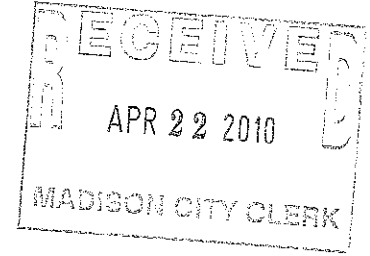




ALLIANCE FOR ANIMALS

PROMOTING COMPASSION AND RESPECT FOR ALL BEINGS



Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk
City-County Building, Room 103
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Madison WI 53703

April 21, 2010

Dear City Clerk Witzel-Behl,

We are writing in opposition to the recent City Parks Commission's decision to round up and kill the geese at Warner Park. Consider this a request to appeal the Commission's decision.

We are concerned that the decision to kill the geese was made by the Dane County Regional Airport and the City Parks Commission without public input, without examining alternatives, and in a hasty way as to avoid both input and examination.

Warner Park is an attractive and accessible location for Canadian geese. Until that habitat is modified, geese will continue to flock there, resulting in an annual "goose kill." Please explore alternatives and protect the geese.

Alliance for Animals members in Madison are making it known that they do not approve of the decision and wish the City to explore alternatives.

Attached please find a petition and list of signatories opposed to the killing

Sincerely,

Lynn Pauly and Rick Bogle
Co-Directors





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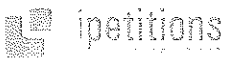
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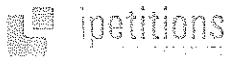
I do not support the Madison Parks Commission decision to round up and kill the geese at Warner Park in Madison, Wisconsin in the spring/summer of 2010. I request that alternatives be studied and discussed, and that the public be heard.



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Signatures

- 1 Name: Lynn Pauly on Apr 20, 2010
Comments:
- 2 Name: Carlyn Pruess on Apr 20, 2010
Comments: I am totally against the senseless slaughter of these innocent birds and am certain that there have to be viable alternatives, such as relocation.
Thank you.
- 3 Name: Patty Roth on Apr 20, 2010
Comments: Killing the geese will not solve the problem. More geese will simply come, and then they too will need to be dealt with. This can't be a new problem. Please research how other communities have humanely dealt with this issue.
- 4 Name: Brenda Zander on Apr 20, 2010
Comments: I can't believe that instead of finding a solution to the problem, the logical choice is to kill these beautiful animals. This is sick and wrong.
- 5 Name: Cheryl Balazs on Apr 20, 2010
Comments: There must be a better solution, I simply cannot support the current plan of action.
- 6 Name: Jodi Mergener on Apr 20, 2010
Comments:
- 7 Name: Joy O'Brien on Apr 20, 2010
Comments:
- 8 Name: Ted O'Donnell on Apr 20, 2010
Comments: non-lethal alternatives need to be explored. killing the geese is a lame response and will not sit well with a huge chunk of Madison aren't we more creative than that?
- 9 Name: Rachel Kohtala on Apr 20, 2010
Comments: There's got to be a better way. Killing is not very progressive and may affect our city's good standing in negative ways.
- 10 Name: Janelle Willis on Apr 20, 2010
Comments:
- 11 Name: Joe Anderson on Apr 20, 2010
Comments: An alternative no-kill option should be used.
- 12 Name: Marina Drake on Apr 20, 2010
Comments: Trapping, shooting, or removing individual birds is a shortsighted "solution" to any perceived problem. As long as the areas of concern remain attractive and accessible, more birds will move in to fill the newly vacant niche, resulting in a perpetual, vicious roundup-and-kill cycle. The only way to effectively and permanently keep waterfowl away from areas where they are not wanted is to make the habitat unattractive or inaccessible to them by implementing integrated Canada goose management programs using strategies developed by organizations such as the nonprofit Geesepeace, that include public-education programs, habitat-modification strategies, repellents, fencing, frightening devices, and reproductive controls such as egg addling. Given the numerous humane, nonlethal techniques available and the willingness of groups like Geesepeace and others to help cities develop effective goose-control programs free of charge, there's no reason to carry out cruel roundups every year.
- 13 Name: Tina Hunter on Apr 20, 2010
Comments:
- 14 Name: Steve Drake on Apr 20, 2010
Comments: I find it completely unacceptable that my taxes are going to be used to kill birds which are here because we have set up the perfect habitat for them. This is a short-sighted solution. Please reconsider.
- 15 Name: Rick Bogle on Apr 20, 2010



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Comments: Lynn Pauly and AFA rock!

16. Name: Melissa Tedrowe on Apr 20, 2010

Comments:

17. Name: Mary Jo Walters on Apr 20, 2010

Comments:

18. Name: Anonymous on Apr 20, 2010

Comments:

19. Name: Holly Burns on Apr 21, 2010

Comments: Find an alternative! Slaughtering the geese is not okay.

20. Name: Heather Simmons on Apr 21, 2010

Comments: I read the article in the Cap Times and was appalled that such measures would be taken to reduce the goose population near Warner Park! There are alternatives to slaughtering the geese- they may take work but it is better than killing innocent creatures. From what I know about them, it is clear that the park indeed creates the perfect habitat for geese and changing that is an easy remedy. I urge you to look into other options and take the time to figure out a reasonable solution.

21. Name: Emily Steinwehe on Apr 21, 2010

Comments: Please consider changing the habitat and/or using trained dogs to harass the geese. Thank you.

22. Name: Amy Burns on Apr 21, 2010

Comments:

23. Name: Anonymous on Apr 21, 2010

Comments:

24. Name: Cheri Haines on Apr 21, 2010

Comments:

25. Name: Beth Lumina on Apr 21, 2010

Comments:

26. Name: Meagan Porter on Apr 21, 2010

Comments:

27. Name: John Wedgewood on Apr 21, 2010

Comments:

28. Name: Hannah Heiskanen on Apr 21, 2010

Comments: Cmon, don't kill them, just capture them and set them free elsewhere!

29. Name: Laura on Apr 21, 2010

Comments:

30. Name: Shelley Jordan on Apr 21, 2010

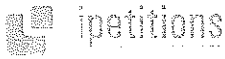
Comments: Horrible and cruel idea! Ashamed and outraged to be a Madisonian. Who's idea was this? They will not be getting my vote, that's for sure.

31. Name: Gary Montle on Apr 21, 2010

Comments: Round them up and transport them somewhere else.

32. Name: Amy Cross on Apr 21, 2010

Comments: This is just the wrong way to deal with an inconvenience.



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33. Name: Kelly Camren on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
34. Name: Betsy Tuttle on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
35. Name: Alex Wollangk on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: An attempt to reduce the goose population by capturing and killing geese is extremely poorly thought out. Unless you can stop the surrounding population from just replacing the animals you kill you're digging a hole in the sand. It sounds like someone just wants revenge for stepping in goose poop when walking at Warner Park.
36. Name: Meagan Weber on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
37. Name: Melanie Wearing on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
38. Name: Linda Malinowski on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
39. Name: Rosanna Fischer on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: This is a vial act against nature! Are we not evolved enough yet to coexist with other species. -Come up with an alternative plan, please!!
40. Name: David Marshall on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: I absolutely do not support this decision and am quite against it. I think it is ill conceived, poorly researched and hastily decided without having any public input. In fact, I'm outraged at this plan.
41. Name: Ágnes Rédei on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
42. Name: Burlie Williams on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
43. Name: Jean Cudnohfsky on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
44. Name: Kate McCool on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: Why is killing always the first option? What if they were planning to kill packs of stray dogs because people found them annoying and inconvenient? This "kill first" approach has got to end.
45. Name: Lily S on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: Please do not do this! :(
46. Name: Di Phoenix on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
47. Name: Janet Grant-Gustafson on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: Killing is not the solution. You must look for other alternatives.
48. Name: Diane on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: Use alternatives please. And why wasn't this issue brought up to the public to decide?
49. Name: Maragret on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: Round them up and kill them?! There are alternatives! Be humane and find another solution. I'm not well versed on the situation, however killing them is not the solution. Why not relocate them? Did anyone think of that?

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50. Name: Rick Tvedt on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
51. Name: Jess Haven on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
52. Name: Carmen Alcalde on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
53. Name: Denise Curtin on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
54. Name: Nathan Phoenix on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: Moderator of the No Madison Goose Kill Facebook group
55. Name: Nicholas Davis on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: When I see the city of Madison engaging in senseless and cruel actions such as this, it makes me want to vote my Alderperson out of office. The city has real threats to attend to such as violent crime. Leave the geese alone. It would be very sad to kill them
56. Name: Karen Swanson on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: Other cities use more humane and effective ways to remove geese from their parks. I think they should be looked into and use at Warner Park also
57. Name: Kathleen Neitzel on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
58. Name: Adrianna Zielinski on Apr 21, 2010
Comments: Please do not kill the geese.
59. Name: Anonymous on Apr 21, 2010
Comments:
60. Name: Desiree Carlson on Apr 22, 2010
Comments:
61. Name: Katherine Kraemer on Apr 22, 2010
Comments: There must be some other solution to killing all those geese!
62. Name: Timothy Bauer on Apr 22, 2010
Comments: Let us collectively, involving the public, determine a more sensible and humane solution.
63. Name: Chelsea Woodward on Apr 22, 2010
Comments:
64. Name: Pat Calchina on Apr 22, 2010
Comments: I love the geese, lets just put up with their poop ...can't we try to share this planet. Please don't kill them
65. Name: Deborah Reynolds on Apr 22, 2010
Comments:
66. Name: Anonymous on Apr 22, 2010
Comments:
67. Name: Anneliese Emerson on Apr 22, 2010
Comments: I am opposed to this senseless decision that was made without public discussion. There are alternatives to killing.



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68. Name: Paula Romeo on Apr 22, 2010

Comments:

69. Name: Jacqueline Kelley on Apr 22, 2010

Comments:

Good grief, find another solution -- and is one really needed?

70. Name: Karmjit Singh on Apr 22, 2010

Comments: I believed it is against the "City of Madison's environmental practice", unless the City of Madison verbally abuses the "Environmental" buzz word.

71. Name: David Ortiz on Apr 22, 2010

Comments:

72. Name: David Ortiz on Apr 22, 2010

Comments:

73. Name: Sue Gilbertson on Apr 22, 2010

Comments: The Madison Park commission is totally out of control!The first ridiculous decision was to remove the perennial garden and now to KILL the Geese. Will the pair of Eagles in Cherokee Marsh be next or all our wonderful Sand Hill Cranes?

74. Name: Carlie Forsythe on Apr 22, 2010

Comments:

75. Name: Scott Storm on Apr 22, 2010

Comments: the decision to kill geese is appalling to me. There has to be humane methods of dealing with what apparently has been decided is a significant problem (to the welfare of humans?) is this viewed as a potential airplane crash problem? Whatever the reason, killing is not the answer under any circumstance. What a great society we live in (not) - if wild animals get in our way, just kill them - and we want to think of our community/our country as being compassionate, with high morals? I think not.

76. Name: Deb Congdon on Apr 22, 2010

Comments:

77. Name: Marilyn on Apr 22, 2010

Comments: Save the geese

78. Name: Alexis Straznický on Apr 22, 2010

Comments: Please use compassionate and humane methods to control the geese.

79. Name: Anonymous on Apr 22, 2010

Comments: