

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
DEER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

DATE **MARCH 19, 2009**

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INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS

My interest would be to implement a number of solutions that would decrease the amount of deer /car accidents. I have been actively involved in the current process discussing with many experts a number of alternatives and proven solutions. I am a member of the MDCC Michigan Deer Crash Coalition in Lansing.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION REGARDING THE 2009 DEER MANAGEMENT POLICY?

I believe that this committee should have been the first step before any unnecessary measures were taken. The implementation of culling first was not prioritized properly, many other alternatives should have been implemented prior to that. The intention of the council was admirable, to reduce the accidents, but the plan was always lacking community involvement and measureables, not to mention no center ground for people who did not want killing but wanted solutions. After the 2009 plan I think we have some healing to do as we move forward with the 2010 plan. The new plan can certainly be effective but safe, humane & socially acceptable.

WHAT SOLUTIONS/SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE TO OFFER FOR THE 2010 DEER MANAGEMENT POLICY?

(see attached) The first step toward implementing solutions should be discussion from all sides regarding and considering all available technology with safety and community involvement. Specifically, I would like to start with the simplest of solutions which would start with cutting back foliage on many of the roads to give drivers more visibility of deer, plantings that are deer deterrent to minimize deer crossing in high traffic areas, reflectors set up and monitored for effectiveness, fencing in some areas, a link on the city website for deer plant damage and alliances of groups for residential involvement to resolve homeowner complaints, some of the new deer signage (solar powered/timed), grant proposal written, trial and error with new methods, PSA awareness.

PERTINENT EDUCATION

I have had continuous education with wildlife and the environment and environmental management classes throughout my formal education. I am an avid sportsman which includes camping, fishing, hiking, hunting and an understanding and appreciation of how the Ecosystem works and effects us all.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

MDCC Michigan Deer Crash Coalition has been a great platform for understanding the issues on a state wide basis and being involved in the direction of solutions. I have made a number of contacts in this group which is comprised of people from M-Dot, SEMCOG, DNR, State Police, Insurance companies, state planning & roads, etc

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED (LIST MUNICIPALITIES AND DATES)

N/A

ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD

N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to work on this committee with the city and citizens to provide and implement solutions to current and future deer/car accidents for the safety of all. This is a terrific opportunity to be part of something that can prove to enrich&build our community in a positive direction, I welcome the chance

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