

Beavers are sometimes culled in Ontario primarily due to the damage they can cause to property, infrastructure, and habitat. Their dams and ponds can lead to flooding, which can damage agricultural land, wash out roads, and kill trees. Beavers can also damage property by felling trees and potentially impacting infrastructure like railways.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

- **Property Damage:**

Beavers can cause significant damage to private property by felling trees for food and building materials, and by flooding land with their dams.

- **Infrastructure Damage:**

Beaver dams can block culverts and waterways, leading to road washouts and potential damage to other infrastructure.

- **Ecological Concerns:**

While beavers are important for wetland creation and biodiversity, their activities can sometimes negatively impact specific areas, particularly when their dams cause excessive flooding or when they are in close proximity to human infrastructure.

- **Public Safety:**

Beaver activity near roads and railways can pose a safety risk, especially if a dam failure were to cause a washout.

- **Landowner Responsibility:**

Management of beaver issues on private land is generally the responsibility of the landowner.