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Beavers are critical to sustaining so many ecosystems functions with associated benefits to water quality, flood control, and soil conservation. The landscapes we now inhabit were shaped in part by beavers for thousands of years. Their removal during the past century has led to many ecosystem and community impacts, including stream erosion, impaired water quality, increased flood hazards, loss of valley soils, and fish habitat loss. Protecting and conserving beaver habitat is the most effective and least expensive way to restore our rivers and build resilience ahead of future land-use impacts and climate change.