

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**DEER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**NAME** Jerome V Gross **COUNCIL DISTRICT** 2

**DATE** 02-23-2009

**ROCHESTER HILLS RESIDENT FOR** 17 **YEARS**

**OCCUPATION** Retired - Automotive Engineer

**INTERESTS/REASONS/QUALIFICATIONS**

Reduce vehicle/deer collisions and reduce property damage to landscaping. Investigate potential water contamination due to deer overpopulation. Determine the impact/ramification on the deer herd health due to over population.

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

I thought that the original intent was a cost effective, environmentally friendly short term solution. However, the implementation was poorly managed from a PR and Public Safety standpoint. Never broadcast killing animals because you get the knee jerk reaction that we all read about. Where was all of the opposition when the Council took the final vote last Fall?

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

Develop short & long term strategies to manage the deer problem in a cost effective & environmentally friendly manner.

**SHORT TERM** - Cull the herd by - shooting, trapping, others -TBD

**LONG TERM** - Investigate road reflectors and any other road crossing deterrent

Investigate modifying road side habitat to give drivers earlier detection to take evasive action.

Investigate birth control - is this cost effective and how long lasting is the method/ technique.

Investigate how other municipalities are handling similar situations and study water quality also.

**PERTINENT EDUCATION**

No Formal Wildlife Education - Member of the Audubon Society and National Wildlife Federation

**OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

Director on our Subdivision Homeowners Association Board - 5 years (Chichester #4 Sub)

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

None

**ELECTIVE OFFICES THAT YOU HAVE HELD**

None

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

I wish to work with a group that can investigate and develop cost effective/environmental friendly plans to reduce both deer/car collisions and landscaping damage and sustain excellent water quality in the R.H. Watershed

Please send completed form to: City of Rochester Hills, Clerk's Office, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309 or fax to 248.656.4744

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