Management of a Rapidly Expanding Urban Goose Population™

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Great Falls, like many urban areas throughout North America, is home to a rapidly expanding resident Canada goose population. Concerns about goose damage and safety issues have been expressed from city and state parks, golf courses, private landowners, and the Great Falls Airport. Canada geese have become a popular attraction at city parks during the summer when goslings are present. Management strategies will be discussed in relation to two different sub-populations of Canada geese in Great Falls, including hunting, trapping and moving, and deterrents.