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ONGOING WATERFOWL REMOVAL EFFORTS THROUGHOUT PLYMOUTH

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PLYMOUTH, MA – On Friday morning, January 31, 2025, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) were onsite at Cordage Park to collect any deceased birds that they could safely remove. Today, Plymouth’s Division of Public Health received reports of over 30 deceased birds at Long Beach. Animal Control Officers, in collaboration with state officials, have been actively collecting deceased birds at this new location.

“Avian flu is commonly spread through bird migration, and it is not uncommon to have it appear within multiple locations within the same municipality,” states **Plymouth’s Public Health Director, Karen Keane**.

The total number of deceased birds and/or wildlife collected today will be included in the afternoon removal update. Town and state officials continue to advise the community of personal protective measures that include but are not limited to:

- Keeping all domestic animals away from any deceased birds/wildlife and to avoid contacting deceased wildlife themselves.
- Removal of deceased birds or other wildlife should be left to Town and state officials.
- All backyard poultry should be corralled for the foreseeable future and **not** let to roam free range.
- Residents who have poultry should always use protective gear when dealing with their flock (feeding, shoveling feces, etc.) and should wash their hands well with soap and warm water after handling.

If you discover a deceased animal, either domestic or wild, residents should report to the Town’s Health and Human Services Public Health Division by calling 508-322-3339 and to the Animal Control Office by calling 508-888-1186.

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