

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 costs of BMAP to its savings, for every \$1.00 spent, \$5.82 in resources were saved.

County Cost-Share

Counties are invited to participate each year by contributing a \$6,000 participation fee, which grants them access to additional funding provided by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Landholders experiencing beaver damage in these counties may reach out to their county's BMAP contact to receive assistance.

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.



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.

BMAP County Contacts: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Bertie	252-794-5317	Johnston	919-989-5100
Bladen	910-862-6700	Lee	919-775-5624
Brunswick	910-253-2515	Lenoir	252-526-9799 x3
Buncombe	828-250-4788	Macon	828-349-2045
Carteret	252-222-6360	Martin	252-789-4300
Catawba	828-465-8240	McDowell	828-652-4434
Chatham	919-542-8228	Mecklenburg	980-721-3760
Columbus	910-642-2196 x3	Nash	252-459-4116 x3
Craven	252-633-0397	New Hanover	910-798-7129
Cumberland	910-321-6860	Northampton	252-534-2711
Duplin	910-296-2120 x3	Pamlico	252-745-5064 x3
Edgecombe	252-823-8187 x3	Pasquotank	252-338-3954
Franklin	919-496-3344	Perquimans	252-482-4127 x3
Gaston	704-922-2152	Pitt	252-902-3250
Gates	225-357-2411	Robeson	910-671-3022
Granville	919-603-1350	Sampson	910-592-7161
Greene	252-747-3705 x3	Vance	252-438-8188
Halifax	252-583-3481 x3	Wake	919-250-1050
Harnett	910-893-7584	Warren	252-257-3640
Haywood	828-452-2741 x3	Wayne	919-731-1650
Hoke	910-875-3461	Wilson	252-237-5147 x3
Iredell	704-873-6761		



Beaver activity was causing flooding and threatening home septic systems in Lenoir County.



BMAP professionals removed the beavers and dams, resolving flooding issues and preventing damage to homes.

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Additional Information

Learn about BMAP online at www.ncwildlife.org/BMAP.

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