



## Statewide Gene Flow Project Update

Beginning in January 2018, a 5-year study is underway by the CHANJ team to assess the functional connectivity of New Jersey's landscape and the impacts that habitat fragmentation and roads may be having on our terrestrial mammal species. More than 60 volunteers from all across the state are helping us collect DNA samples - mostly from road-killed animals - for genetic analysis. So far a total of 683 samples from 22 different mammal species have been collected.

Read the [full update](#) and find out how to get involved!

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## CHANJ in the News

Thanks to *The Sandpaper* and columnist Jay Mann for a nice piece about CHANJ last week. Mann writes, "Urbanization and suburbanization have left NJ's open spaces and wooded areas looking like a Jim Croce jigsaw puzzle with half the pieces gone. Naturally, the ongoing fragmentation forces many forms of indigenous wildlife to grudgingly accept the olden saying, "You can't get there from here.'" [Read the full story](#) (scroll down to "DEFRACTURING NJ").

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