

## DON'T FEED THE DUCKS

Feeding the ducks near a calm body of water. It seems like a relaxing, harmless activity. However, did you know feeding the ducks is not healthy for the ducks or the river?

## MIGRATION HABITS

Feeding the ducks, geese and other waterfowl has made them lazy and dependent on humans. So instead of migrating south or continuing their flight throughout the area in search of food and shelter, waterfowl stick close to places where they are fed. As a result, many local parks and ponds are overrun with waterfowl (and duck and geese feces).

## NUTRITION

Another problem is the type of food we feed geese and ducks. Just like humans need certain food in their diet (vegetables, fruits), ducks and geese need certain types of food (not bread). In addition, like pet waste, waterfowl waste contributes nutrient and bacteria pollution to the Rouge River.

Remember, a sufficient amount of food already exists within a lake or river for native waterfowl. So, for the sake of the river and waterfowl, please don't feed the ducks.