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CITY OF WATERTOWN CROW HAZING TO BEGIN ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

At the request of the City of Watertown, Wildlife Biologists from the City's crow hazing contractor, Loomacres Wildlife Management, will be conducting their first effort of the season to haze nuisance crow flocks within the City. Hazing will occur in the evening hours of Monday, October 19, 2020.

The harassment methods used to disperse crows include pyrotechnics, lasers, air rifles and other devices. Several of these methods produce loud noises and flashing lights (similar to sirens and fireworks) that will frighten the birds and may be heard or observed by local residents. We apologize in advance for any disturbance due to the noise and light.

The City *strongly* encourages its citizens to provide the location, estimated size, and dates and times of crow flock sightings in their neighborhoods. Loomacres Wildlife Management receives real-time updates whenever its online reporting system receives a report, so sightings reported on harassment nights are especially valuable to their efforts. Loomacres relies on these reports to identify major roost locations and strategically target these parts of the City.

To use Loomacres' online reporting system and report a crow sighting, please visit www.airportwildlife.com/crows.php. This link is also available on the Planning Department's Facebook page.

Citizens can also call Loomacres toll-free number at 1-800-243-1462 and leave a voicemail detailing their report. However, this communication channel does not have the benefit of live updates that the online reporting system features.

Media outlets inquiring about scheduling information or with any other general questions should contact the City Planning Department at (315) 785-7741.