

TURTLE CROSSING ALERT FRANKLIN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

SLOW DOWN. LOOK AROUND. SAVE A LIFE.

Every spring and fall, turtles in Franklin make their journey across roads to reach nesting or hibernation sites. These gentle creatures are vital to our local ecosystem—but they're at risk from speeding cars and unaware drivers.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Drive cautiously near wetlands, ponds, and wooded areas.
- Watch for signs and painted turtle crossings.
- Help safely if you see a turtle crossing—move it in the direction it was heading.
- Never relocate turtles far from where you found them.

● **JOIN THE MOVEMENT:**

Support local conservation efforts.
Share this flyer.
Spread awareness.
Let's make Franklin a safe place for turtles to cross.

HOTSPOTS IN FRANKLIN:

- Beaver Pond Road
- Lincoln Street near the wetlands
- Grove Street by the marshes.

WHY IT MATTERS:

- Many turtle species are endangered or threatened—
- Turtles take years to mature—losing one adult can impact generations.
- Protecting turtles helps preserve Franklin's natural heritage.



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