



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Safety

From: Rick C. Brown, Director of Public Works / City Engineer

Date: November 6, 2019

Re: Resident Survey Regarding Deer Management

As you know, the Deer Management Committee is working on the development of a deer management plan. While the plan has not been finalized, one of its primary components is a resident survey on deer management. The Committee is recommending utilizing a survey as the primary means of obtaining resident feedback regarding the issue.

Therefore, for your review and consideration, attached is a draft version of the survey, which has been prepared by the Committee. While additional modifications are anticipated, the survey is nearly finalized.

Please review the survey and be prepared to provide any concerns or questions that you may have. Unfortunately, Committee Chair Dave Williams will be unable to attend the meeting, however, the other Committee members will be available.

If the survey is acceptable to the Board, it will be included on the agenda of City Council for their work session on November 12th. The Committee would like to submit the survey to residents by the end of November.

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey

City of Wildwood Deer Management Survey

The City of Wildwood is conducting this questionnaire for three main purposes: to gauge public opinion about deer and urban deer management techniques, to gain and understanding of resident interface with the overpopulation of deer, and to provide education on current issues regarding deer in Wildwood.

In March of 2018, a Deer Sampling Study was conducted in a 5.5 square mile area of Wildwood. While a healthy number of deer is 15-20 per square mile, this study estimated a count of approximately 81 deer per square mile. Having an estimated deer population ranging to nearly four times the recommended population per square mile, residents and motorists living in or traveling through this sample region are more likely to experience the negative impacts which may occur, such as deer related vehicle crashes, damage to landscaping, and the spread of ticks and tick borne illnesses.

Thank you for your participation in this survey.



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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Introduction

1. In which ward do you live?

If you do not know your ward, please click [here](#) to look at a map.

2. How big is your lot/property?

- Less than 1 acre
- 1-2 acres
- 3-4 acres
- 5 or more acres

3. How long have you lived in Wildwood?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-3 years
- 4-5 years
- 6-10 years
- More than 10 years



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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Deer Observed

4. In an average WEEK (within Wildwood city limits), how many deer do you see in the following areas?

	0	1-5	6-10	11-20	More than 20
On your property	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In your local greenspace (such as parks or common ground)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Within 40 feet of a roadway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Damage to Landscaping

5. Deer can cause damage to lawns and landscaping. Have you experienced damage to your lawn / landscaping from deer in the last three years?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure (damage could have been caused by other animals)

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Landscaping Costs

6. What was the estimated cost of the damage to your lawn/landscaping?

- \$0-100
- \$101-\$500
- \$501-\$1000
- \$1001 +

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Deer Strikes

7. In the past five years, within Wildwood City limits, have you or a member of your household been involved in a motor vehicle accident or collision involving a deer in the roadway?

Yes

No

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Deer Strikes

8. Please estimate the cost of the damage to your vehicle, and or hospital bills, from the previously mentioned accident, or accidents, involving deer in the roadway

- \$0
- \$1-\$500
- \$501-\$1000
- \$1001-\$2000
- \$2001-\$5000
- Over \$5000

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Deer Strikes

9. Please briefly explain your household's vehicle crash involving deer.

[Redacted area]

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Deer Strikes

Did you know?

In 2018 there were 231 reported deer strikes involving motor vehicles within the City of Wildwood.

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Tick-Borne Illnesses

10. While living in Wildwood, have you or anyone in your household contracted a tick-borne illness (such as Lyme/lyme like disease, alpha-gal, southern tick-associated rash, Heartland virus, Bourbon virus, tularemia, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, or ehrlichiosis)?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure if it was contracted in Wildwood

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Ticks

Did you know?

Ticks are spread by deer and other animals, and they can even survive on deer during winter.

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey No Feeding Ordinance

Did you know?

Chronic Waste Disease (CWD) is a disease that affects deer and herd health in Missouri. This disease can be spread by using deer feeding stations or salt licks.

11. Do you support Wildwood adopting a "No Feeding Ordinance"?

Yes

No

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Hunting Ordinances

Did you know?

The City of Wildwood allows hunting on private property. A single lot must be three acres or larger in order for hunting to occur, and currently, adjacent lots cannot be combined in order to meet the three acre minimum.

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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Hunting Ordinances

12. Would you be in favor of allowing adjacent property owners to combine their lots in order to meet the three acre minimum?

Yes

No

13. Are you in favor of combining acreage if the owners had City or Homeowner's Association approval?

Yes

No



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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Overpopulation Solutions

Did you know?

The problem of deer overpopulation is common throughout St. Louis County, not just in the City of Wildwood. Other municipalities in St. Louis County use culling programs administered by the Department of Conservation to control deer populations. These methods most commonly consist of sharpshooting and trapping. The benefits of these programs are that they are closely monitored by the Department of Conservation, the animals are euthanized humanely and the meat is donated to charity."

All culling plans must be annually preceded by a Deer Sampling Study, in order to determine the number of males and breeding females in an area, the overall density of deer per square mile area, and the most common locations of the deer.



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Wildwood Deer Safety Survey Overpopulation Solutions

14. Would you be in favor of the City of Wildwood adopting a culling program administered by the Department of Conservation?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/need more information

15. Are you in favor of the City hiring professional sharp shooters?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/need more information

16. Are you in favor of the a trap and cull program?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/need more information