

Avon Lakes Village
Homeowners Association

January 29, 2025

To: Rochester Hills City Council,

The Avon Lakes Village Homeowners Association is requesting that the Rochester Hills City Council pass a five-year resolution allowing our HOA to apply to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for two permits.

1. Goose nest egg destruction permit
2. Goose Capture, Transport, Hold and Euthanize permit

We have a large goose population (over 100) on our approximately 30 acre lake. This makes it very difficult to keep the waters of Avon Lake and the two adjacent parks safe and clean. Several of our board members have been DNR trained in the proper methods for the goose nest egg destruction. We have received a permit for the goose nest egg destruction every year including in 2024. We are requesting this new resolution in order to include the goose capture, transport, hold and euthanize permit.

We have been attempting to gather the required signatures from 70% of our lakefront homeowners. However, since the pandemic, we are having difficulty reaching the homeowners face to face.

From a health standpoint, Avon Lakes Village has a large number of senior citizens and children to which the goose droppings can be dangerous. We have had several elevated e-coli readings over the past few years as well as a beach closing at Mackwood Park in 2023. H5 bird flu has become a major concern and limiting the number of geese on our lake can only help with this potential health risk. Finally, there have been many complaints to our HOA and the City from homeowners over the past few years about the goose population in and around Avon Lake.

The Avon Lakes Village HOA would like to thank the Rochester Hills City Council for consideration of this five-year resolution (2025-2029).

Sincerely,

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