

Question 1 Response: Fencing or Barriers

25 respondents mentioned this solution.

96.00% were for using fencing or barriers, and 4.00% were against this solution.

For	Against
<p>Build specific fencing around the lake to keep the swans and other waterfowl from meandering into the street.</p>	<p>The lake has 2 challenges: 1. The swans and other birds. 2. Pedestrians. The 5 solutions only deal with the pedestrian issue. While there was a recent pedestrian injury, I do not see pedestrian issues as a serious problem and extensive measures to upgrade protections would fundamentally change the area - largely because there are over a dozen streets that intersect Lake Morton Drive. We don't want to turn the lake into a mass of signs and crosswalks. I think that marked parking would help a lot as would cross walk markings at the principal crossing areas. I don't think there is a viable solution to the "swan crossing" problem other than fencing which is, I suggest, impractical.</p>
<p>Consider camera monitoring Wish one way traffic flow was a option as this route really should not be a option for heavy traffic, to be really honest it would be really nice if it was pedestrian only! Can we install a cute iron fence around the lake to lessen the birds on the street movement with a few gates for visitors to get a closer look? BTW, thanks for asking for input and for caring about this matter! The fact that you care about Lakeland being a safe habitat for wildlife is one of the reasons I am proud to be from Polk County!</p>	
<p>Lower the speed limit on all neighborhood streets in Lakeland. Put up a wrought iron fence around lake with openings for fowl and people to access lake.</p>	
<p>Fence em in!</p>	
<p>Perhaps fencing in the swans to keep them on the lake and surrounding? I would also recommend no parking around the lake. That causes very tight passing and it is very hard to see if a swan comes out from behind a parked car. While I marked to have marked parking I would limit it only to where to rode is wide enough to handle parking. Parts of the lake— specifically in front of the Ruthven house make it very difficult when cars are parked and traffic is coming from both directions.</p>	
<p>Sidewalks and marked crossings. Maybe a low wall on the lake side of the road.</p>	
<p>Install short fences around the lake to help keep the birds inside the lake area and not in the road. Drivers will remain distracted by using their phones regardless of what steps we take. At least, this will protect the birds from further damage.</p>	
<p>I would recommend enforcement. Have LPD randomly patrol the area and write tickets, not just give warnings. One thing not proposed here is limiting traffic to one lane. Take the interior lane and separate it from the outer lane with a short concrete barrier. Allow pedestrians, bicyclists and the ducks and geese to that lane. I do not like the raised crosswalks, please do not put them in. If they are the longer "pads" people don't slow down for them (in my opinion).</p>	

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<p>Decorative raised barrier between the street and the grassy area around the lake, so the birds won't cross the street. Yes, I know this would be 100% effective, but it would help immensely. Also, you say speed enforcement isn't an option, but I disagree with your speed stats. I'm at Lake Morton almost every day and frequently see cars going 25-30mph. I've never seen an LPD patrol in the area.</p>	
<p>2-3 ft decorative wrought iron style barriers curbside by the road. Speed and distraction are not the issue. Drivers are used to focusing several yards ahead while driving. A constant curve, small circle, changes the view distance ahead to be much shorter. They will never have their focus directly in front of the hood of their cars. They simply do not see them. Barrier to keep clipped winged birds lakeside. Invisibile and attractive as possible.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mark traffic lanes around all of the lake 2. Short fenced areas, on the lakeside grass, where incidents have occurred; keep water fowl out of busy intersections and visually obstructed curves (@Vermont) 	
<p>Due to so many people parking on the street, it interferes with the lanes and cause people to swerve into other lanes and have difficulty seeing when it is time to turn. Also, the waterfowl greatly interfere, perhaps a small short fence around the lake would prevent them from walking through traffic.</p>	
<p>I think one way traffic would take some of the traffic off the road. People would avoid it and if they do use it, it's not that big of a lake to go around. Or partial wrought iron fences, not all the way around but just on the west side. Just 3 ft high in like 10 yard sections.</p>	
<p>Move the wildlife to an fence enclosed area. Consider that citizens pay taxes, not wildlife.</p>	
<p>Install sidewalks on the lake side of the road for pedestrians, A short wall or fence to keep the swans on the lake shore and out of the road.</p>	
<p>Black wrought iron fence around lake (attractive) Like your entering a peaceful park,</p>	
<p>Make Lake Morton Dr one way traffic going counterclockwise all the way around lake. Then put up chain link or other fence around lake next to roadway with walk thru gate access at each street.</p>	
<p>more fencing for swans; arresting people that go over the speed limit. (have a traffic officer there daily to give out tickets and let it be known they are watching)</p>	

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<p>Fencing with gates around perimeter to protect the swans from getting on the road. Placement of obvious cameras that could monitor and ticket speeders and/or those texting (also capturing any violators that hit a swan and/or any of the waterfowl)! I believe that distracted drivers or those that have no concern for our wildlife will not heed and potentially target the beautiful waterfowl that the majority of our citizens feel blessed to enjoy. I believe landscaped medians would add more risk to the wildlife not being seen or encourage resting/nesting in middle of the road. I do like idea of marked parking and raised crosswalks for our citizens to enjoy the area, but not sure it would add additional safety for the swans we are trying to protect.</p>			
<p>Possibly fencing in Lake Morton so swans can no longer cross street even though I would hate to see that but the most important thing is to protect the swans and ducks. Also, could put several speed bumps all around the area. Cameras could be positioned to catch offenders.</p>			
<p>Some type of fencing/barriers to restrict the movement of the ducks/swans is important. People feeding the fowl close to (or in) the roadway is also a problem as the fowl feel comfortable languishing in or near the roadway. Part of the problem is the drivers, but don't lose sight of the danger created by those feeding the fowl.</p>			
<p>With more than abundant rain, the swans and ducks move to the street to drink from puddles. I drive the lake every day and smile at them around the puddles rather than in the lake. Low fencing to help herd the wildlife for safety?</p>			
<p>Make Lake Morton and Lake Hollingsworth Roundabouts. And put short, two foot high brick wall around Lake Morton. You can put some gates in for getting to the lake for mobility issues, if people can't step over the wall.</p>			
<p>Speed bumps and 10 mph speed limit. 20 is better but people still don't follow it. Post an officer between Mass and Success. Put a wall or fence to protect the birds.</p>			
Sub Total	For = 24	Against = 1	
Grand Total	25		