



OBTAINING SERVICE

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Beaver Management Assistance Program

Since the first successful reintroduction of beaver into North Carolina in 1939, populations in the state have increased dramatically. Along with this population expansion has come an increase in benefits derived from beaver (for example, increased wetland habitat for a variety of plant and animal species, reduced downstream sedimentation, and improved water quality). However, detrimental impacts of beaver have also increased. For example, in 1997 landholders in eastern North Carolina reported that beaver damage to roads, agriculture and timber lands, drainage systems, landscape plantings, and other property exceeded \$5 million. In 1995-96 the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) spent over \$1 million to repair roads damaged by beaver activities.

To address some of these problems, the North Carolina legislature in 1992 created the Beaver Damage Control Advisory Board with the charge to develop, implement, and oversee a program to manage beaver damage on public and private lands. The nine-member Advisory Board, composed of representatives from state and federal agencies and the private sector, established the Beaver

Management Assistance Program (BMAP). A major goal of the BMAP is to educate the public and participating landholders about the best strategies for managing beaver damage including the pros and cons of removing beaver or using pond levelers, exclusion, or other non-lethal techniques. Wildlife specialists conduct programs and workshops on beaver damage management and beaver ecology for civic and professional organizations, schools, landholder groups, and others. When beaver damage is intolerable, wildlife specialists alleviate the damage by removing the offending animals and their dams using humane and environmentally acceptable methods or by using pond levelers, exclusion, or other non-lethal techniques.

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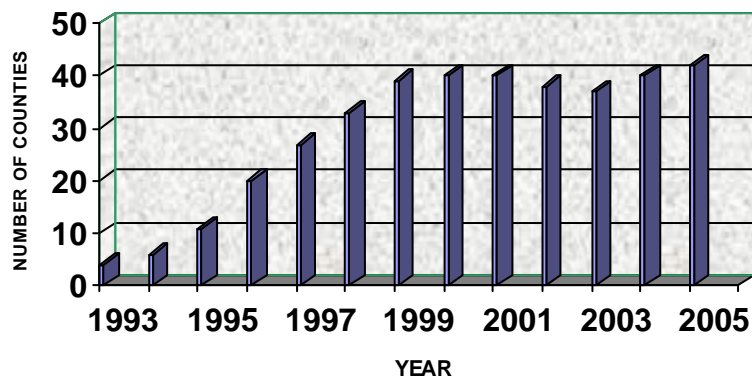
The BMAP assists the DOT, city and county governments, soil and water conservation districts, private landholders, and others with beaver

problems. The program is run by USDA Wildlife Services through a cooperative agreement with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Funding comes from state, county, federal, and private sources.

How to Participate

All counties are eligible to participate in the program through an annual cost share assessment of \$4,000 per county. Presently, 42 counties participate in the program. Individuals residing in these counties may obtain assistance with beaver damage by contacting their county Cooperative Extension or Soil and Water Conservation District office (listed on the back of this page). Statewide assistance with beaver damage problems is also provided to the DOT. All requests for assistance receive an immediate response, but due to current workloads the start of direct assistance activities may vary.

PARTICIPATING COUNTIES



Cost Share

Participants in the program pay a small cost-share fee for services. This cost-share fee is \$15/visit. There are no charges for travel time. There is also a \$75 charge for dam removal. Wildlife specialists average about 10 visits over a 30-day period to resolve a nuisance beaver problem. There is no charge for the initial assessment which includes time spent discussing the program and signing paperwork. During this assessment the wildlife specialist discusses with the landholder the positive and negative impacts of beaver and recommends the best course of action. If damage management activities are recommended, time and costs are estimated and the wildlife specialist begins work. Landholders wishing to conduct their own work are provided individualized training at no cost.

Assistance Priorities

Requests for assistance are handled on a first-come, first-served basis with top priority addressing threats to public health and safety, particularly along highway rights-of-way and county-owned property. Work for individual landholders is next, followed by work for soil and water conservation districts, municipalities, corporate landholders, and others.

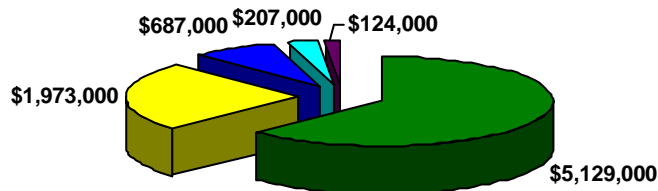
Additional Information

For additional information about the Beaver Management Assistance Program, please call or write the USDA Wildlife Services at 6213-E Angus Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617, tel. 919-786-4480, or the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, Division of Wildlife Management at 512 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27604-1188, tel. 919-733-7291.

In FY 2004 BMAP activities prevented the loss of, or damage to, \$8.12 million in resources; \$7.27 saved for each \$1.00 spent.

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RESOURCES SAVED FROM BEAVER DAMAGE October 2003 - September 2004



- Timber, Crops, Other Agriculture Resources
- Roads/Bridges
- Crops/Pasture
- Dams/Ditches
- Other

To Request Assistance

Bertie	252-794-5317
Bladen	910-862-4591
Brunswick	910-253-2610
Camden	252-338-0170
Carteret	252-728-8421
Chowan	252-482-8431
Columbus	910-640-6605
Craven	252-633-1477
Cumberland	910-484-7156
Duplin	910-296-2143
Edgecombe	252-641-7815
Franklin	919-496-3344
Gates	252-357-1400
Granville	919-603-1350
Greene	252-747-5831
Halifax	252-583-5161
Harnett	910-893-7535
Hertford	252-358-7805
Hoke	910-875-3461
Johnston	919-989-5380
Jones	252-448-9621
Lee	919-775-5624
Lenoir	252-527-2191
Macon	828-349-2052
Martin	252-792-1621
Nash	252-459-9811
New Hanover	910-452-6393
Northampton	252-534-2711
Onslow	910-455-5873
Pamlico	252-745-4121
Pasquotank	252-338-3954
Pender	910-259-1235
Perquimans	252-426-5428
Person	336-599-1195
Pitt	252-902-3250
Robeson	910-671-3276
Union	704-283-3801
Vance	252-438-8188
Warren	252-257-3640
Washington	252-793-4561
Wayne	919-731-1520
Wilson	252-237-0111

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