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The following is a request for suggested management approaches to a problem that is becoming all too common in Pennsylvania. As an educator, consultant and land manager I would be interested in hearing any creative solutions to this dilemma. The coyote is a predator that, I am happy to say, is common in Pennsylvania forests and fields today. It has not gone the way of it's distant predator relative the wolf or fellow predator, the cougar. How do we promote this species as a critical part of our state's biodiversity and assist in finding a balance for those that are skeptics and want to eradicate the coyote?

I am sure that other land managers in PA would be equally interested in hearing any solutions that folks might have.

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From: Borneman, Dave
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Help! We've got a cute little coyote in one of our city parks, in a residential area. Some of the folks love having wildlife in their neighborhood. But the vocal ones who have lost Fido and Fluffy to the monster are screaming mad. This is a no-win situation for us. If we remove the coyote, we look like wildlife haters, and we start down a path of removing any potentially harmful wildlife: massasauga rattlesnakes, bees and wasps, maybe all skunks too... But if we tell the pet owners, "Sorry, it's just part of living next to a city park," then we're unresponsive public servants who apparently have no interest in protecting the public's safety, and pet carcasses are apt to be showing up on the mayor's desk! Help! What do we do??!!

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