

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** March 16, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Beaver Management Assistance Program

**PRESENTER:** Christopher Todd, Business and Community Development Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. BMAP PowerPoint Presentation

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The North Carolina Beaver Management Assistance Program was established in 1992 to address the public health and safety issues arising from the wild beavers, as well as minimize the property damage caused by their behavior. BMAP is primarily administered through the USDA Wildlife Service in conjunction with the NC Wildlife Service Resource Commission, the NC Department of Transportation, and participating counties. Funding for BMAP comes from NCWRC, the NC Department of Transportation, USDA-Wildlife Services, participating counties, and cost-share collections from private landowners.

Henderson County has participated in the Beaver Management Assistance Program in previous years. This program is a cost share program, and is managed through the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. Citizens who elect to participate in the program are able to take advantage of a much lower cost for dealing with beaver management. Henderson County's share of the program is \$6,000. The program year begins October 1, 2022 and runs through September 30, 2023.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to direct the Planning Department Staff to reenter the Beaver Management Assistance Program, electing to participate in the program for the 2022-2023 year.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Planning Department Staff reenter the Beaver Management Assistance, electing to participate in the program for the 2022-2023 year.*



## The North Carolina Beaver Management Assistance Program

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## Origin & Purpose

- ▶ The North Carolina Beaver Management Assistance Program was established in 1992 to address the public health and safety issues arising from the wild beavers, as well as minimize the property damage caused by their behavior.

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## Sources of Funding



Protecting People | Protecting Agriculture | Protecting Wildlife

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## Cost to Residents



- ▶ Residents of participating jurisdictions have access to below-market price services administered by the USDA Wildlife Service. The cost-sharing collection fee for these residents is \$25 per visit and, if necessary, \$125 per dam removal.

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## Program Participation

- ▶ Counties can participate in the program with a \$6,000 yearly service fee. The County may choose to work with USDA Wildlife Services to provide additional services.

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## Return on Investment



- ▶ According to BMAP, during the 2020-2021 period, every dollar of spending on beaver management translated to \$6.42 of avoided property and infrastructure damage. These savings came in the form of protected natural resources such as timber and crops, as well as reduced maintenance costs on public infrastructure such as roads/bridges and public utilities.

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# Questions?

