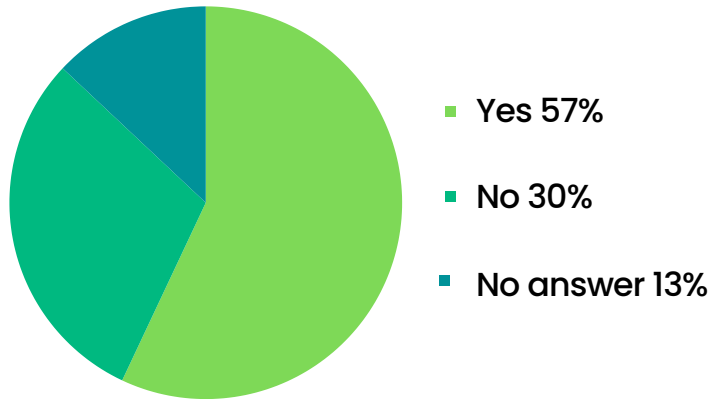
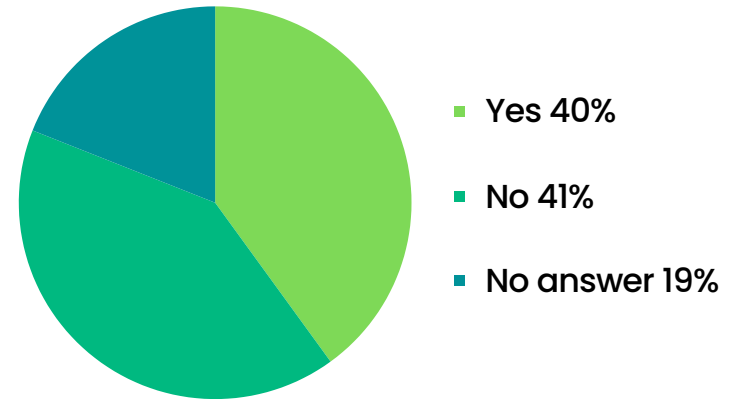


QUESTION 1: I FAVOR REMOVING THE RESIDENT GEESE FROM GNB THROUGH THE USDA WILDLIFE SERVICES, INCLUDING EUTHANIZATION IF NECESSARY.



QUESTION 2: I WANT TO PURSUE ALTERNATE MEANS OF MANAGING GEESE - NOT EUTHANIZATION.



QUESTION 3: COMMENTS

I appreciate the Board looking into this problem. Non lethal means are preferable. However removing geese this year doesn't mean they won't return next year. Does the USDA Wildlife Service offer ideas for deterrence as well? It seems the light beacons on the pond have been effective. I am sure any chemical solution (such as contraception) will be examined for potential harm on other species in the area. Thank you

..Be good to know which method of removal would provide the best long term results..

Alternate means have already been attempted with unverifiable results.

Anything short of eliminating the geese and the biohazard they leave on our grass, beaches and in our water will prolong the problem.

Do whatever you have to do, but what will stop more geese from moving in?

Geese were here first, no need to kill 'em just for existing. Same applies to the cormorant, humanely remove, they're they're a FAR bigger problem than geese!

I am glad the BOG is looking for the community consensus. I consider the geese a health problem because my grandchildren play in that area and the "poop" can be seen in the sand.I think both of these questions are difficult to answer because of cost and a possible alternative.Perhaps the BOG could present alternatives to the community. This board deserves a lot of credit for all the work they have done this year.

I don't believe the world will suffer if there are a few less geese

I know someone with a trained border collie who contracts with Pfizer and other companies to remedy their geese issues. I would be happy to share her contact info.

I understand the frustration my neighbors have about the geese, I'm not sure I would want euthanization.

I was involved in a similar Canada geese removal project at a golf course. Non-lethal means (egg addling, dogs, other practices to make life at the course difficult) had very limited success. We then used the USDA APHIS service. It had some positive effect, but will need to be repeated a few more times. Note that it's not a slaughter...by the time the agents have shot a couple of geese, the rest have taken flight. After a few visits, the geese learn that the area is dangerous and choose to leave.

if possible but not sure they can be removed without euthanization

If the USDA Wildlife Service approves of goose euthanization, it is o.k. with me. I also get the Covid vaccine because the FDA approved it. Let's respect the experts.

If we can get rid of them without killing them, fine. If not, use the shotguns.

If you let dogs on the beach, maybe this wouldn't be as much of a problem. Perhaps allow dogs during certain times of the day/week

It is important to know whether the geese are migratory or are nesting year-round. If the latter, a birth control option may have some efficacy, but would likely be a multi-year effort. If migratory, there are plenty of other geese to migrate through if these are removed, and efforts would be a waste of time and money.

Killing the geese will not be effective if we don't change the habitat they like. We will have to do the same thing again, after this bunch has been removed, if we don't. I have no problem with killing the geese, if we fix the root cause of the issue.

Lifter dogs are very successful. They make the geese unwelcome, without resorting to cruelty.

Maybe hire a dog owner to chase the birds a couple times a day. The geese also spend much time on the point road lawns. Need approval of Beebes to remove geese

Once the population is under control, I want the lasers/lights removed. I believe they adversely affect other wildlife species including waterfowl that help control the aquatic vegetation ie water lilies.

Other methods have already been tried.

Please do what ever works. many great volunteers have done years! of research and it is time to take action.

The geese are a hazard. They pollute the beach and the yards encroaching the beach and pond. They also scare off other wildlife like ducks and swans. As far as I know, they have no natural predators here. They are not endangered, and if euthanization is required, then do it.

The geese are not the problem. Fertilizers and pesticides that people continue to use are the problem. The fact that people are willing to kill the geese disgusts and horrifies me.

The geese should be left alone. They naturally live in water environments. Removing them will make room for more. It's a waste of money and cruel. I paddle board at Mother's Beach, and I've never experienced an abundance of droppings any worse than seagulls. The geese are absent from the pond. I look at the pond every day from my home office and see none including ducks and swans which used to populate that water source. You have already damaged that ecosystem with the lights. If you insist Put the lights at the beach if you want to keep them off.

I will alert wildlife groups in the area if your intention is to harm any type of waterfowl. You should not live by the water if you don't want to live with geese.

The simplest & most cost effective USDA recommendation.

These are wild animals. It should be no surprise that if one purchases property at the edge of nature that you run into nature. What's next, snapping turtles, seagulls, foxes, etc.? Those aren't the only geese, new ones will come back, so it is a multi-year killing spree.

This is a no brainer.

I would be ok with humane management only. Ie additional lights like you have in the pond as a compromise but I still feel you have ruined that ecosystem

We have tried other methods of removing them which have not been successful. Enough is enough.

Wish there was a better solution but we are concerned about the contamination on our beach and in the water.

With all the children using mother's beach the unsanitary concerns for our health MUST be a higher consideration than just talking about it for the last few years.

We tried with the lights and now it's time to move this forward.