

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 wetland habitat, reducing erosion, and improving water quality across the state. However, damage to property caused by beaver activity 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 beavers; rather its focus is to assist the NC Department of Transportation, local governments, and private landholders in addressing specific beaver damage issues.



Photo by: Emily Mesner, National Park Service

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

In NC fiscal year 2022-2023, BMAP services prevented the loss or repair costs of an estimated \$18 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, \$7.11 in resources were saved.

County Cost-Share

Counties can opt into BMAP each year by contributing \$6,000, which grants access to additional funding provided by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission. Landholders in participating counties can reach out to their county's BMAP contact to request assistance (see opposite page).

Landholder Cost-Share

Landholders pay the following cost-share fees for services:

- \$25 per site visit
- \$150 per dam removed

Initial damage assessments are provided at no charge. Services average 10 site visits over a 30-day period to resolve the problem. After 15 site visits, costs to the landholder increase to the full market value of beaver management services.

Landholders who are willing to manage beavers 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.



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BMAP County Contacts: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

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

Beaufort	252-946-4989	Franklin	919-496-3344	Moore	910-947-5183 x3
Bertie	252-794-5317	Gaston	704-922-2152	Nash	252-459-4116 x3
Bladen	910-862-3179 x3	Gates	252-357-1400	New Hanover	910-798-7103
Brunswick	910-253-2507	Granville	919-603-1350	Northampton	252-534-2711
Buncombe	828-250-4788	Greene	252-747-3705 x3	Orange	919-245-2514
Burke	828-764-9050	Guilford	336-641-2440	Pamlico	252-745-5064 x3
Caldwell	828-572-4535	Halifax	252-583-5161	Pasquotank	252-338-0933
Carteret	252-222-6360	Harnett	910-893-7584	Perquimans	252-312-9246
Catawba	828-465-8950	Haywood	828-452-2741 x3	Person	336-330-2335
Chatham	919-542-8228	Henderson	828-694-6627	Pitt	252-902-1746
Cherokee	828-837-6417 x3	Hoke	910-875-9044	Robeson	910-671-3024
Chowan	252-312-9246	Iredell	704-873-6761	Sampson	910-592-7161
Cleveland	704-482-4365 Alt. 704-471-0235 x3	Jackson	828-586-4009	Vance	252-438-8188
Columbus	910-642-2196 x3	Johnston	919-934-7156 x3	Wake	919-250-1050
Craven	252-633-0397	Jones	252-448-2341 x3	Warren	252-257-3640
Cumberland	910-321-6860	Lee	919-775-5624	Wayne	919-734-5281 x3
Duplin	910-296-2120 x3	Lenoir	252-526-9799 x3	Wilson	252-237-5147 x3
Durham	919-560-0558	Macon	828-349-2044	Yadkin	336-466-1003
Edgecombe	252-823-8187 x3258	McDowell	828-652-4434		
Forsyth	336-703-6452	Mecklenburg	980-721-3760		



Additional Information

Learn more about the program at www.ncwildlife.org/BMAP

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