

MEMO 25-3

TO: Frank Schulte, City Administrator
FROM: Owen Gafa, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: April 23, 2025
SUBJECT: Resolution for the Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Permit

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has notified us of important updates that impact our ongoing goose management practices. In order to continue receiving our annual Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Permit, we are required to revise the language in our current resolution to ensure it aligns with the DNR's updated regulatory requirements.

Additionally, the DNR has modified its approach to goose capture. Due to a lack of suitable release sites and the ineffectiveness of relocation as a long-term control measure, the DNR will no longer support the relocation of captured geese. Going forward, euthanasia will be the only approved method for handling geese that are captured as part of management efforts.

Please be advised that these changes will be reflected in our resolution language to maintain compliance and permit eligibility.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.



Frank Schulte, City Administrator

4-23-25

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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M. SCOTT BOWEN
DIRECTOR

April 14, 2025

Dear Resident Canada Goose Management Program Participant,

This letter is to inform you of important changes to our Resident Canada Goose Management Program. In recent years, the Department has suspended Canada goose round up and relocation due to the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in Michigan. In addition to continued concerns about disease transmission, there are other issues with the effectiveness and sustainability of the round up and relocation of Canada geese. Relocation of geese only provides a short-term resolution of the conflict because geese typically return to the capture site once they can fly, and there is a lack of suitable release sites because relocating geese risks moving the conflict from one location to another. In lieu of a round up and relocation program, 2025 will be the pilot year for a Capture and Euthanasia program. Any birds that are captured under a permit will be euthanized and disposed of or, in future years, processed and donated to charitable organizations. Permitted sites must meet the following criteria:

- Have received a permit and participated in Canada goose nest and egg destruction in the current year, **AND**
- Have a minimum of 100 birds at their site at the time of permit application, **OR**
- Have an approved human health and safety situation.

We are informing you of these changes because you may have a current petition or resolution on file that includes the following language ***"We understand that these geese may be killed and/or processed for use as charitable food donations."*** When your existing petition/resolution expires, we will require a new petition/resolution (included as attachments) stating that all geese captured under permits **will be killed**. Until then, if you want to object or withdraw your existing petition or resolution, please do so within 30 days of receiving this notice. Otherwise, we will continue to distribute permits as requested under your existing petition or resolution for sites that meet eligibility requirements for Capture and Euthanasia. Please share this notice with all residents or riparian owners, whichever is appropriate for your petition or resolution.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our Permit Specialist at 517-284-6210 DNR-PermitSpecialist@michigan.gov.

Thank you,
Permit Specialist
Wildlife Division
Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources
DNR-PermitSpecialist@michigan.gov



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, CANADA GOOSE NEST/EGG DESTRUCTION PROGRAM AND/OR CANADA GOOSE CAPTURE AND EUTHANIZE PROGRAM

At a rescheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods on April 28, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Robert E. Novitke Municipal Complex at 20025 Mack Plaza Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall
ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____:

WHEREAS, the City Council of Grosse Pointe Woods has received complaints of overpopulation of Canada geese inhabiting the grounds of Lake Front Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the DNR Canada Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Program and/or Capture/Euthanize program are effective program(s) for the control of site-specific problems for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the residents clearly understand that any birds captured will be killed; and

WHEREAS, the residents, lake associations, businesses, subdivisions, condo associations etc., must apply for a DNR Permit for these program(s), on an annual basis, and must ensure that all lakefront residents, tenants, employees of this site, have been informed that this program is taking place at their lake/site, and understand if their site is located within more than one government unit, they are responsible to receive resolutions from each township/city/village, and are responsible for adhering to the requirements under their permit;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Council of Grosse Pointe Woods hereby formally requests the assistance of the Michigan DNR on behalf of the requests made in Grosse Pointe Woods by Lake Front Park (or *Any/all subdivision, condo associations, apartments, businesses, lake associations, etc.*) as long as they abide by the DNR permit requirements, in the implementation of the Canada Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Program and/or Capture/Kill Program, for a 5-year period from 2025 through 2029 and additionally, to advise the Department that there shall be no cost to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods for these programs.

DATE _____

