



Volunteers and flood barriers

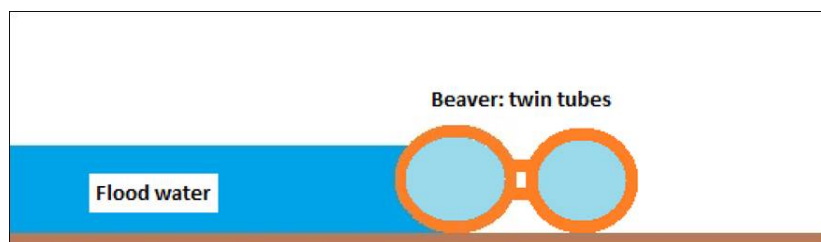


With the flood season ahead we wish to acknowledge the thousands of volunteers who will help out before, during and after the next floods. Above, a long row of volunteers help to sandbag Walschleben in Germany in June.

When floods threaten homes and infrastructure many people need help at the same moment, which is a massive challenge for emergency services, often which are volunteer organisations themselves.

Hence councils, companies and residents are looking for ways to safeguard their assets even when emergency services are not readily available.

Wallbach in Switzerland was prepared with a Beaver flood barrier. You can see the long thin orange line on the upper edge of the river in the following photo. The Beaver flood barrier was deployed quickly so volunteers could focus on other jobs while the Rhine did not flood the village.



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