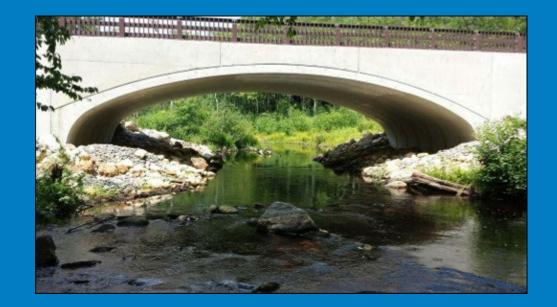


Mitigating the Effects of Collisions on Reptiles and Amphibians



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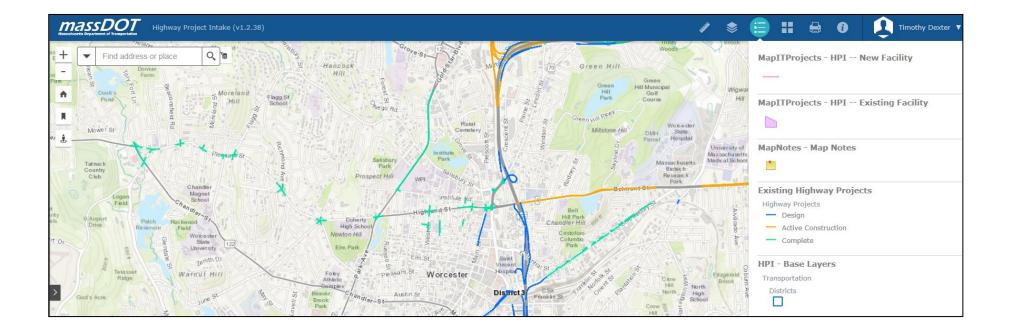
MassDOT/MassWildlife Staff Trainings





Early Environmental Coordination

- MassDOT Project Intake Tool (MaPIT) provides planning phase environmental screening
- Environmental Review Checklist for Scoping, Pre-25% Design, and 25% Design phase environmental reviews
- Project specific early coordination meetings



Stream Crossings: Design for Fish/Wildlife <u>and</u> Severe Storm Resilience



Stream Crossing Design



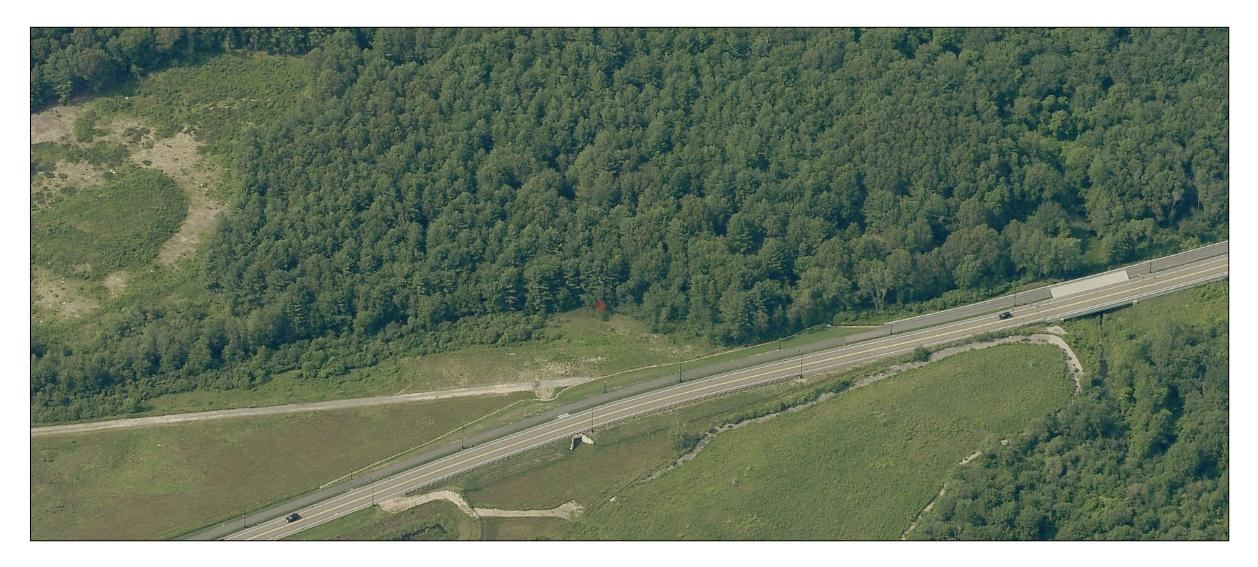












Fencing Retrofits





Weweantic Bridge Spans the Weweantic River Marion and Wareham, MA

Fencing Mitigation

Completed Incomplete

A total of 3100 feet of bridge was fenced.



Project Initiation

Route 119 Over Beaver Brook in Littleton

- Known wildlife vehicle collision hotspot since 2010.
- The Beaver Brook area has a high diversity of turtle species present, including the Blanding's turtle.
- Aging Infrastructure Identified by District
- Need: Bridge Replacement and Causeway Improvements
- Infrastructure Bill Funding Opportunities: Surface Block Grant Program, Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program, Bridge Investment Program





