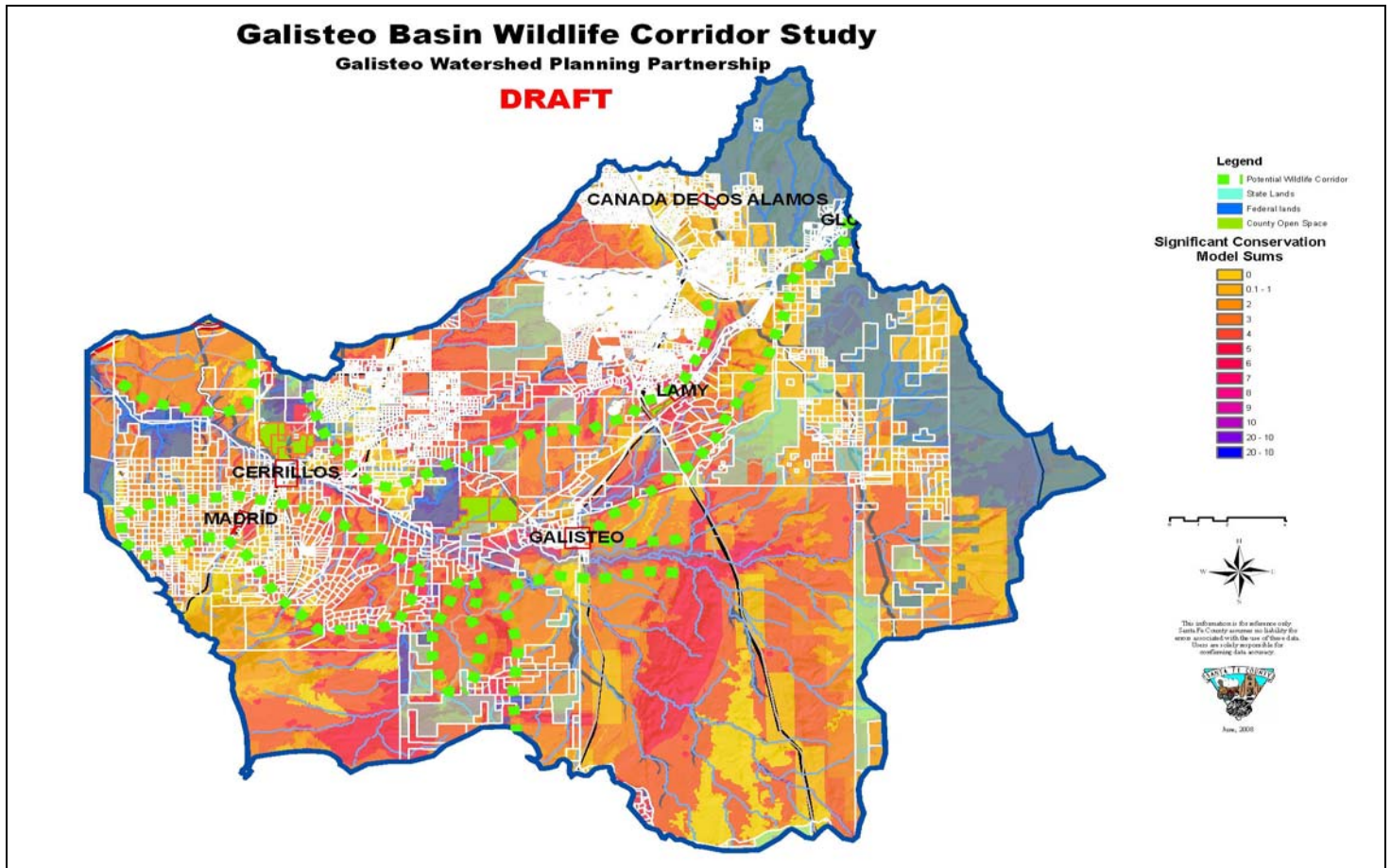


Proposed Galisteo Basin Wildlife Corridor



Map key: The bright green dots represent a proposed wildlife corridor in the Galisteo Basin. Colors ranging from yellow to purple indicate increasing significance of conservation value. The represented values are the sum of hydrological, ecological, cultural/historical, and scenic value models.

Common Vision of the Galisteo Watershed Partnership

The Galisteo Watershed Partnership (GWP) was formed in 2005 as a voluntary network of private organizations, government agencies and individuals, with an active interest in the future of the 730-square mile Galisteo Watershed. The purpose of the GWP is to share information, organize public education initiatives, and serve as a coordination body for outreach and planning regarding natural resources planning, urban development and conservation initiatives in the Galisteo watershed. The GWP is shaped and guided by a set of shared principles, which include that area growth for commercial and residential development should be ecologically sensitive, strategies should be implemented to conserve important ecological and cultural areas, and the watershed community should be more self-sustaining.

Galisteo Basin Wildlife Corridor Proposal

The GWP proposes to establish the Galisteo Basin Wildlife Corridor as the northern most part of the Sandia-Manzano Wildlife Linkage for safe wildlife migration along the “Spine of the Continent” of North America. We are proposing a wildlife corridor to connect the vital habitats of the Sandia and Ortiz Mountains to the Sangre de Cristo Mountains running from BLM lands south of Golden, across lands in the Galisteo Basin, to US Forest Service lands on Glorieta Mesa and in the Sangre de Cristos. In this wildlife corridor, we will promote the safe passage of native and migratory animal species through land conservation, appropriate road & highway crossings, specific native plantings for forage and cover, enhanced access to riparian areas and other water sources, voluntary landowner monitoring and reporting of species, community education, and landscape restoration projects.

Galisteo Basin Wildlife Corridor Outreach Action

We need everyone's participation!

Please sign up by checking one or more of the following working groups.

_____ **Wildlife Tracking Group**

Group of community volunteers interested in simple methods for identifying specific animal species, tracks and other signs, and reporting them to NM Game & Fish and the GWP Website

_____ **Safe Highway Passage Group**

Works with NM DOT and Santa Fe County Public Works in identifying and establishing safe passage structures, including fencing, culverts, land bridges, and underpasses for migratory and resident wildlife

_____ **Small Landowners Outreach Group**

Contacts landowners and residents of relatively small tracts of land and associated homeowners associations or community groups to assist with land conservation strategies and incentives, and provides information on identifying and promoting resident and migratory animal species, habitat improvement, and systems for monitoring and reporting

_____ **Media Group**

Establishes working relationship with environmental editors and writers at the New Mexican, Journal Santa Fe/Albuquerque Journal, and local neighborhood and community papers from Pecos to Cerrillos and Santo Domingo to Lamy, submits articles on all newsworthy GWP projects and events, and maintains library of published articles and photographs on the GWP

_____ **Fund Raising Group**

Supports the GWP Steering Committee with raising funds and writing project proposals in support of the implementation of the Wildlife Corridor project in particular and the GWP in general

Name _____ Organization _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Please fill out and return to Earth Works Institute 1413 Second St., Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87505!



Reap the Benefits!

Preserving the Galisteo Watershed's open natural lands protects quality of life for both wildlife and people!

- Preserving our natural lands safeguards the Galisteo Basin's unique spiritual and aesthetic qualities
- Preserving and managing our open lands ensures economic vitality now and for future generations
- Protecting our land preserves our natural and cultural heritage and ensures a legacy for the future

Our wildlife is a crucial part of living on the land and making a living off the land.

Stewardship of wildlife and wildlife habitat ensures that the multiple benefits and usages that currently exist on the land will be maintained. All potentially beneficial land uses in the Galisteo Basin must take priority over any single proposed land use plan that will render the land and/or water undesirable or unsuitable for multiple uses in the future. Species of concern that will benefit from this stewardship are the golden eagle, mountain plover, long-billed curlew, scaled quail, juniper titmouse, loggerhead shrike, ferruginous hawk, Baird's sparrow, Gunnison's prairie dog, pronghorn antelope, spotted bat and Townsend bat.

You Can Make the Difference!

- Monitor wildlife: record sightings, photograph animals and identify tracks and other evidence and report sightings to NM Game & Fish and to GWP Website.
- Make habitat improvements on your land: water hole, brush piles and cover.
- Place a conservation easement on your land and place homes, driveways and barns in ways that leave wildlife pathways intact (EWI can help you find consultants and resources for these, see contact info below).
- Install wildlife friendly (smooth wire, 18-20" off ground) fencing where needed.
- Reduce wildlife-livestock-pet-human conflict: with adequate supervision, boundaries and signage. Keep wildlife food sources away from homes.
- Help educate local schools about species found in their area.
- Help students and classes set up Project Wild (NMG&F) mini-habitats and projects.
- Plan and participate in community wildlife events: beautify with butterfly gardens, revegetate bare soils with natural cover, establish community agriculture, adopt a species and monitor and report on it (e.g., Mountain Bluebird sightings).
- Plant native food plants on your land for birds, pollinating insects & grazing animals.



To Get Involved or for More Information: Contact the Galisteo Watershed Partnership at Earth Works Institute at 505-982-9806 or email jwj@earthworksinstitute.org.

Thank You for your Participation!

Current and Proposed Wildlife Landowner Projects

Project Number: _____ Approximate Acres: _____ Located Near: _____
__ Current Or __ Proposed Project Description: _____

Project Point of Contact:
Name: _____ Tel: _____ Email: _____
If technical assistance is needed, specify type: _____
If funding is needed, from which funding organization: _____

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