

Dear Resident:

The City of Sheboygan Department of Public Works is asking for your support in controlling and reducing the wild turkey population in your neighborhood. The City has received concerns from several residents in your neighborhood about the large number of wild turkeys and have witnessed them becoming aggressive and destructive to landscaping and property.

The City has contacted the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and United States Department of Agriculture Fish and Wildlife Services to help with this concern. The City met on-site with a representative and witnessed the wild turkeys in backyards of neighborhood residences. The turkeys were used to the area and people, and not overly concerned with our presence. According to the Fish and Wildlife representative, they have become very comfortable with the area.

Other observations were: the neighborhood has good habitat nearby for the turkeys to shelter and populate without many predators. Many homes have bird feeders which can be good source of food. Prior to any physical options to remove or reduce the number of turkeys, non-invasive methods must be attempted, so we are asking for the entire neighborhood to cooperate and work together to help with managing the turkeys.

The first thing we need is the neighborhood to remove all potential sources of food. This means removing all bird feeders and not storing feed outside. In addition, please pickup any fruit or nuts from trees in your yard. It also means no feeding or placing food for the turkeys to eat. Once this food source is removed, the turkeys should begin to slowly move onto other areas, away from the neighborhood.

Second, start to discourage the turkeys or not make them comfortable. This can be done by erecting fencing or hazards to further discourage the turkeys from entering your yard. Consider placing decoys that discourage turkeys. Attached to this letter is additional detailed information on managing wild turkeys. These activities have been successful in other areas similar to your neighborhood. We need everyone to help and cooperate.

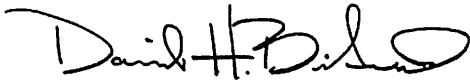
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According to State and Federal representatives we are working with, all non-invasive means must be used and tried prior to any consideration of other physical methods, like capture and removal of the turkeys. Even with that said, the location – neighborhood residences in close proximity to one another will make this option highly unlikely, especially with the large number of turkeys in the area. As a result, we are again, asking for the neighborhood's cooperation and commitment to discouraging the turkeys in order to encourage them to move away from this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Biebel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "D" and "B".

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