

# NC Beaver Management Assistance Program

## OBTAINING SERVICES

Since beavers were successfully reintroduced to North Carolina in 1939, this native species has thrived, benefitting wildlife and people by creating wetland habitat, reducing erosion, and improving water quality across the state. Damages caused by beaver activity, however, can be substantial and costly. The Beaver Management Assistance Program (BMAP) aims to help manage beaver-related problems on private and public lands. Because of practical and ecological considerations, the program is not designed to eradicate beaver populations; rather its aim is to assist the NC Department of Transportation, local governments, and private landholders in addressing specific beaver damage issues.



BMAP specialists work to educate customers about a variety of beaver management strategies, such as exclusion, pond levelers, and other nonlethal techniques. When deemed necessary, they will remove beaver and/or dams using humane and environmentally acceptable techniques.

In 2019-2020, BMAP services prevented the impending loss or repair costs of an estimated \$8.95 million in roads, bridges, timber and other agricultural resources, railroad trestles, dams, sewer systems, water treatment facilities, landscape plantings, homes, airport runways, and golf courses. Comparing the cost of BMAP to its savings, for every \$1.00 spent, \$5.82 in resources were saved.

### Service Priorities

Requests for assistance are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. However, projects that address threats to public health and safety receive top priority.

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### Landholder Cost-Share

Landholders pay the following cost-share fees for services:

- \$25 per site visit
- \$125 per dam removed

Initial damage assessments are provided at no charge. Beaver management specialists average 10 visits over a 30-day period to resolve the problem. Costs to the landholder increase after 15 visits to the full market value of beaver management services.

Landholders willing to conduct beaver management activities themselves are provided individual training at no cost.