A STORY OF URBAN BEAVERS
HOW ONE CITY FOUND OUT THAT THEIR BEAVERS WERE WORTH A DAM

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HOW TO LIVE WITH BEAVERS

CONTROLLING DAM HEIGHT
CASTOR MASTER: Double Walled Pipe & Round Fence Filter - Skip Lisle

FLEXIBLE LEVELER: Single walled pipe & domed filter – Mike Callahan

ABRASIVE PAINTING
Ingredients:
- Paint: Exterior Latex (choose a color to match the bark)
- Mason Sand: 30 mil - 70 mil

BEAVER DECEIVER: Trapezoidal Fencing in front of culvert – Skip Lisle

DOUBLE FILTER SYSTEM or PIPE & FENCE

(Additional content and images related to controlling dam height and Abrasive Painting are shown.)
HOW THE WEST WAS WATERED

...AND CAN BE AGAIN
WORTH A DAM
13th Annual
Beaver Festival
Saturday, June 25, 2022
Susana Park
Estudillo & Susana St
Martinez, CA
11am – 4pm
COVID Permits
Check website for
current information
www.MartinezBeavers.org
Leave It to Beavers

Beavers are one of the most misunderstood animals in our ecosystem. They are often portrayed as destructive, but in reality, they are essential to the health of our watersheds. By building dams and creating ponds, beavers help to regulate water flow, reduce flooding, and improve water quality. They are also important to the local economy, providing habitat for a wide variety of other species.

The beavers in the picture are part of a group of young conservationists who are helping to restore a nearby wetland. They have learned firsthand about the importance of these animals and are working to educate others about the role of beavers in our ecosystem.

The kids are shown with a beaver in the foreground, and they are holding a copy of Ranger Rick magazine, which is dedicated to the life cycle of beavers. The magazine features articles on how to identify beavers, where to find them, and why they are important to the environment.

The young conservationists are also working with local officials to create a beaver-friendly zone in their community, where beavers can thrive without causing damage to nearby properties.

In conclusion, beavers are a vital part of our ecosystem, and it is important that we work to protect and restore their habitat. By doing so, we can help to ensure a healthy future for both beavers and the communities they live in.
Our Story

The Beavers in Downtown Martinez are refusing to go away quietly. You may recall that back in October 2007 their dam was reported to pose a flooding hazard and the animals were slated for extermination. Although the mayor was able to offer relocation as an alternative, the large public response at the November 7th meeting pressured the Council to form a “beaver subcommittee” looking at the possibility of allowing the beavers to stay. This body consisted of Councilman Mark Ross and Councilwoman Lora Delany along with five interested residents: Creek expert Spor Skaredoff, County Flood Control District Engineer, Mitch Avalon, attorney and property owner Al Turnbaugh, and local beaver advocate Julian Fraser and Heidi Perryman.

One of the subcommittee’s first acts was to bring in expert Skip Leslie from a situation and install a flow device that could manage dam height and maintain early January a “Castor Master” was installed, which is basically flexible tube from upstream to downstream. It is designed to disguise the source of the leak.