



## **CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL**

### **FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a resolution requested by Island Lake of Novi Community Association's to participate in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Goose Nest Destruction Program.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** City Manager

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Canadian geese are federally protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Disturbing nests with goose eggs present can be done only under special permit, which can be applied for only when other techniques have been unsuccessful.
- The Island Lake of Novi Community Association is submitting a permit application for the Canadian Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Program to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).
- Their application is required to be accompanied by a resolution from the local government, in this case, City of Novi, for the permit to be issued by the MDNR.
- City Council previously approved resolutions supporting LAHA in their goose management efforts in 2020.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Island Lake of Novi Community Association, which represents homeowners living around Walled Lake and Shawood Lake, has applied to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for a permit to participate in the Canada Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Program. In the attached letter, they request a resolution of support from the City of Novi, which MDNR requires to accompany their application. The City Council approved a similar request by Island Lake on March 23, 2020.

The enclosed information circular from the MDNR provides additional information about the program. According to the MDNR, nest destruction is an effective means to encourage migration of adult geese breeding to the north.

If approved, the goose nest destruction would occur for the next five years. The Island Lake of Novi Community Association would fund, administer, and coordinate the effort with Goose Busters, a State of Michigan DNR licensed contractor, and

would require no funding or additional effort from the City beyond consideration of this resolution. Island Lake of Novi Community Association is also required to notify any lakefront landowners or sites with multiple property owners of ongoing activities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of a resolution supporting the Island Lake of Novi Community Association's request to participate in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Goose Nest Destruction Program for Island Lake.