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Beaver Caused Flooding?

You must obtain a NYS DEC permit to remove or disturb that dam.

NYS ECL 11-0505 states that no person is allowed at any time to disturb a beaver dam, house or den without written permission from the DEC. Permits can only be issued to the owner of the land where the dam is located.

Cooperate with your neighbors. Upstream property owner(s) are generally more concerned as they are exposed to flooding.

Two basic solutions:

Short-term: Remove the beaver(s) and/or the dam with the understanding that beavers will return and rebuild.

Longer-term: Where feasible, install a beaver baffle (Water Level Control Device). Site conditions dictate the effectiveness of a beaver baffle.

Learn more at www.dec.ny.gov/docs/

Be sure to acquire a permit.
Contact NYS DEC Region 3 Wildlife
Email wildlife.r3@dec.ny.gov or Call (845) 256-3098