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Beavers help to restore the health of waterways. Based on the DEQ's current data, the primary factors for a waterway to be deemed impaired are: high water temperature, sedimentation, dissolved oxygen level, bio-criteria (health of invertebrates and shellfish) toxins (along the coast).

Scientific research and literature has shown that beaver dam complexes and floodplains help to address four of these top five factors -they are nature's solution, and they tackle these issues for free!