

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR BEAVER CONTROL

Description

Culverts under siege by persistent beaver damming? Roads being flooded and town residents exasperated? This workshop will cover beaver behavior, best management practices, and Massachusetts regulations and permitting process. Learn about pond-leveler pipes and culvert protection strategies. Includes afternoon site visits for hands-on location-specific analysis. Dress for the elements!

Target Audience

This workshop series is geared for DPW/Highway Department personnel. Private sector participants with an interest in the subject matter are welcome.

Instructor

Michael W. Callahan

Michael Callahan is the founder of the Beaver Institute Inc. He received a B.A. from St. Michael's College and worked for 20 years as a Physician Assistant providing medical care to under-served populations. He began working with beavers in 1998 after founding the Pioneer Valley Wetland Volunteers with his wife Ruth. In 2000 he started his business Beaver Solutions LLC and has personally resolved over 1,500 beaver-human conflicts. His clients include over 70 municipal highway departments and MassDOT. He has gained an international reputation as a leader in innovative beaver management. He teaches beaver workshops, started the online Beaver Management Forum on Facebook, and created instructional materials through which he and the Beaver Institute teach others how to cost-effectively manage beavers.

Class Dates and Locations:

APRIL 17

Bellingham Police Station, 30 Blackstone St., Bellingham

May 14

Whately Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane, South Deerfield

May 24

Becket Town Hall, 557 Main St., Lower Level Community Room, Becket
Please park at the Park next door to Town Hall

May 29

Wenham Hamilton Public Library, 14 Union Street, South Hamilton

June 6

Natick Public Safety Training Center, 20 East Central Street, Natick,
Please park in the lot on South Avenue behind Police and Fire; Parking passes
will be emailed prior to the class.

June 12

Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility, 451 First St. Blvd. (Route 110), Lowell

Breakfast/Registration: 7:30AM – 8:00AM

This Course counts towards 1 Roads Scholar Credit/0.6 CEUs



Agenda

- 7:30 am Registration/Continental breakfast
- 8:00 am Class Begins, Introductions, Workshop Preview
- 8:15 am Beaver behavior, Population status Regulations and permits, Trapping
- 9:15 am BREAK
- 9:30 am Pond Leveler Pipes
- 9:40 am Culvert Protective Devices Diversion Dams, Culvert Fences Fence and Pipe Devices, Q & A
- 10:15 am BREAK
- 10:30 am Hands On Demonstration - Tools and Materials
- 11:30 am LUNCH BREAK
- 12:00 pm Discuss Site Inspections
- 12:15 pm Site Visits and Analysis
- 2:15 pm Workshop Review
- 2:30 pm Feedback



This event is accessible to people with disabilities and individuals with limited English proficiency. If you need a reasonable accommodation (such as American Sign Language Interpreters, assistive listening devices, handouts in alternate formats, etc.) and/or language assistance (such as translated documents or an interpreter) to fully participate, please contact Cindy Schaedig at 413-588-4549 or cschaedig@ecs.umass.edu at least 14 days prior to the event. Such services are provided free of charge

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