

To: Len Carson, David Rissberger, Mark Davies, Scott Harrington,
members of the QLIC

RE: Follow up from April 24 QLIC meeting

The April 20 meeting held with the NYS DEC and the Deer Management Taskforce was video recorded.

In regards to reporting illegal deer feeding, local Environmental Conservation Officers can be notified. We are in Region 4.

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The following is a recap of the recommended hunting options to mitigate the overabundance of deer in our city.

Attached are descriptions of the hunting permits for easier reference. Included is the deadline for applying for the DMAP permit.

The DEC recommended that the City of Oneonta increase the ability of hunters to reduce local deer population densities by enrolling in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP), which provides an allotment of antlerless deer tags to be used during hunting seasons on designated lands within the city limits A. The city would be responsible for equitably distributing the tags to the hunters who will be hunting on those properties

Municipalities (and landowners) can increase the ability of hunters to reduce local deer population densities by enrolling in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP), which provides an allotment of

antlerless deer tags to be used during deer hunting seasons on designated lands within the municipality. The municipal applicant is responsible for equitably distributing the tags to the hunters who will be hunting on those properties. This allows those hunters to shoot more does than they would be able to using just the tags they receive with their hunting licenses

Many municipalities have passed ordinances forbidding weapons discharge or hunting. Because DEC has authority over hunting in New York, local ordinances specifically limiting or prohibiting hunting are contrary to state law and legal precedent unless they only apply to land owned or managed by the municipality (Kalbaugh, 2015; M. Sanza, pers. comm.). Broad restrictions on weapons discharge in the name of public safety may or may not be valid under state law, depending on the history of the municipality and its original governance documents (M. Sanza, pers. comm.). Regardless, all of these types of ordinances can act to prevent hunting of overabundant deer populations on land where hunting could be conducted safely and in full compliance with state laws. Communities working to address deer impacts often find themselves hindered by their own ordinances, which they then must rescind, revise, or grant variances to.

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/commdeermgmtguide.pdf