SCI Talking Points for Press Messages

Connectivity makes for healthy lands, waters wildlife & people, today and tomorrow

Connected lands make for stronger larger wildlife populations

• better hunting, fishing, watching and other wildlife-based recreation

• Connecting lands help define community identity

 Well connected landscape is best insurance against threat of global climate change Working together to protect wildlife strengthens and connects our community

- Connectivity builds on community values
- Recognizes stewardship of community resources
- Enhances and helps define community identity
- wildlife, like people, need connections
- Is good for business
- recognizes traditional land uses

"staying connected"
empowers
communities and
individuals to protect
wildlife and local
values in a changing
world

Your community is vital to connectivity on a regional scale

- This community is part of one of the six most important linkages in northern New England
- Vermont is the crossroads and your community is part of it.
- tradition of local land use decision making that allows you to determine what connectivity looks like in your town
- "staying connected" offers timetested strategies and support to take action