

# Deer Mitigation Taskforce

## (Ad Hoc Committee)

### Status, Expectations and Timelines

- Members/staffing
  - Projected at 7-9 members, we currently have commitments to serve from residents in 5 of the City's 8 wards, as well as from Oneonta community-oriented non-residents.
  - We've also gained the commitment of SUNY to engage student interns who will work with the Taskforce and the resources of the college in crafting, distributing, and tabulating a community survey.
  
- Resources
  - College (as stated)
  - DEC office and website
  - Cornell University / The Nature Conservancy
  - NYS approved documents and workflow of other upstate municipalities
  
- Taskforce Charges
  - Data Collection:
    - Determine the ideal vs. probable deer population in the City, and the herd adjustment that would be required to bring the two into alignment.
    - Create a survey of residents to provide an idea of where the deer population might be most negatively impactful, and to determine a consensus of support for any action that might be required.
  - Education:
    - Create a fact-based campaign of community education
    - Determine a mechanism for distribution
  - Proposal:
    - Based on evidence and community input, and considering the advice of the DEC, and the "best practices" of other upstate municipalities, craft a proposal for action to be considered by Council.
  
- Timeline:
  - Initial meeting – August
  - Engagement of college – September
  - Production and dissemination of surveys - October
  - Proposal to QLIC and Council - December