

Beaver culls in Ontario are more common in rural areas, particularly on agricultural land, where beaver dams can cause flooding and damage to crops and infrastructure. While beavers are also found in urban areas and can cause problems like flooding near roads and culverts, the scale of culling is typically smaller and more focused on addressing specific issues [according to Cottage Life](#).

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **Rural Areas:**

Beavers are often culled in rural areas due to the significant damage they can cause to farmland, roads, and other infrastructure. Their dams can flood fields, impacting agricultural productivity, and can also cause problems with drainage and road access.

- **Urban Areas:**

While beavers can be found in urban areas and sometimes pose a threat to infrastructure like roads and culverts, the scale of culling is typically smaller and more targeted. For example, in Ottawa, beavers have been known to build dams near bridges and road culverts, causing localized flooding according to Cottage Life. However, the overall number of beavers culled in cities is likely lower than in rural areas.

- **Legal Framework:**

The [Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997](#), allows for the destruction of beaver dams to protect private property and infrastructure [according to the NBMCA](#), but the process is regulated.