

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE  
DEER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

NAME Martha Black

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

DATE February 20, 2009

ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR 5years YEARS

OCCUPATION Stay at home mom with three children...excellent multi tasker!

**INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS**

I believe it is our responsibility as individuals and as a community to preserve our environment and set the example for those who follow. I have spoke with numerous deer management experts and have spent hundreds of hours researching this subject. I believe I bring balance to this issue.

**WHAT IS YOUR OPINION REGARDING THE 2009 DEER MANAGEMENT POLICY?**

The 2009 Deer Management Policy was, in my opinion, created without the thought of implementing a committee to study the impact the deer herd has on our community. An issue as divisive as this needs the input of as many residents as possible. The decision to place culling of the deer as a solution to deer car collisions at the 'top of the list' sent a confusing message. If we as a community are willing to look at all solutions, why then is the first answer to kill it off.

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

I believe we have to look at all proposals and involve our community with solutions for deer management. Creating a Deer Management Committee is an excellent beginning for making Rochester Hills a safer community and to properly manage the white tail deer, one of our most beautiful natural resources. A city wide survey, monthly public meetings and proposals are all good beginnings. With all proposals made with long term goals in mind, I also believe the committee needs to be permanent. Other ideas are, messaging boards used in the fall and spring, speed limit reductions, installing Streiter lights and working with businesses to educate the public on suggestions for planting to deter deer.

**PERTINENT EDUCATION**

Michigan Humane Society Volunteer with an ongoing understanding and interest in animals and the environment

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

N/A

**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 look forward to the opportunity of working with an exciting , energetic group of residents with the goal of providing successful solutions for our community.

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