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On Behalf Of:

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Environment

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: HB3932

Please vote in to encourage beaver colonization along selected aquifers as specified in HB 3932. Beavers enhance aquifers in terms of water storage and quality, preserve soil and prevent runoff, promote riparian health, support fish populations, and contribute significantly to carbon sequestration. You will no doubt have heard how a small population of introduced beavers built a dam in the Czech Republic, the construction of which by government contractors had been stalled because of permitting problems. This natural solution fully attained the objective and in the process saved taxpayers \$1.2 million.

Yes, beavers can be a hassle for farmers and rural landowners; however, many report that the benefits outweigh the disadvantages. In my reading on the subject, I find that there are a number of innovative methods to limit the damage done by beaver dams while allowing them to do their magic.