



**City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
NON-FINANCIAL ITEMS**

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**Legislative File No:** 2008-0267

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members  
**FROM:** Michael Hartner, Parks & Forestry, Ext. 2552  
**DATE:** November 10, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** **Communitywide Deer Situation Update**

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**REQUEST:**

As a follow up to the June 9, July 21, and September 15, 2008, presentations to City Council, Lance DeVoe and Mike Hartner will present an update on the various options available for controlling the deer population and request City Council's direction on how to proceed.

**BACKGROUND:**

Due to the safety concerns of our residents and visitors regarding the high number of deer-vehicle accidents, the increasing costs for insurance and property damage, and the nuisance factor the community deer herd presents, Lance DeVoe and representatives from the Department of Natural Resources made a presentation to City Council on June 9, 2008. Parks & Forestry Department provided a Deer Management Report dated July 14<sup>th</sup> outlining the various options available for controlling the deer herd and outlining the pros and cons of each. A proposed Deer Management Implementation Plan was presented to City Council on September 15<sup>th</sup>. After researching further various options available, they will update City Council on methods for containing the deer herd in our community and request City Council's approval to proceed. Future monitoring of the deer herd will help determine if the options pursued were effective in meeting the goal of decreasing the deer-vehicle accidents and the amount of property damage caused by deer feeding on local vegetation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Parks & Forestry recommends that City Council review the options available and determine a course of action for implementing and future monitoring.

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<b>APPROVALS:</b>	<b>SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>
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