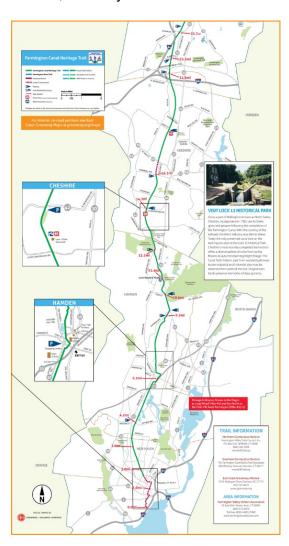


Natural Resources Conservation Academy 2019-2020 CTP participants Mikayla & Wendy Higgins monitored wildlife along the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Cheshire, CT

An overview of their project is below

This project addressed the topic of human and wildlife conflicts, specifically in disturbed habitats like the Farmington Canal Heritage trail (website). The trail is a very popular place for recreation activity, and their goal is for people to understand that this trail passes through some important wildlife habitat, there is wildlife in the area near the trail, and they should not be disturbed.





This team used the <u>Track-kit app</u> to map an approximately three-mile section of the trail and recorded wildlife signs and sightings along the route. They also used camera traps and bat acoustic recorders to observe wildlife near the trail.

The images embedded in their Track-kit map show some of the wildlife encountered and habitat types along the trail:







