

# Canada Goose Egg Round-Up Program Notice

**To all Lower Straits Lakefront Property Owners:** The Lower Straits Lake Preservation Committee (LSLPC) has again received a permit from the *Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Wildlife Division and the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Wildlife Division* to participate in the 2025 Canada Goose Egg Round Up program.

**Canada goose egg removal and nest destruction program begins April 13 and continue to May 8, 2025.**

The overpopulation of geese in southeast Michigan negatively impacts our aquatic and terrestrial environments and human safety. Canada geese are highly susceptible amongst wild birds experiencing outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), also known as bird flu. While the risk of human infection from wild birds is generally low, we and our pets should avoid contact with wild birds and their droppings.

This program is regulated by Federal and State laws and endorsed by Michigan Humane Societies, as the preferred humane effort to control over population of geese. To conduct the program, one must possess a valid permit from the DNR. Our lake has ascertained a petition approved in 2023 and expires in 2027 granting us an annual permit. The program has been conducted by several MDNR Wildlife Division certified lake resident volunteers for the last 18 years.

## **Conditions of the permit include:**

- \* Notice to all Lakefront owners regarding our participation and dates of activities
- \* Mandatory MDNR trained individuals to participate
- \* Submission of a petition with 70% of lakefront homeowners in favor of the program (Obtained in 2023)
- \* Removal of pipped (hatching) eggs is not permitted
- \* Submit data on the number of nests and eggs collected to the DNR.
- \* The LSLPC does NOT participate in the Goose Round Up euthanasia program.
- \* Volunteers may NOT enter onto private property to remove eggs without the express consent of the property owner.
- \*\* Swan nests and eggs are NOT included in this permit or effected by this program\*\***

**The MDNR provides further information - follow link than scroll down to "Canada Geese":**

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/wildlife/nuisance-wildlife>

**This Volunteer Training Video contains background on the geese population:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijUyj8bOlBk&feature=youtu>

For questions, comments, reporting of nests on private property, or if you would like to become a volunteer, contact Bill Stockdale, LSLPC Goose Egg Program Chairperson, at [stockdalewmg@gmail.com](mailto:stockdalewmg@gmail.com)

Regards,

Lower Straits Lake Preservation Committee (LSLPC)

