

Help STOP North Hempstead's Plan to KILL 600 Canada Geese

Attend the Town Board meeting Tuesday May 14th at 7:30 PM
at Town Hall on Plandome Road in Manhasset

Contact environmental organizer

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See GoosewatchNYC.com and Planet-in-Peril.org for information



“North Hempstead OKs plan to have geese killed” (Newsday, 5/13/13)

The federal **U.S.D.A.** has just been contracted to gas and kill up to 600 Canada Geese living in North Hempstead. *This agency is notorious for killing wild animals.*

A citizen-lawsuit is planned that you can help with. Call Richard Brummel at (516) 669-1741.
Recently, resident opposition in several Westchester communities scuttled similar plans once officials saw the indefensible nature of their planned Geese killings.

CANADA GEESE are beautiful, emotionally intelligent birds who mate for life, fiercely protect their eggs and young, are graceful and stolid animals, and display loyalty for other members of their flock. Yet they are ruthlessly targeted in and around New York City.

The USDA picks June to kill Canada Geese because the geese are at their most vulnerable and cannot fly, and they have babies (goslings) who are completely defenseless. It is cruel, it is inhumane and it is unwarranted.

Since the landing of US Airways flight 1549 in the Hudson in January of 2009, about 4000 Canada Geese were slaughtered in the NYC area. The USDA killings are conducted in secret and without any community notification or public approval.

Killing Canada goose populations is not a scientifically sound or ethically defensible solution to dangers posed to airplanes and is opposed by many experts. Killing the geese because they produce feces is an equally if not more indefensible reason, as there is technology for cleanups and the feces have been shown to be generally non-hazardous, and in no way a serious public health danger.

Epidemiologist David E. Stallknecht, co-author of a Centers for Disease Control (Atlanta) study on the birds' droppings: “While geese feces, like any animal’s feces, contain potentially harmful bacteria, the study found no pathogens ... that would be cause for human concern. Goose feces are no more dangerous than other feces, and probably a lot less so than human feces.” See <http://www.goosewatchnyc.com/health-concerns/> for more information.