



The Oyster Bay / Cold Spring Harbor
Protection Committee

Helping to Continue Theodore Roosevelt's Legacy



I Found a Goose Nest in Oyster Bay Cold Spring Harbor Watershed! I Want to Protect Our Water Quality!

In an effort to humanely control the rapidly growing resident Canada Goose population and to protect the water quality of Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbors, a joint campaign was initiated on April 5th by the Oyster Bay / Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee and the national not-for-profit organization GeesePeace, Inc. with the assistance of The Friends of the Bay, an Oyster Bay-based environmental organization.

Canada Geese are beginning to pair up, build nests and lay their eggs. They will do so for the next month or so and then a new generation of geese will be born, who in turn will add greatly over the years to existing populations. Under typical conditions, 10 geese (5 nesting pairs) today will lead to 270 geese in 8 years and those 270 geese will become 1,280 geese 4 years after that. Coating the eggs with corn oil before they are too far developed halts that biological process in a humane manner.

The newly-formed Oyster Bay / Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee, which represents the local governments surrounding Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbors is working with the Villages of Lloyd Harbor, Bayville and Laurel Hollow as well as the County of Nassau and the Town of Huntington, to publicize the program and to enlist the support of residents to help identify Canada Goose nests and participate in a humane population stabilization program.

Information and egg oiling training sessions will be held at the Friends of Bay office at 2 Townsend Square in Oyster Bay on the following dates and times:

Monday, April 12th – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 13th – 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 15th - 9:00 am

Volunteers must be 18 years of age and older.

To report a nest in these areas or for additional details, residents can call (516) 584-1636 or send an e-mail to: obcsh@geesepeace2010.org. Additional information can be found on the following website: www.geesepeace2010.org