

Duffy, Daniel

FOI# 14530

From:
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:35 PM
To: Duffy, Daniel
Cc: Torres Rojas, Genara; Van Duyne, Sheree
Subject: Freedom of Information Online Request Form

Information:

First Name: jeffrey
Last Name: kramer
Company: individual
Mailing Address 1:
Mailing Address 2:
City:
State
Zip Code:
Email Address:
Phone:
Required copies of the records: Yes

List of specific record(s):

Copy of a Freedom of Information Request and its Response, under the Port Authoritys Freedom of Information Code FOI CODE submitted by Stephen Brown to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey on July 21, 2010 stating Request for copies of all documents between the Port Authority and various federal and state organizations related to the Canada Goose Operation of July 8,2010 at Prospect Park. Please be advised that the Port Authoritys webpage for Freedom of Information Requests fulfilledof the year 2010 does not contain the aforementioned request by Stephen Brown on July 21, 2010.

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

FOI Administrator

August 4, 2014

Mr. Jeffrey Kramer

Re: Freedom of Information Reference No. 14530

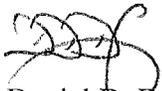
Dear Mr. Kramer:

This is in response to your January 9, 2014 request, which has been processed under the Port Authority's Freedom of Information Code (the "Code"), for a copy of Freedom of Information Request No. 11805 submitted by Stephen Brown on July 21, 2010, for documents between the Port Authority and various state and federal organizations related to the Canada Goose Operation of July 8, 2010 at Prospect Park and its response.

Material responsive to your request and available under the Code can be found on the Port Authority's website at <http://www.panynj.gov/corporate-information/foi/14530-O.pdf>. Paper copies of the available records are available upon request.

Please refer to the above FOI reference number in any future correspondence relating to your request.

Very truly yours,



Daniel D. Duffy
FOI Administrator

Bincoletto, Kathleen

FOI # 11805

From: Brown, Stephen [sbrown@cnglocal.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 2:56 PM
To: Bincoletto, Kathleen
Subject: Re: [SPAM] - FW: Freedom of Information Online Request Form - Found word(s) list error in the Text body

Importance: High

Thank you, here is the full request. Should I also fax it?

Consider this letter a formal Freedom of Information Law request from The Brooklyn Paper for all internal and external documents relating to the operation that led to the euthanization of as many as 400 Canada geese on July 8 in Prospect Park, a park in Brooklyn, New York. This request includes, but is not limited to, information on planning the operation, motivations for conducting such a culling inside Prospect Park, how the operation was carried out (including securing the area, etc) and how officials discussed the aftermath.

Additionally, The Brooklyn Paper requests all documents exchanged among the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the US Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey regarding the operation on July 8.

These include, but are not limited to, internal and external emails, minutes from meetings, and notes from discussions among relevant officials.

If you have any questions, feel free to email or call the number below.

Stephen Brown
718-260-4505
sbrown@cnglocal.com

On 7/21/10 2:42 PM, "Bincoletto, Kathleen" <kbincole@panynj.gov> wrote:

Mr. Brown:

The end of your request was cut-off on the online form— alternatively, please fax to 212-435-7555

Thank you,
Kathy Bincoletto
FOI Admn.
PANYNJ

From: sbrown@cnglocal.com [mailto:sbrown@cnglocal.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 2:32 PM
To: Bincoletto, Kathleen
Cc: Torres, Genara
Subject: Freedom of Information Online Request Form

Information:

First Name: Stephen
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Mailing Address 1: 1 Metrotech Center North
Mailing Address 2: Suite 1001
City: Brooklyn
State: NY
Zip Code: 11201
Email Address: sbrown@cnglocal.com
Phone: 718-260-4505
Required copies of the records: Yes

List of specific record(s):

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THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NY & NJ

November 9, 2010

Kathleen P. Bincoletto
FOI Administrator

Mr. Stephen Brown
The Brooklyn Paper
One Metrotech Center North – Suite 1001
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Re: Freedom of Information Reference No. 11805

Dear Mr. Brown:

This is a response to your July 21, 2010 request, which has been processed under the Port Authority's policy on Freedom of Information (the "Policy," copy enclosed) for various records pertaining to the Canada geese operation of July 8, 2010 in Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

Material responsive to your request and available under the Policy, consisting of 7 pages, is enclosed for a \$1.75 photocopying fee (25¢ per page.) Payment should be made in cash, certified check or money order payable to "The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey" and should be sent to my attention at 225 Park Avenue South, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10003.

Certain information contained within the responsive material is exempt from disclosure pursuant to exemption (6) of the Policy.

Please refer to the above FOI Reference number in any future correspondence relating to your request.

Sincerely,



Kathleen P. Bincoletto
FOI Administrator

Enclosure

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From: Lee.A.Humberg@aphis.usda.gov
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 4:32 PM
To: Kolodzinski, Jeffrey
Cc: Francoeur, Laura
Subject: Fw: Prospect Park Goose Euthanasia

Here is the email that Audubon copied us on. They also have the same message posted on their website;
<http://www.nycaudubon.org/home/home/goose2010.shtml>

Lee Humberg
Supervisory Wildlife Biologist
USDA-APHIS-Wildlife Services
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----- Forwarded by Lee A Humberg/NY/APHIS/USDA on 07/15/2010 04:07 PM -----

Carol A Bannerman/MD/APHIS/USDA

To "Lee Humberg" <Lee.A.Humberg@aphis.usda.gov>, "Martin Lowney" <Martin.S.Lowney@aphis.usda.gov>

07/14/2010 10:40 AM

cc

Subject Fw: Prospect Park Goose Euthanasia

FYI. Audubon responding to complaining citizen.

CB

----- Original Message -----

From: Susan Elbin [selbin@nycaudubon.org]
Sent: 07/14/2010 10:35 AM AST
To: Jennifer Paley <jenpaley@comcast.net>
Cc: <Carol.A.Bannerman@usda.gov>; <gphillips@nycaudubon.org>; <mhusby@nycaudubon.org>; <abernick@nycaudubon.org>; <ekarff@nycaudubon.org>; <jrowden@nycaudubon.org>; <ecraig@nycaudubon.org>
Subject: Re: Prospect Park Goose Euthanasia

Dear Ms. Paley,

Thank you for contacting us directly about the July 13 NY Times story, "400 Prospect Park Geese are Killed". The slant of the article incorrectly characterized New York City Audubon's position on culling resident Canada Geese within the 5 boroughs of New York City.

NYC Audubon believes that lethal control should be the last resort after all other methods have been pursued. We have repeatedly maintained that New York City has not taken appropriate measures to reduce goose habitat, and that without such measures populations will quickly rebound to current levels.

NYC Audubon also takes issue with the target populations called for by the Department of Agriculture, a reduction of 80% of the population in the city, as we believe that it is not supported by sound science, and that the risk to aviation safety will not be significantly reduced by

this approach. The recent cull at Prospect Park represented nearly 100% of the birds; that is managing a population into extinction. NYC Audubon strongly disagrees with that decision.

When a species, like Canada Goose, becomes over-abundant and impacts habitat and resources of other native bird species, NYC Audubon, supports population management. The first strategy should include altering their nesting and loafing habitat and oiling eggs. If the habitat is unattractive for individuals, the populations will remain small. Only as a last resort, when populations impact human and wildlife health, safety, and welfare, would NYC Audubon condone lethal control of populations and only after a rigorous environmental impact assessment has been done and full disclosure has been made to local citizens and other stakeholders.

We strongly encourage you to call 311 and voice your concerns. Please forward the call registration number to us at info@nycaudubon.org so we can track the mayor's response.

Sincerely,
Susan Elbin
Susan B. Elbin, Ph.D.
Director of Conservation
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www.nycaudubon.org

On Tue, Jul 13, 2010 at 10:29 PM, Jennifer Paley <jenpaley@comcast.net> wrote:
> I just finished reading the articles about the monstrosity you have unleashed on the state of NY. I don't know what is wrong with either of you. To kill innocent birds without trying to come up with an ethical solution is beyond me. Because of one incident last year on a plane where nobody was injured...you have killed thousands of innocent birds? Did anyone ever think to weigh all options, maybe change the flight paths of the airplanes? Did anyone ever think of something different than killing these birds? I am by no means an expert on ecology or aviation, but this decision is absolutely atrocious.
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> I am completely and utterly ashamed of both of you. You should both be fired for this. What a pathetic and sad event this country has experienced. How dare you call yourselves protectors of the environment. You are pathetic excuses for human beings.
>
> I am recommending to all my friends that they cancel/boycott anything to do with Audubon. You will certainly never get any support from me, my family, or my friends.
>
> Jen Paley
> Boston, MA

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From: Kolodzinski, Jeffrey
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 12:37 PM
To: Kolodzinski, Jeffrey; Francoeur, Laura; Selden, John; Stearns, Doug; Martini, Jack; Bock, Tom
Cc: Nowak, Stanley
Subject: RE: Roundup update

USDA's roundups concluded yesterday afternoon.

They managed to removed 1,676 geese from 19 different sites in NYC and Nassau County. As Laura mentioned earlier, this exceeds last year's total of 1,235 geese.

Jeff

-----Original Message-----

From: Kolodzinski, Jeffrey
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 3:09 PM
To: Francoeur, Laura; Selden, John; Stearns, Doug; Martini, Jack; Bock, Tom
Cc: Nowak, Stanley
Subject: Re: Roundup update

So far USDA has removed 1,575 geese from NYC and Nassau County.

This includes 488 geese that were removed from Prospect Park, Rikers Island and Randals Island on Thursday.

Friday, 167 geese were removed from Nassau County.

USDA has 3-4 more roundup locations that they are planning to do on Tuesday.

I will update everyone once I get the final numbers.

Jeff

----- Original Message -----

From: Francoeur, Laura
To: Selden, John; Stearns, Doug; Martini, Jack; Kolodzinski, Jeffrey; Bock, Tom
Cc: Nowak, Stanley
Sent: Wed Jul 07 20:49:58 2010
Subject: Roundup update

208 geese were removed on Tuesday (Alley Pond/Little Neck Bay/Ft Totten) and almost 300 geese today. Today's catch includes 100 geese from Fountain and Penn Ave Landfills, authorized by NPS. Lee Humberg (USDA) said that they had a lot more than that, but NPS limited them to a maximum of 100 and they were forced to release the extras.

Combined with the take in June, this is about 920 geese so far.

Tomorrow they're hitting Prospect Park in Brooklyn (outside the 5-mi radius) where there should be over 100 geese. Friday they will go to Valley Stream and Hempstead Lake State Park in Nassau County.

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol.A.Bannerman@aphis.usda.gov [mailto:Carol.A.Bannerman@aphis.usda.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 8:16 PM
To: Carol.A.Bannerman@aphis.usda.gov; Francoeur, Laura
Cc: Kolodzinski, Jeffrey; Kelly, John (Media); jpost; fsklerov; Martin Lowney; Lee Humberg;
Allen Gosser; Mike Begier
Subject: NYT and other media re: Prospect Park

With the Canada goose collection coming to a close, I had anticipated the possibility of sharing information late this week or early next. Some Propsect Park watchers reported the absence of geese to a Metro reporter at the NYT. (About 400 removed.)

Responding to her inquiry set off a barrage of media inquiries today. Please anticipate stories in the Times, AP, ABC and NBC TV local, the Brooklyn Paper and Daily News. I have been in contact throughout the day with DEP PIO on the issue.

Carol Bannerman
USDA Wildlifes Public Information

----- Original Message -----

From: Kolodzinski, Jeffrey

To: Francoeur, Laura; Selden, John; Stearns, Doug; Martini, Jack; Bock, Tom

Cc: Nowak, Stanley

Sent: Fri Jul 09 15:08:40 2010

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Lee estimates that they will exceed last year's roundup numbers (1235).

Laura

From: Francoeur, Laura
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 10:32 AM
To: 'Martin Lowney'; 'Allen Gosser'
Cc: 'Lee Humberg (E-mail)'; Selden, John; Stearns, Doug; Halik, Richard; Croffie, Francis; Nowak, Stanley; Bock, Tom; Kolodzinski, Jeffrey
Subject: 2010 CAGO roundups - carcass removal

Martin & Allen,

We have finalized the protocol for the removal of the carcasses from the 2010 Canada goose roundups in NYC. Similar to last year, we will escort up to 3 USDA vehicles through (see attached Google Earth file). JFK Ops will provide escorts and access to the building. Euthanization will occur inside and birds will be placed in opaque plastic bags and placed in the Royal Waste dumpster (20-yard) located inside the building. Crates can be washed outside the building on the ramp and a garden hose will be provided. Dumpsters will be removed on demand by JFK Ops, most likely daily, and taken to the incinerator in Garden City, NY (Long Island).

We will notify JFK PAPD and Security so that they are aware of the project. JFK Ops will also coordinate your arrival each day to avoid any unwanted attention at the guard posts. If necessary, we can vary the post each day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.



Laura

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