



**DEER
MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY BOARD
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR 2010**

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FEEDING BAN ORDINANCE

- Continue the ban on feeding wildlife (with the exception of birds)
- Increase the number of public reminders to city residents to ensure awareness of the ordinance
- Strongly enforce this ordinance to ensure compliance.

EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT

- Target educational focus during months of September through December and during peak hours of dawn and dusk.
- Designate October as “Deer Awareness Month”
- Offer more homeowner tactics, seminars, and programs on dealing with the city’s deer population.
- Have the Parks & Forestry Department report in June 2010 on the status of the educational components, aerial flyover results, and SEMCOG deer/vehicle crash data
- Provide updated deer information on the city’s website and cable station and add a link to SEMCOG’s “Don’t Veer for Deer” program.
- Keep logs of deer calls/complaints for inclusion in future reports.

IMPROVED SIGNAGE

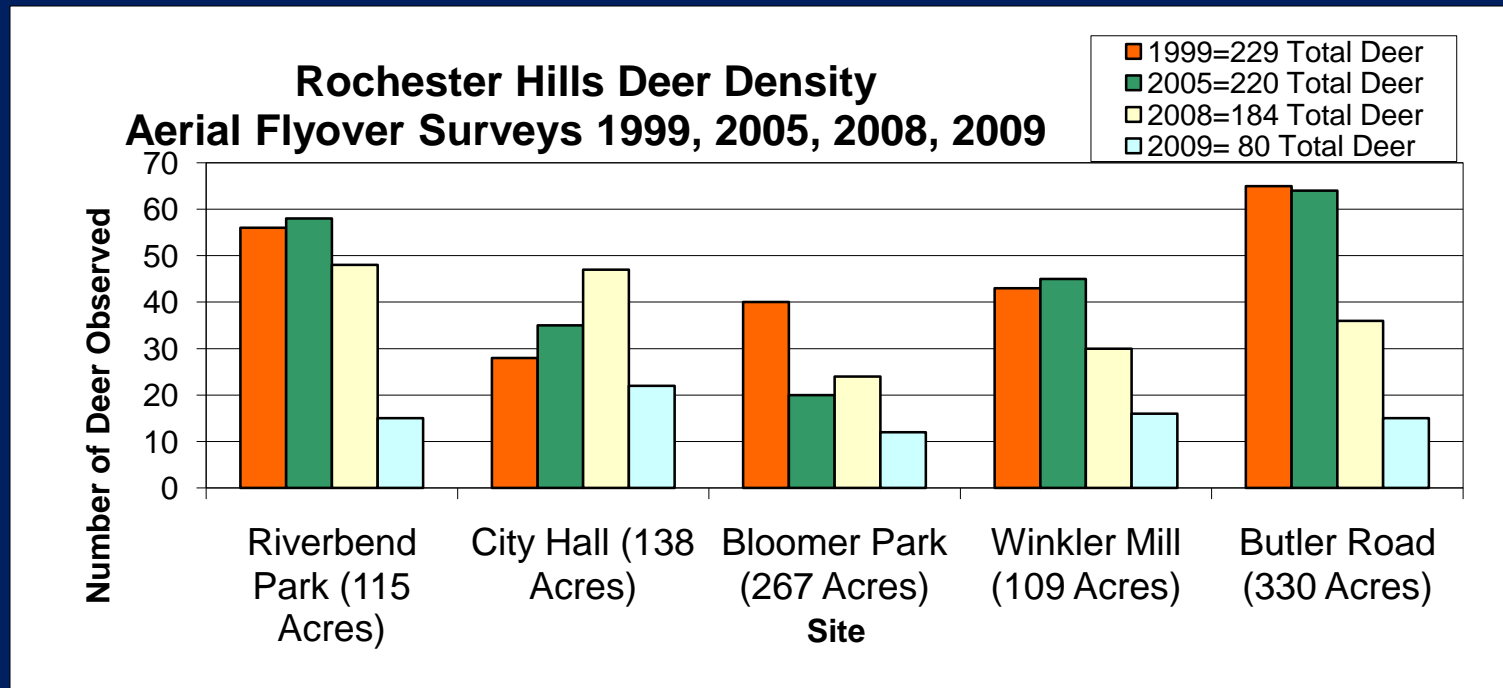
- **Identify major road areas where high growth brush clearing would help increase deer visibility and notify property owners with recommendations.**
- **Identify major road areas where deer fencing could be an effective deterrent to deer/vehicle crashes and notify property owners.**
- **Identify and publicize high deer/vehicle crash areas.**
- **Use flashers, lights, or flags on deer signs during the peak months of September through December to make them more effective and increase awareness.**
- **Encourage Oakland University to consider additional fencing and /or brush removal along the high deer/vehicle crash areas adjacent to their property.**

BAN ON BOW HUNTING

- **Continue ban on recreational bow hunting in Rochester Hills.**
- **Do not permit qualified bow-hunting businesses to remove deer on private property in 2010 even with DNR restrictions and at homeowners' expense.**

AERIAL DEER COUNT SURVEYS

- Continue annual aerial deer count surveys to track trends.
- Have the deer count surveys evaluated by an outside agent for consistency and statistical verification.



SHARPSHOOTING

- Sharpshooting and other lethal culling methods are not recommended for 2010 due to the apparent reduction in the deer herd as shown in the data of the January 2009 flyover.
- Lethal methods for deer culling and increased options for reducing the deer population should be re considered if the deer/vehicle accident rate reaches 200 annually and if the previous deer count survey trends up by 20% or more.

MONITOR DEER/VEHICLE COLLISIONS

- **Continue to monitor the deer/vehicle crash data as provided by SEMCOG and Oakland County.**
- **Encourage more timely reports even if the data is only preliminary.**
- **Include the final Michigan State Police audited numbers in the June 2010 report to City Council.**

CONSIDERATIONS NOT RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME

➤ Immuno-Contraceptives

- Technology currently not available for effective use.
- Method not permitted by the Michigan Dept. of Agriculture.

➤ Trap and Transfer

- Not allowed in the state of Michigan because of the potential for spreading disease.

➤ Trap and Euthanize

- Time-consuming, expensive, and minimally effective.

➤ Reflectors and Deer Whistles

- Research and review indicate these are not effective deterrents to deer/vehicle crashes.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- **Continue the Deer Management Advisory Committee in 2010 as presently structured.**
- **Have the Mayor form a Citizens Resource Group of qualified volunteers to assist residents in implementing helpful practices for dealing with landscaping problems.**
- **Initiate and guide the formation of a standing Wildlife Management Committee from surrounding communities and other wildlife management agencies .**