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The Animal Protection League of New Jersey wildlife conflict team focuses on practical and humane solutions with an emphasis on proven long-term, vegetative barrier solutions. Lethal removal is inhumane and costly; absent landscaping changes, other geese will fill the void.

Our public education and outreach programs include the dissemination of habitat modification guides, development of infographic maps, authoring Op-Eds in major press, and working with municipal officials and corporate executives.

As demonstrated by projects in Philadelphia, Canada, and elsewhere, restoration not only mitigates non-point source pollution; it beautifies shorelines while gently persuading Canada geese to move on. The changes enhance aesthetics and public appreciation of the lake, river, or pond. A caveat: such projects should at least initially be overseen by professional landscape designers, or even Rutgers staff, with proven experience in riparian buffers.

Similar projects in Philadelphia, New Jersey, and other local watersheds have documented improved water quality and have deterred geese by restoring the riparian buffers. The Philadelphia Water Department has developed a successful model, "Green City Clean Water," adapted by other regions. The model includes riparian buffers as a major green tool to meet federal drinking water regulations and goals. The project was overseen by Nancy Minich of NAM. Given her experience, we generally bring Nancy in to assess the properties and make recommendations.



Beautified and Improved Habitat Deters Geese

We thank you for your interest in non-lethal mitigation.

Sincerely,

Susan Russell
Wildlife Policy Director