



Adams Run Homeowners Association Geese Management Program

The goal of our geese management program is to implement a plan that is sound, practical, humane and transparent to the community. It is our hope that the plan will help manage the goose population to acceptable levels in order to maintain the quality of life and health along the lake.

With no action the population of the geese will continue to increase and create environmental health hazards along with human conflicts. Geese fecal matter can risk the health of our lake long term. Furthermore, they damage property to landscapes and walkways especially waterfront property creating conflicts with people. As a result, they reduce the enjoyment of our common areas and yards.

No single plan technique is universally effective. Therefore, a persistent combination of methods usually yields the best results. The Adams Run Geese Management Plan was reviewed and all techniques are approved by the US Wildlife Services. The geese management program incorporates several techniques as outlined below:

Public Education

- Informing residents of the risk geese impose
- Discontinue feeding
- Posting no feeding signs along the common areas

Habitat Modification

- Making the area less attractive to the geese by reducing their sense of security and availability of nesting sites
- Growing taller shrubs, hedges or grass along the lake shoreline
- Leave areas along the shoreline unfertilized making the grass less nutritious
- Applying repellants to freshly cut lawns can make the grass unpalatable to the geese, thereby discouraging them from eating and landing on the treated areas

Hazing and Harassment

- Install low wires/strings
- Use noisemakers, lasers and lights

Egg Addling

- This requires a federal permit
- Adam's Run HOA supports applying for the permit on an annual basis for the lake and common areas that are owned by Adam's Run HOA

Geese Removal or Relocation

- Federal permit is required for this activity
- Must be conducted during the molting period (June-July)
- Adams Run HOA supports this technique if the above measures become ineffective in managing the geese population
- This technique is the last resort and may be necessary if the above measures are ineffective in managing the geese population
- Over time geese from surrounding areas may move in if the preventative measures outlined above are not in place