

INFORMATION SHEET  
2009 CANADA GOOSE NEST DESTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR S.E. MICHIGAN

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2009**

There is an increasing need for different techniques to resolve urban geese conflicts. Nest destruction is one possible tool to control site-specific nuisance goose problems. The MDNR has set the following guidelines for those interested in receiving a permit that allows the removal and destruction of real goose eggs to assist in goose population control.

All applications and records to be mailed attention to:   **Holly Recreation Area – ATTN WILDLIFE**  
**8100 GRANGE HALL RD**  
**HOLLY, MI 48442**

Permits will be issued only for those lakes/bodies of water/sites that meet the following criteria:

**ELIGIBLE AREAS:**

- The lake/body of water, site must be located within all of **Oakland County, or Macomb County (lands south of 32 Mile Rd), or Wayne County (excluding Sumpter, Huron, and portions of Brownstown Township lying south of Gibraltar Rd)**. It is applicant's responsibility to confirm they are within the eligible area, before submitting application.

**ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS:**

Permits may be issued only to those that meet one or more of the following definitions:

- **Resolution:** Applicant has a resolution approved by the local governmental agency (township, city etc) which represents the property owners on the subject lake/body of water/site, approving nest destruction for their site. Copy of resolution must be sent with application. Contact your local township/city clerk's office to request a resolution for your site. Resolution's are usually valid for one year, but can be valid for up to 5 years, if specified
- **Petition:** Public approval consisting of a signed petition representing 70% of the lakeshore property owners. The petition submitted will be valid for a 5-year period, though the **applicant must apply annually for the program**. Petition forms are available from DNR. Copy of signed petition, must be on file with DNR.
- **Business:** An institution, corporation, or other entity which owns/controls all lands surrounding/containing the subject lake/pond/site. This can include apartments/condo, businesses, golf courses, parks, and recreation areas.
- **Sole Owner:** Applicant is an individual with sole ownership of all lands surrounding the subject lake/pond/site.
- **Single Property:** An individual who does not have sole ownership or control of the subject lake/body of water/site, but wishes to destroy nests located only on their own property.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

As part of the requirements for receiving a permit, the permittee must agree to the following:

- The permittee must agree to initiate and try to control geese using alternative measures which may include hunting, no-feeding bans, habitat modification, fencing, barriers, repellents, scare techniques such as, scarecrows, flags, reflective tape, and harassment.
- Permittee must submit application, requesting a permit, and has verified they are within eligible nest destruction area.
- Permittee will be responsible to assure that **all persons involved with the actual nest destruction** (i.e., harassing birds from nest sites, removing eggs) **have completed training as designated by the MDNR; OR be DIRECTLY** supervised by an individual who has completed this training. MDNR maintains a list of all individuals who have completed this training. **IF** the permittee is hiring a private nuisance control company to carry out the nest destruction, then the permittee does not need to attend training, but must assure that the company contracted has attended the mandatory training.
- Permittee is responsible for providing any and all personnel to handle the goose eggs, or pay an approved (state and Federal permitted) private, nuisance animal control company to carry out the work.
- Permittee will be responsible for providing complete and accurate recordkeeping of the nest destruction operations and file a report providing details as required by the DNR.
- Permittee will be responsible to assure that all eggs, eggshell fragments and/or contents that are removed from nests be destroyed as specified in the permit.

2009 CANADA GOOSE  
ROUNDUP (CAPTURE) AND HOLD INFORMATION SHEET

Michigan Department of Natural Resources has assisted people in helping to resolve Canada Goose conflicts for years by allowing for goose relocations as a part of its overall goose management program. In an effort to have people better understand geese and the nature of the conflicts, and to encourage people to better live with geese where they are not causing problems, the MDNR has established the following guidelines for goose removal.

**All circulated petitions or government requests must clearly state that it is understood that the geese captured may ultimately be humanely killed as a means of disposal.**

A Permit is required to participate in any goose roundup and holding activities.

### ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Permits for goose round-up may be issued only to those that meet one or more of the following definitions:

- **Resolution:** Applicant has a resolution approved by the local governmental agency (township, city etc), which represents the property owners on the subject lake/body of water/site, approving nest destruction for their site. Copy of resolution must be sent with application. Resolution must clearly state the animals may be killed. Contact your local township/city clerk's office to request a resolution for you site. Resolution's are usually valid for one year, but can be valid for up to 5 years, if specified .
- **Petition:** Public approval consisting of a signed petition representing 70% of the lakeshore property owners, which clearly states that those signing understand the geese may be killed. Petition forms available from DNR. The petition will be valid for a 5 yr period, though the applicant must apply annually for the program. Copy of signed petition must be on file with DNR
- **Business:** An institution, corporation, or other entity which owns/controls all lands surrounding or containing the subject lake/body of water/site. This can include golf courses, apartments/condos, parks, and recreation areas.
- **Sole Owner:** Applicant is an individual with sole ownership and control of the subject lake/body of water/site, with no public access.

### REQUIREMENTS

As part of the requirements for receiving a permit to round-up (capture) and hold Canada Geese, the Permittee must agree to the following:

- The Permittee must agree to initiate and try to control geese using alternative measures which may include hunting, no-feeding bans, habitat modification, fencing, barriers, repellents, or scare techniques such as scarecrows, flags, reflective tape, and harassment.
- All applications for Goose Round-up must be received by June 1, 2009.
- Geese will only be captured during the summer flightless period (approx. June 15-June 30).
- Permittee (or the contractor) agrees to record banded/collared geese captured during round-up and **re-release** these banded geese back onto the site, up to a minimum of 10% of the **total birds captured**. (i.e. if you capture 30 birds of which 5 are banded, you must record the band numbers and release at least 3 of the banded birds back on site, the other 2 can be brought to the DNR pens).
- Geese will be moved according to schedules (dates) approved by the DNR, from sites approved by the DNR.
- In all cases, the Permittees must provide all manpower to capture the geese, under procedures prescribed by the DNR, or the Permittee may contract the services of a federal and state licensed private animal control company. The Permittee must bear all costs of the capture and any subsequent removal operations. The DNR can provide a list of companies authorized for the work in Michigan
- All Permittees who have contracted with a private licensed animal control company must provide the DNR with the name of the company by June 1, 2009.