

Deer Management Task Force  
Meeting Notes  
12/14/22

We agreed that a concrete, bulleted plan is needed in addition to the proposal that was presented to the QLIC.

We agreed that the items in the Education and Mitigation section are non-controversial and will likely be accepted by the city without issue.

The culling section needs to be defined more clearly. Rather than attempting to start slow with the support of property owners whose land abuts city property using special hunting permits, we want to include the use of shooters using crossbows in tree stands. This will require a DDP permit.

Some concerns: Colleges might be reluctant to allow hunting in the wooded areas they own. Both colleges are facing declining enrollment and may feel that students may not be comfortable with "hunting for Bambi." Mark will start the conversation around this issue with the college presidents and the Job Corps director. He will also get parcel lot information to determine which property owners may be willing to take part in the Deer Management Assistance Program.

Agreement was reached to follow Camillus's culling plan. Susan Lettis will call Tom Hart (from their deer management committee. ***In fact, Susan has made the call, learned a lot from her conversation and is setting up a Zoom meeting with him and the rest of our group. Tom Hart has agreed to help us with this process.***)

The Camillus plan is thorough and seems to answer all questions step-by-step.

A revised plan will be sent to the QLIC for their December 27th meeting. We do not need to attend this meeting. We will request that they compile questions for us ahead of their January meeting. We will attend that meeting and answer all questions and address any concerns. ***Wendy has worked on this document and has shared it with the group. Check your email threads for the collaborative editing efforts.***

On a personal note, I am in awe of the hard work that everyone puts into this effort.

Betsy