

Beaver Dam Lake Canada Goose Management Program

**200,000 Pounds of Goose Feces Prevented From Entering Our Lake Annually
No Cost To Lake District Taxpayers**

Canada Goose

- **Invasive Species** – Not Native To Our Area
- **Health and Safety Hazard to People, Vehicles and Aircraft**
- **Feces Carry Diseases**
- Each Adult Goose Produces **2 To 3 Pounds Of Feces Per Day**
- Feces Add Phosphorous & Other Contaminants To Our Lake
- **Feces Increase Growth Of Aquatic Weeds And Algae**
- Very Damaging To The Health of Our Lake

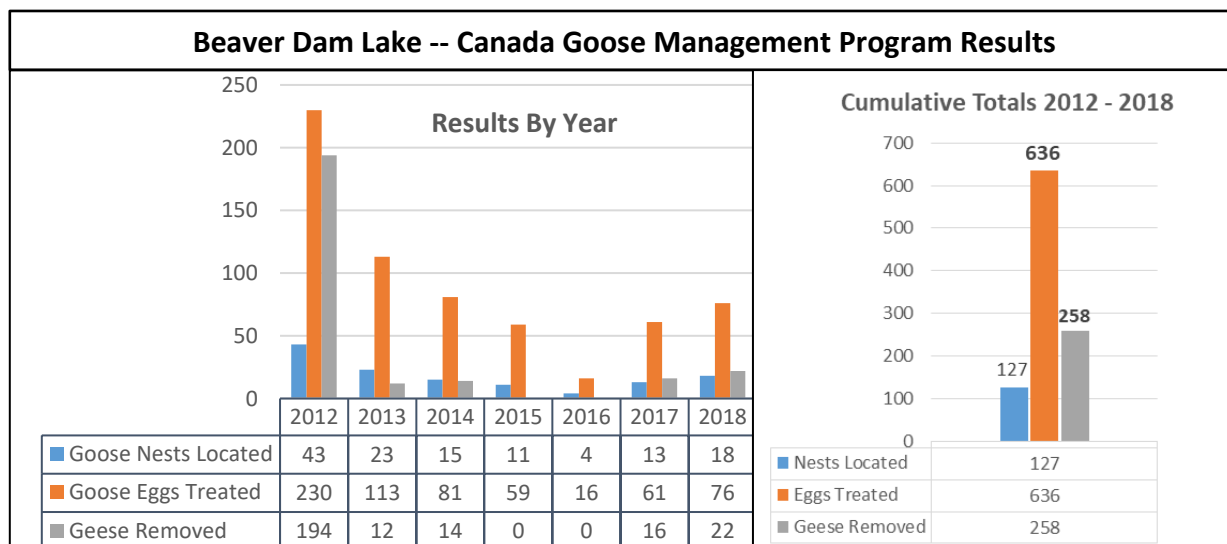


Background -- Prior to 2012 our lake and shoreline were overwhelmed by an overpopulation of several hundred Canada Geese. Goose feces seemed to be everywhere along waterfront properties especially on our Community Swimming Beach and other Lake District Reserves. It was common to see large groups of 50 or more Geese congregating on a single property or in “convoys” moving across the lake. Geese created traffic hazards on portions of Shore Drive and Lake Road. **Our health, safety and quality of life were being adversely impacted.** Resident Geese remain at our lake throughout the year and do not migrate south in the winter. Migratory Geese winter in the south, migrate north in warmer weather and temporarily pass through our area in spring and fall.

Management Program Began in 2012 -- No Cost To Lake District Taxpayers

- Initiated by Lake District Board Chairman
- Coordinated by Unpaid Volunteer Lake District Staff
- Conducted by US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Management Service (USDA)
- **Funded By NY Air National Guard through Aviation Safety Grant to USDA** to minimize waterfowl impacts on military and civilian aircraft
- **Win – Win** for aviation safety and for the ecology of Beaver Dam Lake

Highly Successful -- This program has reduced the **resident** goose population on our lake from a peak of over 300 in 2012 to a more acceptable level of about 30 in 2018. Since 2012, representatives from the USDA have located 127 nests at our lake, prevented 636 eggs from hatching (by treating with biodegradable corn oil) and removed a total of 258 geese. This translates into an annual reduction of well over 200,000 pounds of Goose feces below pre-2012 levels. **Thank you NY Air National Guard and US Department of Agriculture**



Please Don't Feed The Geese or Any Other Waterfowl