



WE HAVE A TOOL THAT CAN HELP!

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DATA THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE MAPS:



Large natural landscapes greater than 5 acres, which provide habitat for wildlife



Core forests which provide habitat for many species



Early successional habitat, such as thickets for species like New England Cottontail



Water and Wetland Areas and Cold Water Habitats, which protect our water



Habitat for Endangered Species and Species of Greatest Need in CT



Sand and Gravel Deposits for species like amphibians and reptiles



Landscape diversity to promote a more resilient landscape



Sea level rise to help inform where flooding may occur in the future

All photos above: USFWS
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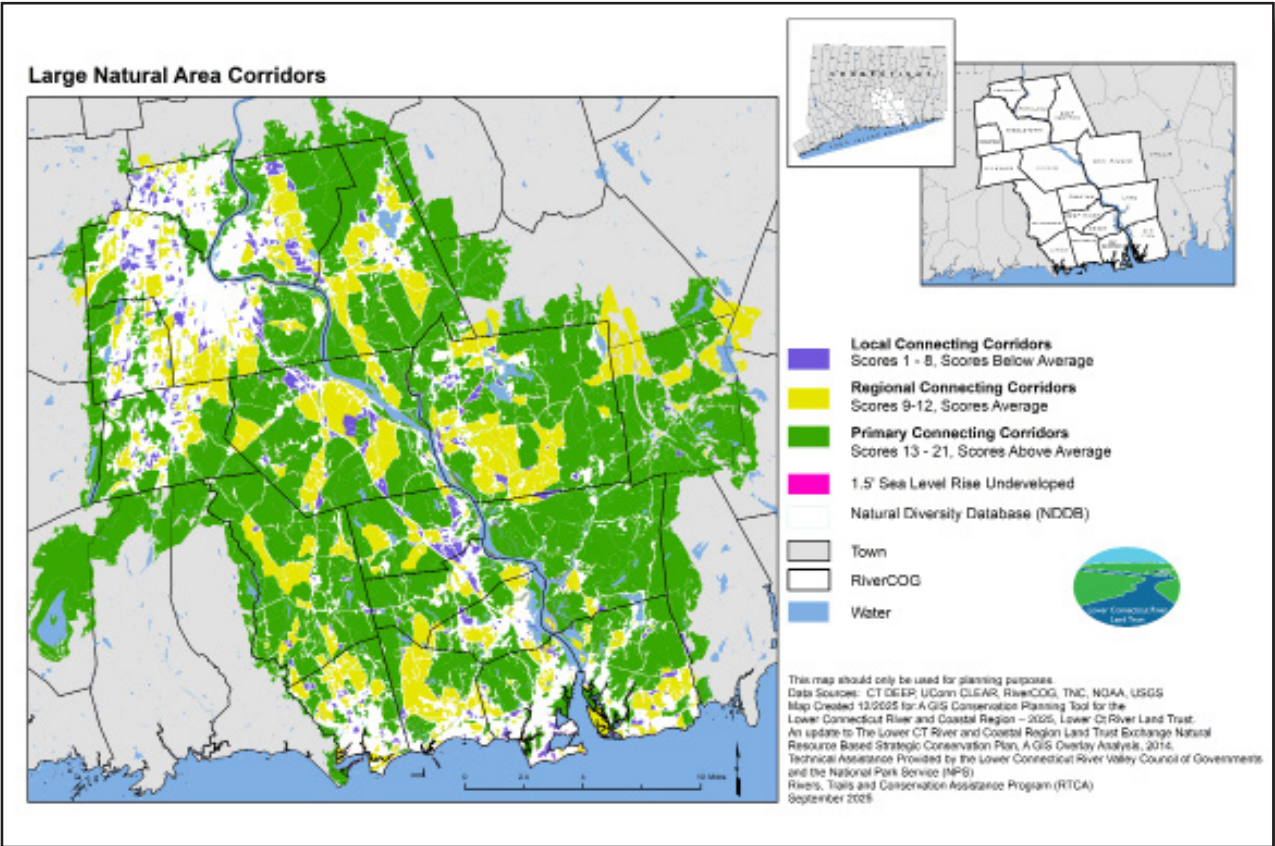
The unique and globally-significant Lower Connecticut River Valley features beautiful coastal landscapes, fresh water tidal wetlands, and intact, undeveloped woodlands along New England’s longest river. A hardworking committee of conservation practitioners and advocates created a plan in 2015 intending to work across political and parcel boundaries towards common regional conservation goals. In 2024 and 2025, this community met again to update this plan including a resilient vision for the Lower Connecticut River Valley featuring large, connected natural areas that provide habitat for diverse wildlife, water quality and quantity protection, and working and scenic lands preservation.



A TOOL FOR CONSERVATION DECISIONS

In the lower Connecticut River Valley, **there are many challenges with conserving and protecting our landscape.** Meeting community needs for housing, transportation, and other important uses while creating a healthy environment for wildlife, protecting our scenic landscapes, and promoting outdoor recreation can be difficult.

The **Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Regional Conservation Planning Tool** aims to **inform and help those who are making decisions about development and conservation** in the lower Connecticut River Valley. It consists of a **set of maps with information about important habitat types that are the most vulnerable to being lost to future generations.** It is meant to be an aid and help foster important conversations with local leaders.



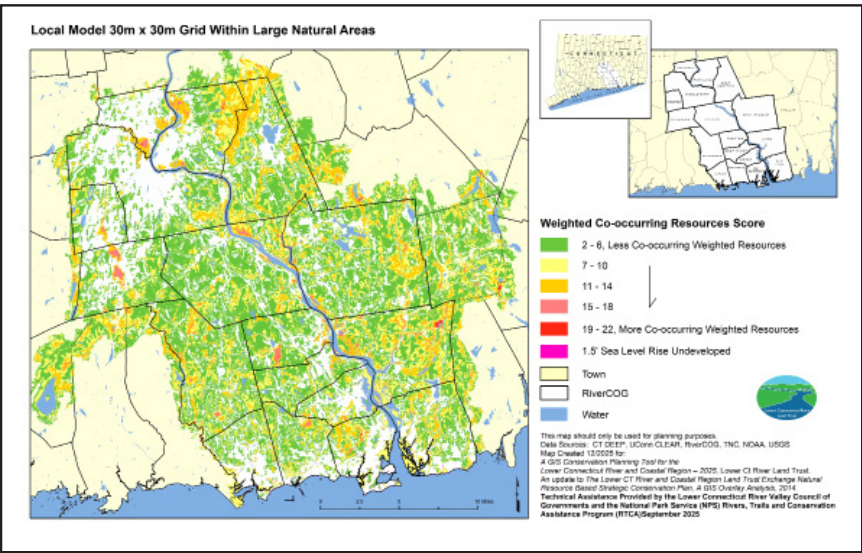
Above: “Connecting corridors” for wildlife in the region.
Below: “Hot spots” where many of the State species that are endangered, threatened, or of concern may be located.

To see the maps, watch a guided webinar, and learn more about the data sets, use your phone camera to scan the QR code below:



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