



Virginia Wildlife Corridor Bill Sign-on

As wildlife move across land or through the water, they increasingly find their habitat shrinking or fragmented by human development. SB 1274 seeks to combat the decline of Virginia's natural ecosystems by helping wildlife move safely from one place to another. This bill will both protect wildlife and the public of Virginia.

To do this, SB 1274 builds on the Virginia Wildlife Corridor Action Plan (WCAP), which will compile and condense the best available science on the status of habitat connectivity in Virginia. The WCAP will assess the connections between core habitat areas, list potential projects to improve such connections, and provide an action plan for the completion of those projects.

SB 1274 directs DCR, VDOT, and the State Forester to integrate wildlife corridors identified in the WCAP into their own strategic planning guidance documents. This will help ensure that wildlife corridors are considered and protected across Virginia and across agency jurisdictions. This will allow agencies to best integrate wildlife connectivity, and the corresponding public safety considerations, into their existing operations.

Full bill text here: <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?211+ful+SB1274>

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