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## Synthetic Grass Can Help Mitigate Wildlife Non-Lethally at an Airport

Joe Dobson, President of AvTurf, LLC, cited the recent USAirways A320 encounter with a flock of birds, large enough to take down the airliner, as a good reason for airports to look seriously at using synthetic turf to mitigate wildlife hazards on airports.

"The populations of Canada geese and seagulls have exploded in this country. Many of their natural habitats have been destroyed, and these birds have migrated to areas around airports. The wide open space and the availability of grass in runway safety areas afford these birds the kind of environment that supports their activities."

Synthetic turf does not support them or other wildlife. It has nothing to offer them: no food and no enticement to remain. Additionally, AvTurf LLC has a patented growth inhibitor that, when applied, assures that airborne seeding will not germinate in areas where AvTurf product has been installed. This application dramatically reduces any potential compromise of the installation and enhances its effectiveness.

The high quality, minimum maintenance of AvTurf products assures airport operators of long term cost-effectiveness as well. Dobson maintains that at airports where AvTurf has been installed for safety and capacity reasons, the airport is also enjoying the benefits of having an environmentally friendly wildlife deterrent.

"Birds are not the only problem on airports," he states. "Deer, rabbits and other rodents, prairie dogs, and a host of other animals, whose habitats have been affected by land development, are looking to airports for hospitality."

"The airport operator, on the other hand, is trying to preserve runway and taxiway safety," he said, "and synthetic turf can help airport operators meet this challenge."

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