



## INTRODUCTION

- Interactions with wildlife are a part of everyday life for residents.
  - Coyotes are found throughout Illinois.
- It is important to utilize strategies to best minimize the potential for negative interactions with wildlife.
  - To ensure a positive relationship between people & coyotes.
- Coyotes are an essential component of our landscape.

## STATE & LOCAL LAWS

- In Illinois, coyotes are classified as a furbearer, and are protected by the Illinois Wildlife Code.
- A nuisance wildlife permit, issued by the Illinois Department of Natural Resource's district wildlife biologist, is required before a coyote can be removed.
  - Or, if a nuisance wildlife control operator holding a permit is hired for removal.



## EDUCATION & COEXISTENCE

- The Village of Morton Grove promotes coexistence between coyotes.
- Our relationship to coyotes is directly affected by our behavior.
  - Coyotes react to us—through the cues we send to them.
- Education on local coyote populations will help guide residents in making appropriate decisions regarding their safety.
  - Including, managing their pets and property.

- Residents must understand the role they play in shaping the behavior of local coyote populations.
- As long as coyotes are given their space (and are not injured or being fed by people), they do not typically pose a threat to people.
  - Do not create conflict where it does not exist.
  - Most coyotes live conflict-free with humans.



## ECOLOGICAL BALANCE

- Coyotes play a vital role in ecological balance.
- As Illinois' largest remaining predator, they are an integral part of healthy ecosystem functioning.
- Coyotes help keep populations of smaller animals in balance; including:



- Rabbits, mice, voles, squirrels, Canadian geese, raccoons, skunks, opossums, white-tailed deer, etc.

## REPORTING

- Note: Requests for service involving coyotes must be handled in accordance with Illinois Law & in line with best practices.
- Simply seeing a coyote does not make it a problem.
- Residents should contact their local police, to make a formal report.
- Categories:
  - Observation
  - Sighting
  - Encounter
  - Incident
  - Attack (Human or Pet)
- Report aggressive, fearless coyotes immediately.
- Gathering data on incidents allows for targeting conflict mitigation efforts to specific areas of need.

