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A NEW PLACE TO ROOST!

Danville, IN – A cooperative effort including officials from the Town of Danville and Town staff has resulted in a plan to deter black vultures who chose to turn our local parks and subdivisions here into a consistent roosting location.

The vultures are problematic for many reasons. Their presence is causing park users to stay away from our parks. Their foul smell mixed with bodily fluids are continuing to litter the park. In the most recent incident, a group of vultures have been frequenting neighbor's houses, defecating and bringing their stench into the people's homes. Our neighbors are worried about the health effects this could cause by breathing it in. We are nature lovers by trade but we must make sure we protect our neighbors and our citizens.

The birds which are a protected species under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act can be deterred in several safe methods. We will be using, a combination of measures to safely deter the vultures from neighbors and citizens. One of those measures is to cut down any tall dead trees along the parks borders. We will also wage a noise campaign using handheld launchers and pyrotechnic devices during daylight hours. If both methods don't work we will be using the USDA recommended method which is the installation of deceased vultures. The birds avoid roosting near deceased vultures, so we can place them in the problematic areas to encourage them to find another place to roost.

Gary Eakin, Town Manager said, "All of these methods will hopefully work together to harass yet protect the vultures and cause them to find another roosting place."

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Will Lacey, Park Director at wlacey@danvilleindiana.org.