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Recent CHANJ Fame 🙌

Connecting Habitat Across New Jersey (CHANJ) got some news play this month. First, [CBS News Philadelphia toured a wildlife underpass](#) project with our NJDEP Fish and Wildlife Assistant Commissioner Dave Golden, who framed the trouble NJ's wildlife populations face from habitat fragmentation and roads.



NJFW Assistant Commissioner Dave Golden at a wildlife crossing with CBS News Philadelphia.

With some neat point-of-view footage through a wildlife tunnel at Assunpink Wildlife Management Area, the news piece talked about the simple concept of providing safe crossings through roadways, enabling land animals to move between different parts of their habitats without facing-off against traffic.

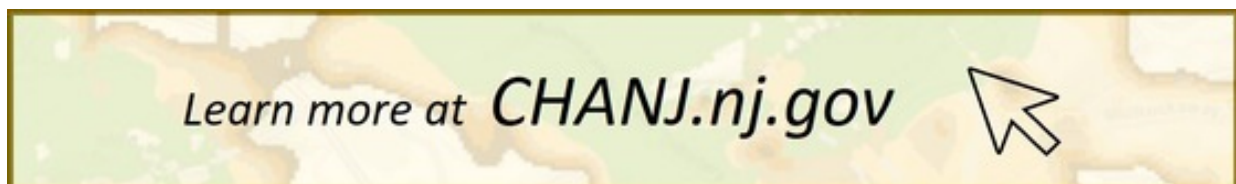


NJFW's wildlife tunnels featured on News 12 New Jersey, April 10th.

[News 12 New Jersey](#) reporter Jim Murdoch also picked up the story. In an encore interview, Golden described the goal of the Assunpink project and CHANJ, "to give wildlife a way to move through the landscape, unimpeded, and safely be able to utilize all this great space that New Jersey has worked to preserve."

In related news...this month's popular New Jersey Conservation Foundation column, [The State We're In](#), was all about bobcats - a flagship species for CHANJ. Gretchen Fowles (co-leader of the CHANJ project) is featured here, describing the work she does to study bobcats using scat, a specially trained detection dog, and roadkill, and how habitat connectivity is tied to the species' recovery in NJ.

Check out these great stories! We're excited and proud for our work to be shared.



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