

# Beaver Coexistence:

## A Lesson in Innovation, Adaptation, and Compromise

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Increase acceptance and understanding of beavers to support healthier and more resilient ecosystems.

# What we often hear from landowners and managers



It's a swamp!

So wasteful

It's stagnant and dirty!

It never used to look like this

# What we want to hear from you!



What amazing habitat!

Great water storage!

It's cleaning the water!

Such ecosystem resilience!

# Planning for beavers

## Common concerns

- Loss of vegetation
- Performance standards not being met
- Flooding impacts to infrastructure or adjacent property

“This was not in the design plan”





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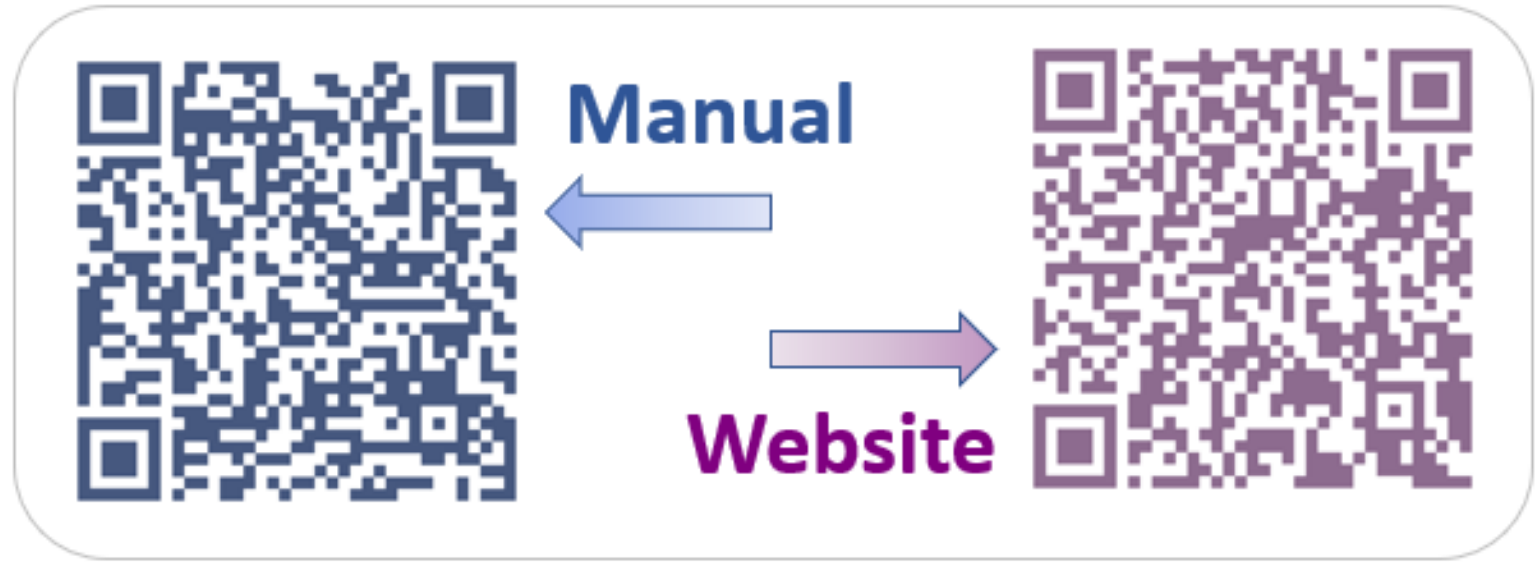
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# Planning for Beavers



- Coexistence Contingency
- Adaptive Management

Never Count Your Money

When Beavers Are At the Table





Didn't plan? Learn to adapt!



# WHY COEXISTENCE?



Willows + Riparian Corridor  
=  
Beavers

# Adapting to and Coexisting with Beavers

Trained professionals



# Infrastructure Blockage



# Culvert Exclusion Fence

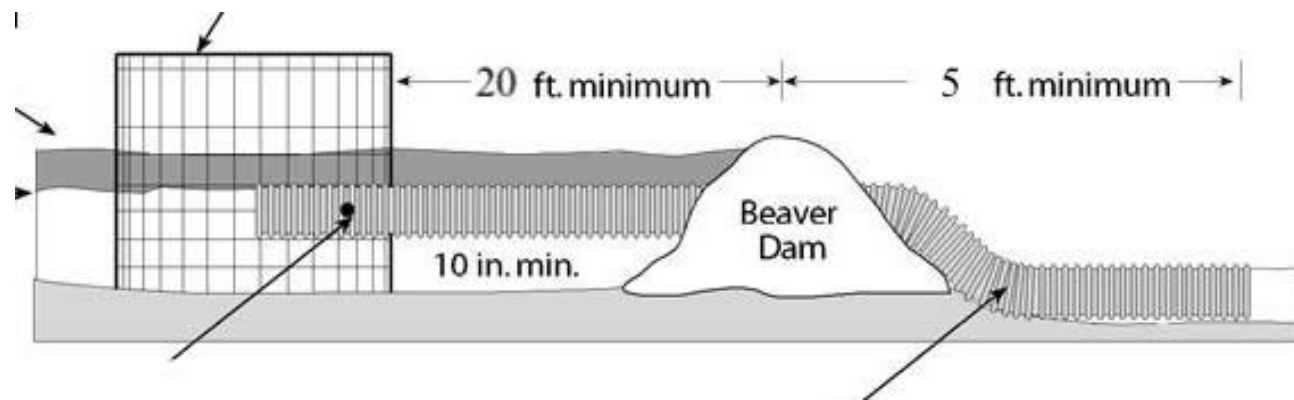


# Flooding of Infrastructure





# Pond Leveler



# Notch Exclusion Fence







# Ingredients for coexistence

Maintenance

Adaptive management

Comfort with change



# Benefits of Coexistence

- Compromise!
- Low tech
- Cost effective





# Conclusions

1. Make a plan (that includes beavers).
2. There are tools and resources to help.
3. This is a field of innovation and adaptation.



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