

Question 1 Response: Address the Swan Population

21 respondents mentioned this solution.

52.38% were for relocating/reducing the swan population, 28.57% were for limiting the feeding of swans, and 19.05% mentioned some other solution regarding the swans.

Relocate/Reduce	Limit Feeding	Other
<p>1. Stamp the asphalt to look like brick pavers. Or at least the intersections.</p> <p>2. Should the swan population be reduced? Are they territorial, thus needing more space & flowing over to opposite side of street?</p>	<p>Lower the speed to 15! Plus make it one way around loop. Then a Bike Path can be made. Stop feeding the Wildlife, Which is A Fla Law! And maybe people will quit stopping in road to watch and making cars pull around them! Medians in middle is bad idea. Wildlife will have new nesting and people will use it as a new hangout!!</p>	<p>Lake Morton is an amazing asset for Lakeland. However, the water fowl are a danger to themselves and drivers. With hundreds of walking birds and over 5,000 cars each day it is an odds game. Don't make any immediate changes based on 4 weeks of accidents. I drive the north side of the lake every morning and the parked cars are a distraction and dangerous. It would be easy to hit a bird while I'm avoiding a parked car and oncoming traffic.</p>
<p>Move the damn ducks!</p>		
<p>Donate some of the swans to other communities. 60 swans in the small lake and area seems excessive.</p>		
<p>I'd like you to relocate some of them to Largo Paradise Island. We only have 1 here with plenty of ponds to choose from. Please!!</p>	<p>Stop people from feeding birds from their cars drawing the birds into harm's way</p>	
<p>It just seems like there are a lot more swans or birds. It often seems like a standing-room-only situation for the birds in the grass around the lake. I love them, but I wonder if overpopulation of the swans (or some of the other birds - geese, ducks) are driving the swans out into the roads. Is there a standard bird population given the size of the lake? So, if the grassy area around the lake won't support a continuing growing population of birds, my suggestion would be to thin out the population by relocation. That is kinder to the birds in the long run.</p>	<p>(More) Signs asking people not to feed the birds. I've seen people walk halfway across the street, start feeding the birds and then birds are drawn into the street. Or people feed them, get scared of the mass of birds and retreat to the other side of the street and birds follow.</p>	<p>Realize that there is a BIG problem around Lake Hollingsworth, too! We've had about 15 ducks killed (if not more) in front of FSC by Johnson Ave. We had duck crossing signs put up, but the ducks continue to be killed. The most recent was on Friday morning. Passersby have told us they've seen a truck specifically SPEEDING UP AND AIMING for the ducks. I also saw at least 4 dead turtles around the lake within a few weeks. PLEASE DO MORE AROUND LAKE HOLLINGSWORTH, TOO!</p>
	<p>Decrease the number of wildlife or make the whole lake a park. No cut through traffic allowed. No feeding allowed. Especially from the parking lot oppisite the lake at Presbyterian Apartments on the west side of the lake.</p>	
<p>Stop clipping the swan's wings so they can fly to another lake or pond. A female swan walked half a mile away from lake Morton to build a nest near my house when she could have flown to a better location.</p>	<p>I don't think people should be allowed to feed the swans,ducks, birds at all.....I have driven by and seen a man with a bagful of bread (which is not healthy to feed birds at all)....the birds were following the man across the street while he kept throwing out the breadcrazy! not only have I witnessed people feeding bread on the lake side of lake Morton drive ; but , also on the other side of street</p>	<p>no they belong there</p>
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<p>Move the wildlife to an fence enclosed area. Consider that citizens pay taxes, not wildlife.</p>	<p>Move the Parking to "Curb Side" on the Lake & travel lanes to the middle & outside away from the Lake.</p>	<p>So... i tried to fit this into the survey box, but i guess it's too much text...so I'm sharing here...in hopes someone connected can pass this along. I almost hit a bird one night, and I pay attention! Not a distracted driver. The bird was in the middle of the road drinking fresh rainwater from a puddle. The streetlights reflecting off the puddle made it difficult to see the bird because his feathers were also dark. Probably a black swan. I was going about 10 to 15 mph, because this was just after hearing about the last swan that was hit, and I wanted to be cautious. I didnt see the bird until I was almost right on top of him, and I was looking out for birds! Fix the roads so they don't hold standing water in pockets after heavy rain...Let's also look at providing sculptured art pieces that catch rainwater for the birds...so they are not lured into the street...and attractive for the area... i.e. we need to look at all angles here...why did the swan cross the street? Or stand in it? It will help to know this answer...can we make the area just around the lake so attractive that the swans won't feel the need to roam into or across the street so often?</p>	
<p>CURE PROBLEM , too many swans , sell , give, transplant ,, YOU HAVE TOO MANY PERIOD</p>	<p>Restrict Feeding of the Domesticated Birds to within 10' of the Lake & not curbside, attracting Birds to the roadway. Throwing feed in the air creates a feeding frenzy. You have created a Zoo without boundaries. A</p>		
<p>the problem is the ducks and swans. Just remove them.</p>	<p>counter-clockwise 1-way with Lakeside Parking, may be the another alternative. Landscape medians are a joke & actually when over-grown, block the children trying to cross Edgewood Dr. I'm not sure the Habitat is sufficient to accommodate 60+ Swans anyway. I realize this is Lakeland Mascot & now a Liability. What about a localized signal to block cell reception around the Lake!</p>		
<p>Occam's Razor, move the swans to a safer venue.</p>			
<p>Sub Total</p>	<p>Reduce/Relocate = 11</p>	<p>Limit Feeding= 6</p>	<p>Other = 4</p>
<p>Grand Total</p>	<p>21</p>		