

USDA APHIS

Wildlife Services



- Assist with managing human-wildlife conflicts
- Provide: technical assistance, direct control, education, and research
- WS is non-regulatory
- Funding: 75% cooperative, 25% federal

WS Wildlife Services

Protecting People
Protecting Agriculture
Protecting Wildlife

Back-up sewer & water systems
Barriers to fish migration
Inundation of native plant & animal habitat
Siltation of natural watersheds
Breeding sites for insects
Loss of agricultural crops

Common Beaver Damage Issues

Weakens road & culvert integrity
Human safety issue on roadways
Flooding & feeding of timber



What is BMAP ?

Beaver

Management

Assistance

Program

Cooperative funded endeavor:

NCWRC

DOT

USDA Wildlife Services

Participating Counties

Cost share collections



BMAP County Participation Fee?

\$4000/yr. for base service



- **State Fiscal Year**
- **Participation request sent to County Manager**
- **Not-unlimited service based on cost share funds.**
(approximately 7 projects)

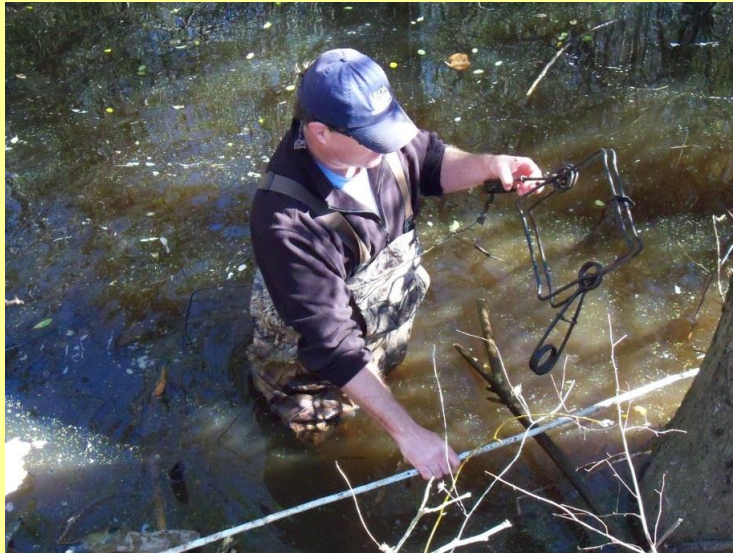
Available to:

Private Landowners
DOT in all 100 counties
Local Governments
Soil and Water Districts



How much does the landowner pay?

- \$25 per visit
- \$125 per dam removal fee
- FREE initial assessment
- No travel time charges



What the field technician does ?

First site visit:

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- Meet / educate landowner
- Assess problem / damage
- Estimate job



Estimate based on:

2

- Number of site visits
- Number of dam to remove



Technician assesses site several ways :

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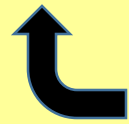
- Previous fur trappers
- Smart beavers
- How long have they been there
- Set locations
- Water depth
- Access
- Dam (blow/ dig)
- How many beavers



Site visit (work)

4

- Setting traps
- Checking traps
- Shooting
- Dam removal



Job Closure

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- Final site visit
- Last Dam removal
- Billing



Chatham County Private Beaver Requests to USDA

- CY2017 - 4 Requests/0 Projects Completed
- CY2016 - 5 Requests/0 Projects Completed

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