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## **What the Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program of the NH Fish and Game Dept. can do to assist CTAP communities in planning for growth:**

In October 2005 the N H Fish and Game Department completed its comprehensive Wildlife Action Plan. In this plan, the department set out strategies for protecting those species that are in greatest need of conservation. Of these strategies, three relate directly to the needs of communities within the communities served by CTAP.

- Develop and disseminate up-to-date information, including maps, about wildlife and sensitive habitat areas that is pertinent to developers, permit applicants, land managers, municipalities, conservation commissions, and regional planning commissions.
- Develop and promote guidelines and best management practices to mitigate common development and land use impacts in sensitive habitat areas.
- Provide technical guidance on the application of conservation science, planning tools, maps, and other information to land planning.

As communities plan for the potential growth associated with an expanded I-93, we can provide information on the distribution and condition of habitat suitable for wildlife that is threatened, endangered or of special concern. This information can be incorporated into community Master Plans and used to develop tools for managing growth.

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