Wildlife Management Area to the Nashua River. Wildlife corridors connect fragmented habitats, allowing animals to move between areas. This connectivity is essential for species that require large territories for foraging, breeding, or migration. By facilitating movement between populations, corridors help maintain genetic diversity. This is crucial for the resilience of species, enabling them to adapt to environmental changes and resist diseases. In addition, corridors support migratory species, allowing them to travel to breeding grounds or seasonal feeding areas. Although road crossings are inevitable, wildlife corridors can help reduce vehicle collisions with wildlife.

