



# Why Beavers Matter



## Beaver dams

- Filter sediment and pollutants & reduce silt load, improving overall water quality
- Restore streams and regulate flow, reducing erosion



## Beaver ponds

- Replenish aquifers, elevate/stabilize the water table, and drought-proof the landscape
- Mitigate large-scale flooding
- Store groundwater for agricultural use
- Slow/extinguish wildfires and provide refuges for other wildlife
- Increase biodiversity, providing habitat for many other species



## Beaver behavior

- Foraging promotes plant growth
- Channel-digging provides habitat for fish and amphibian eggs and larvae



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