

NC Beaver Management Assistance Program

OBTAINING SERVICES

Since beavers were successfully reintroduced to North Carolina in 1939, this native species has thrived, benefitting people and wildlife by creating quality wetland habitat, reducing erosion, and improving water quality across the state. Damage to property 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 focus 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 state fiscal year 2020-2021, BMAP services prevented the impending loss or repair costs of an estimated \$9.66 million in roads, bridges, timber and other agricultural crops, railroad trestles, dams, sewer systems, water treatment facilities, landscaping, homes, airport runways, and golf courses. Comparing the costs of BMAP to its savings, for every \$1.00 spent, \$6.42 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 request 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, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The following contacts belong to designated county offices such as Soil & Water Conservation, Cooperative Extension Service, Stormwater Management, etc.

Bertie	252-794-5317	Hoke	910-875-3461
Bladen	910-862-6700	Iredell	704-873-6761
Brunswick	910-253-2515	Johnston	919-989-5380
Buncombe	828-250-4788	Jones	252-448-2341
Caldwell	828-757-8625	Lee	919-775-5624
Carteret	252-222-6360	Lenoir	252-526-9799 x3
Catawba	828-465-8240	Macon	828-349-2045
Chatham	919-542-8228	McDowell	828-652-4434
Chowan	252-482-4127 x3	Mecklenburg	980-721-3760
Cleveland	704-482-4365	Nash	252-459-4116 x3
Columbus	910-642-2196 x3	New Hanover	910-798-7117
Craven	252-633-0397	Orange	919-245-2514
Cumberland	910-321-6860	Pamlico	252-745-5064 x3
Duplin	910-296-2120 x3	Pasquotank	252-338-3954
Edgecombe	252-823-8187 x3258	Perquimans	252-482-4127 x3
Franklin	919-496-3344	Person	336-599-0284 x3
Gaston	704-922-2152	Pitt	252-902-3250
Gates	252-357-1400	Robeson	910-671-3024
Granville	919-603-1350	Sampson	910-592-7161
Greene	252-747-3705 x3	Vance	252-438-8188
Guilford	336-641-2440	Wake	919-250-1050
Halifax	252-583-5161	Warren	252-257-3640
Harnett	910-893-7584	Wayne	919-731-1650
Haywood	828-452-2741 x3	Wilson	252-237-5147 x3
Henderson	828-694-6627		

BEFORE



Beaver-related flooding was damaging corn and preventing the landowner from harvesting their crop in Wayne County.

AFTER



BMAP professionals removed a total of eight beavers and five dams, allowing the landowner to harvest their corn crop.

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Additional Information

Learn more at www.ncwildlife.org/BMAP.

Statewide Contacts:

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