



# DEER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2021/2022 REPORT



October 10, 2022  
Deborah Barno; Chair



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## Citizen Members

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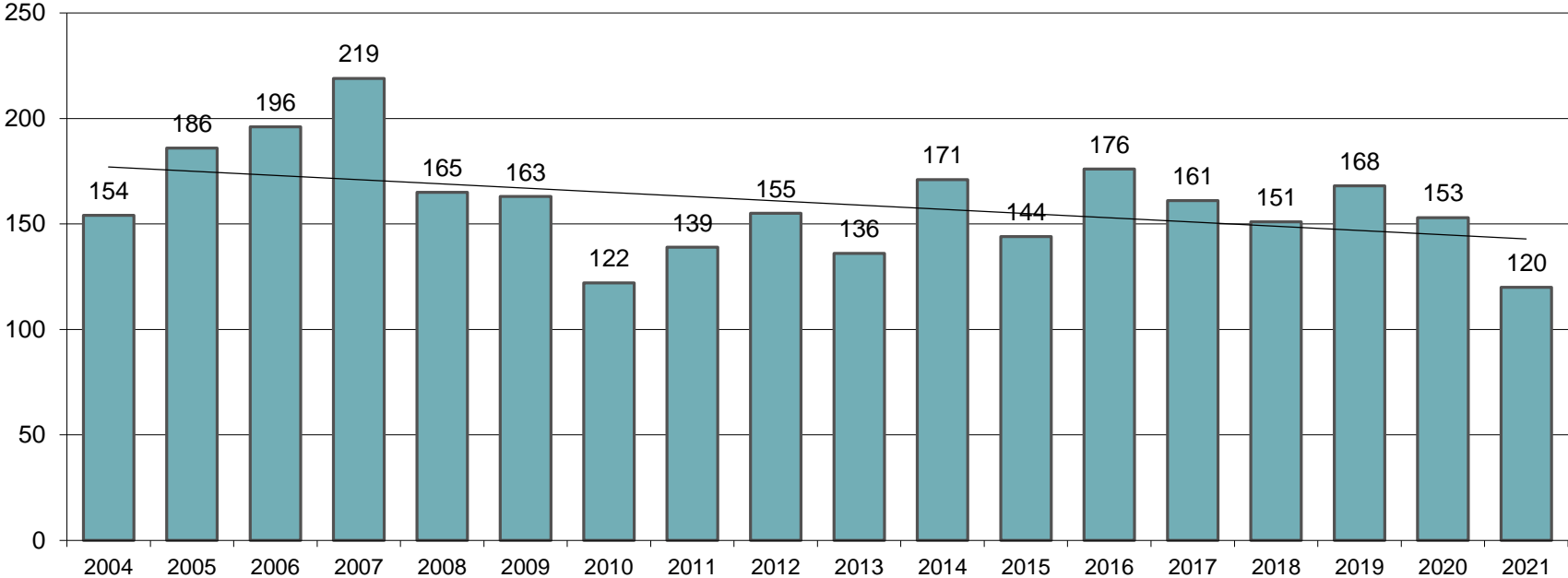
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**Lance DeVoe, Naturalist**

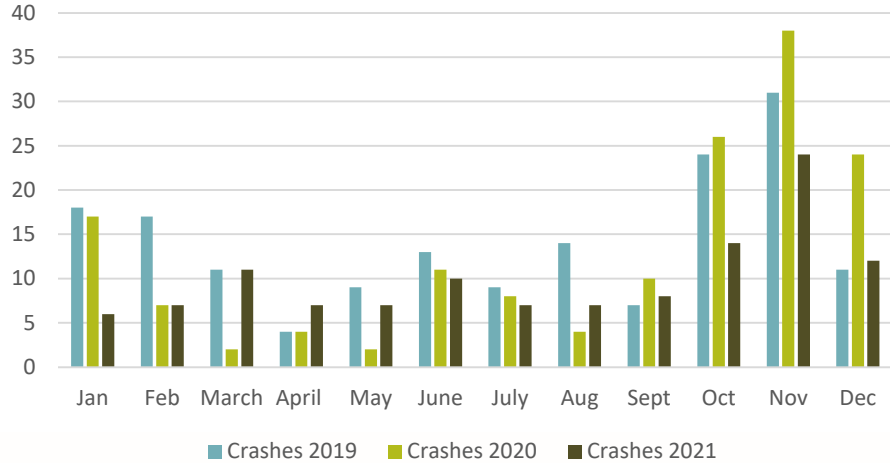


# Number of Deer-Vehicle Crashes\* Rochester Hills 2004 - 2021

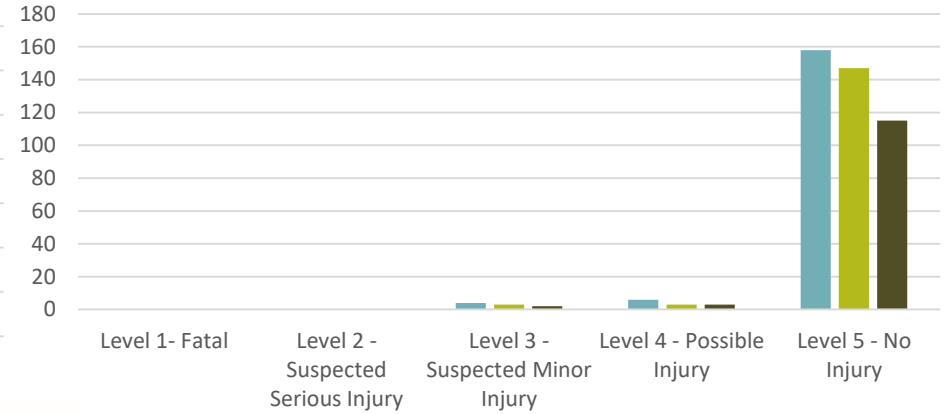


*\*Data provided by SEMCOG and the Transportation Improvement Association*

## Deer Collisions by Month –2019, 2020 & 2021



## Severity of Collisions



# Deer/Vehicle Crash Locations



2021 Deer/Vehicle Collisions

Based on TIA data

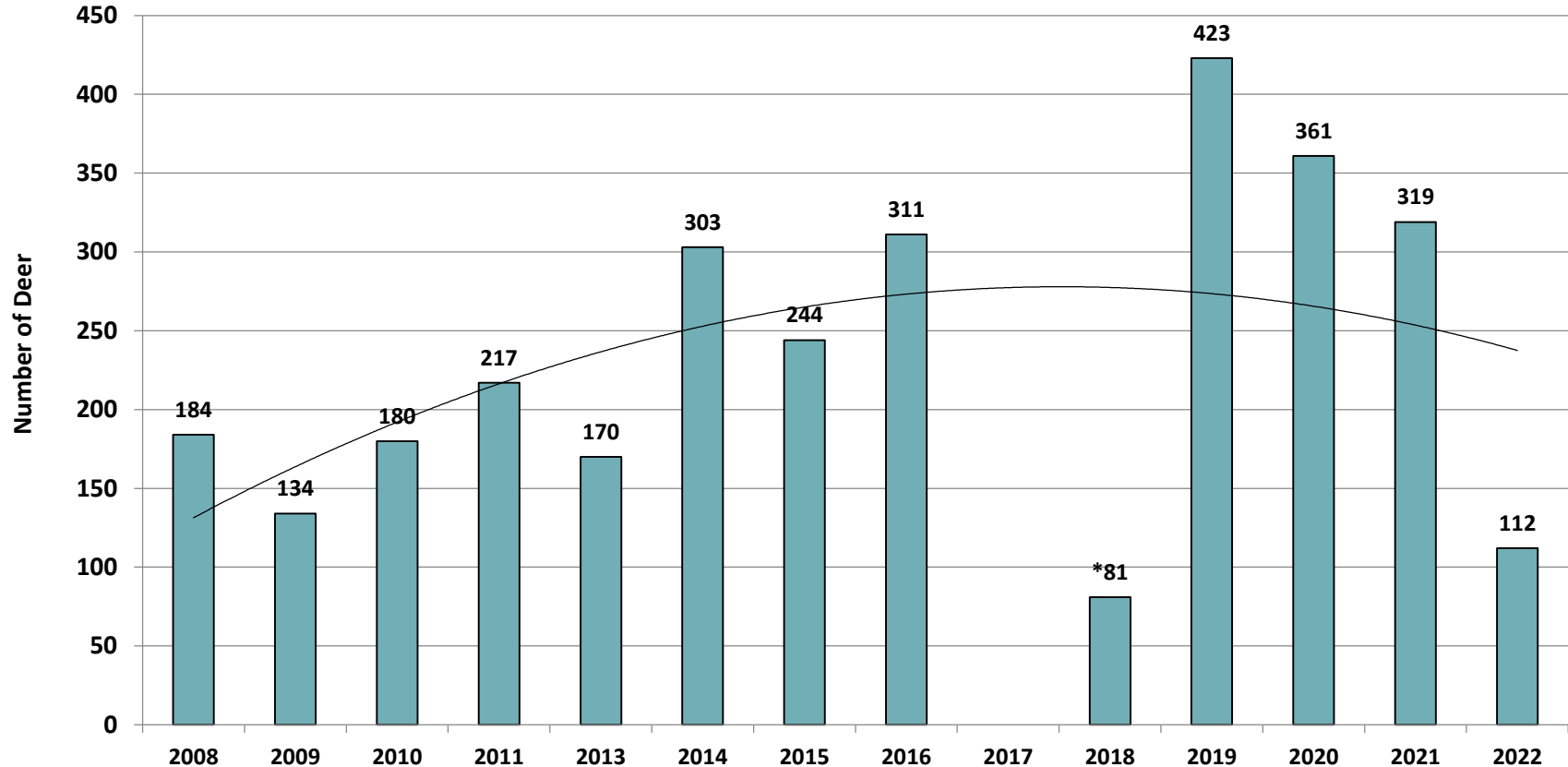


2017 thru 2021 Deer/Vehicle Collision (Density)



# Aerial Deer Survey Results Rochester Hills

\*(2018 results are not reflective of population/changes due to weather and visibility conditions at the time of the survey)

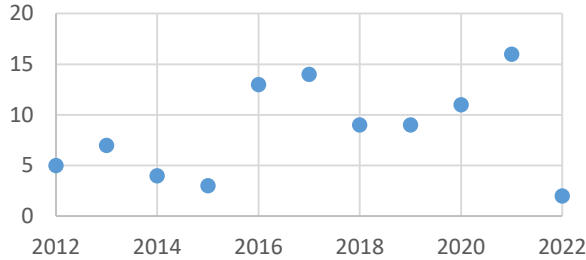


# Deer Complaints 2011-2022

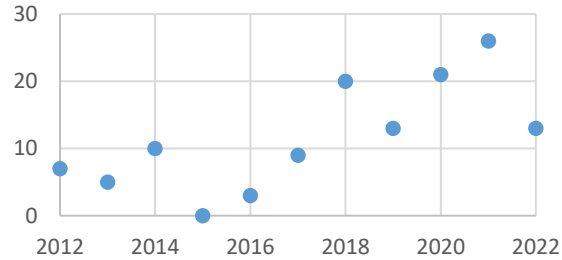
- 2022 includes #'s thru August

These #'s only include when a resident enters complaint into online reporting system or significant staff follow-up is needed

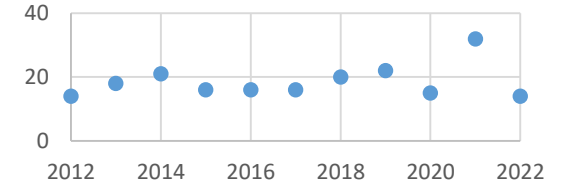
### Feeding Deer



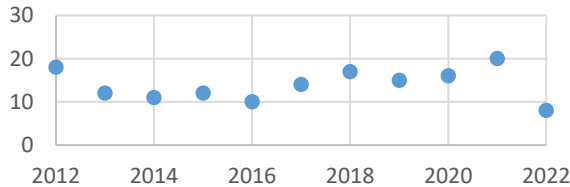
### Nuisance-Wild Animal - Deer



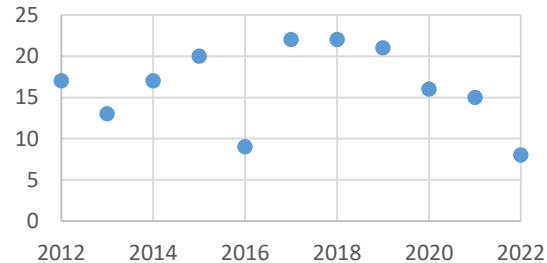
### Roadkill-Deer, City ROW (Local Road)



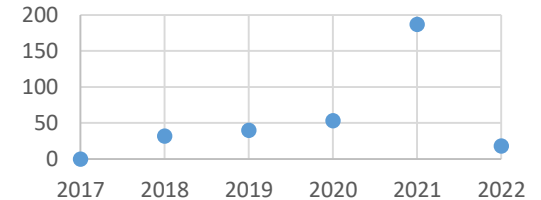
### Roadkill-Deer, City ROW (Major Road)



### Roadkill-Deer, RCOC/MDOT



### RoadKill-Deer-Private Property



# 2022/2023 DMAC Recommendations



- **Continued outreach through spring and fall press releases, articles, etc.**  
**October 2022 – Deer Awareness Month**
- **2022 Deer Brochures included in the water bills (planned for every other year)**
- **2022 spring “Gardening with Deer” seminar w/ Bordines**



#### Deer and Vehicles

Please keep in mind that there are two times a year when deer auto collisions increase dramatically: October through December, when deer are in rut, and May through June, when young from the previous year are out on their own and when does are with fawns and thus slower and less agile.

#### What you Can Do

- Stay aware, alert, and always use your safety belt. Reduce your speed, and watch for deer on the edge of the road, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Observe deer crossing signs and posted speed limits. Make a note of where you have seen deer before. Be careful when going around curves or when approaching favored deer crossings.
- If you see a deer cross safely in front of your car, slow down and expect more to come. Don't assume that a deer that is in the road will run off as you approach. Flashing your high-beam headlights or honking will not deter deer.

#### If a Crash is Unavoidable

- Don't swerve! Brake firmly, hold on to the steering wheel, stay in your lane and bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.
- Pull off the road, turn on your emergency flashers and be cautious of other traffic.
- Don't attempt to remove a deer from the roadway and report the crash to the nearest police agency.



#### Information and Assistance

For more information and assistance regarding suburban and overabundant deer issues, please contact:

City of Rochester Hills  
Department of Parks and Natural Resources  
Natural Resources Division Wildlife Unit  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309  
248-656-4775  
[www.rochesterhills.org/deer](http://www.rochesterhills.org/deer)

#### Coexisting with

## WHITE-TAILED DEER

in Rochester Hills



The white-tailed deer is one of the most recognizable species of wildlife in Michigan. They are an increasingly common animal in and around Rochester Hills, and in surrounding urban and suburban communities, leading to certain challenges.





# 2022/2023 DMAC Recommendations (cont.)

- 2022 – 6 changeable message boards in high DVC areas from Oct. 1 – Jan. 1
- Continue aerial deer count survey in January 2023 w/ additional southern parcel



**THANK YOU**

