

## Monitoring

- Encourage residents to report goose-related problems.
- Record annual counts at problem areas.

## Water Fowl Feeding

- Implement ordinance restricting waterfowl feeding.

## Education

- Inform residents of program objectives, background, management methodologies, applicable ordinances and policies through the City newsletter, website and cable programming.
- Hold an annual workshop to inform residents on techniques they can use to reduce goose damage.

## Aggressive Goose Removal

- Protect residents from aggressive and potentially dangerous geese by removing them or their nest as quickly as possible, particularly if children or the elderly are threatened.

## Traffic Hazard

- Contract to remove geese if they are deemed a hazard on roadways.

## Aircraft Hazard

- Cooperate with Metropolitan Airport Commission by permitting goose banding and if necessary, remove geese.

## Public Property/Parks

- Reduce goose droppings and high water fecal bacterial counts near beaches by reducing **summer population to fewer than 15 birds** through removal.
- Where possible, use a dog to keep geese away during the day.
- Reduce goose droppings on walks and paths and damage to adjacent lawns by reducing the summer population through removal.

- For Alimagnet Lake, Crystal Lake, Kraemer Nature Preserve and Sunset Pond, contract to reduce **summer population to fewer than 30 birds** and replace native vegetation within 20 feet of the shoreline, where possible.
- For all other public areas, contract to reduce **summer population to fewer than 15 birds** and replace native vegetation within 20 feet of shoreline or install a fence around walkways to limit goose access.

## Elder Care or Child Care Facilities

- Upon request by property owners, reduce goose droppings and the likelihood of injury due to falls from slipping on droppings, fleeing aggressive geese or health problems from contact with fecal matter. This will be done by reducing the **summer population to fewer than 10 birds** through removal.
- City will pay 100 percent of removal costs if owners convert grass within 20 feet of shoreline to native vegetation and consider fencing walkways to limit goose access. If a buffer is not established, the City will only pay 50 percent of goose removal costs.
- Removal costs will be at the owner's expense if the **summer population is fewer than 10 geese**. All property owners abutting the wetland, pond or natural area from which the geese are emanating must agree to removals aimed at eliminating the goose population in that area.

## Private Property

- Reduce goose droppings on walks, paths and private beaches and damage to flower gardens and lawns by reducing the **summer population to fewer than 15 birds** through removal.
- City will pay 100 percent of removal costs if owners convert grass within 20 feet of shoreline to native vegetation and consider installing fencing where vegetation will not grow. If a buffer is not established, the City will only pay 50 percent of goose removal costs.
- Removal costs will be at the owner's expense if the **summer population is fewer than 15 birds**. All property owners abutting the wetland, pond or natural area from which the geese are emanating must agree to removals aimed at eliminating the goose population in that area.
- Encourage the use of Flight Control™ or a dog to deter geese from the site.

For more information about Burnsville's Canada Goose Management Program, contact **Caleb Ashling** at **952-895-4543**, or visit the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website section – **"Homeowner's Guide to Goose Problems"** at:

[http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/assistance/backyard/privatelandsprogram/geese\\_control\\_homeowners.pdf](http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/assistance/backyard/privatelandsprogram/geese_control_homeowners.pdf)