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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## CITY OF WATERTOWN CROW HAZING TO CONCLUDE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

At the request of the City of Watertown, Wildlife Biologists from the City's crow hazing contractor, Loomacres Wildlife Management, will visit Watertown for the final time in the Winter 2022-2023 season, concluding this season's efforts to haze nuisance crow flocks within the City. Hazing will occur in the evening hours of Tuesday, March 22, 2023. As such, any crow sightings that citizens report in the next five days will greatly assist those efforts.

The City of Watertown *strongly* encourages all its citizens to report crow sightings to Loomacres Wildlife Management at <u>www.airportwildlife.com/crows.html</u>. If you have recently seen crows roosting in your neighborhood, particularly at dusk or the early evening hours please share this information, as your reports will help disburse the nuisance crow flocks.

Please note that you do not need to fill out every field in the reporting form to submit your report; only those fields marked as required by a red asterisk. If you do not know some of the particular data points requested, such as GPS coordinates or wind, please feel free to leave those fields blank.

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.

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