



Create a Goose 'Danger Zone'

Plant a Shoreline Buffer to Deter Canada Geese from Grazing on Your Property

From a goose's point of view, a lawn leading to an open body of water is the ideal habitat. With so many lawns and created open spaces on Lake George, we have invited the geese to live on our shoreline. The lake provides a safety zone for the geese and the grass lawns provide abundant food.

Planting a shoreline buffer that is taller than what a goose can see over, and one which creates an environment that could possibly hide its predators (fox, coyote, raccoon, snapping turtle or dog), will make the lingering geese uncomfortable enough to move to another site. Generally a 20-30 ft wide buffer consisting of native upland plants, with or without emergent vegetation in the water, not only will deter geese, but will provide a valuable habitat for other wildlife, reduce shoreline erosion and consume the excess nutrients flowing from your property. A buffer of any size will work. Geese do not graze on buffered or forested shorelines. This simple solution beats the alternative being used (killing the Canada geese) to reduce their numbers and should correct the problem. Their sheer over abundance is a nuisance, and may potentially be detrimental to the water quality of Lake George.



Geese grazing on shorelines that have no buffers and clear views of possible predators

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