

MIDWEST BEAVER NEWS

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A roundup of recent regional, national, and international beaver news curated for you!

Save the Dates

Next Midwest Beaver Working Group:

Friday, March 29, 2024, from 2:30-3:30pm CT.

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 889 6478 6508

Passcode: 333436

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BeaverCON 2024:

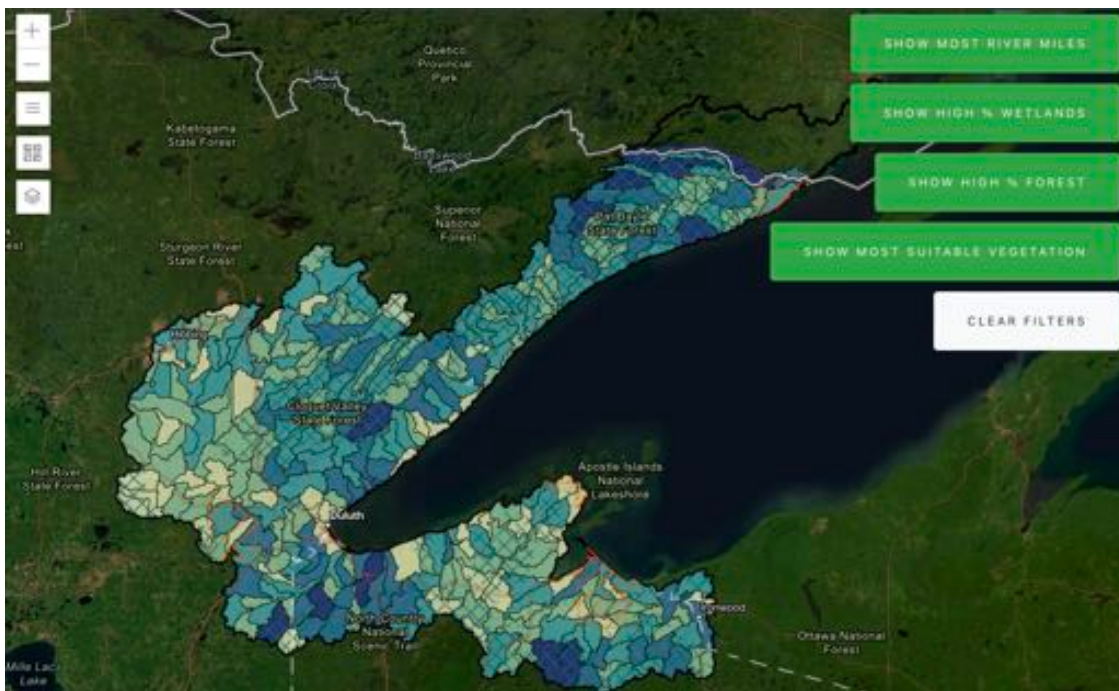
October 20-23, 2024, Boulder, Colorado.

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**New Tool Models Beaver Restoration Potential
in the Western Great LakesLake Superior
Watershed**

The Superior Bio-Conservancy and Galen Kanazawa have developed a new tool that assesses habitat suitability for beavers and carrying capacity on perennial streams and rivers within the Western Lake Superior Watershed, encompassing part of Northern Wisconsin and Northeastern Minnesota. The tool utilizes USGS stream data, NLCD land cover data, USDA SSURGO soil data, and USFS Landfire vegetation data to identify those catchment basins within the major watershed most likely to have the highest habitat suitability for beavers.

The Superior Bio-Conservancy is advocating for beaver restoration to increase flooding resiliency. Galen Kanazawa's project presents data about historical wetlands loss and the potential for additional water storage capacity in the landscape; and finds that in this region, much of the stream-adjacent land could be flooded without damage to infrastructure or crops.



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Seen and Heard Around the Midwest

- MI: On Wednesday, March 13, the Straits Area Audubon Society held a program, "Beavers: Bane or Boon?", in Cheboygan, Michigan.
- IA: Iowa Learning Farms held a workshop, "Wetland and Beaver Dam Water Quality," on March 26

- IL: The Illinois Beaver Alliance, Midwest Beaver Management, and the Land Conservancy of McHenry County gave a presentation on beavers at the Prairie State Conservation Coalition conference on March 6.
- MN: Click below to check out all of the biodiversity seen in one year on a beaver pond in Northern Minnesota

[View the biodiversity here](#)

Two New Beaver Institute Webinars Available

Beavers and Bison: Learn about beaver biomimicry, bison biomimicry, and the unique intersections of these ecological restorative efforts. Webinar features beaver restoration practitioner Allison Vitello and bison biomimicry documentary filmmaker Peter Byck.



Beaver and Bison
Webinar

Beavers and Agriculture: A look at the special and dynamic relationship between beavers and farmers, with guests Allison Bell and Leslie Harris of QuonQuont Farm in Massachusetts, John Griggs of Maggie Creek Ranch in Nevada, and Dallas May of May Ranch in Colorado.



Beavers and Agriculture Webinar

Beaver Education Resource Library

The National Beaver Working Group on Education recently created a “one stop shop” for those looking to engage audiences of all ages in beaver-related topics. The library includes:

- Youth education resources for classroom teachers, environmental educators, etc.
- Adult outreach resources for landowners, public works agencies, community beaver advocates, etc.
- Options to filter and search by grade level, geographic region, format, keywords, and more
- A template letter for sharing the resource with others
- A growing list of sites to view beavers near you, either in the wild or in accredited facilities

[Visit the library](#)

Across the Pond: Beaver Restoration Continues in Scotland

In early March, a family of beavers was released at a nature reserve as part of a reintroduction project in the Cairngorms National Park. The group of three Eurasian beavers includes one pair --a male and female--and one kit. They were released at the RSPB Scotland Insh Marshes nature reserve near Kingussie. The release was overseen by

the Beaver Trust, the Cairngorms National Park Authority, RSPB Scotland and Five Sisters Zoo.



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