CSAC REPORT – DEER MANAGEMENT

April 29, 2025

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Background

- Ongoing conversation since Feb. 2022
- Ordinance 47-23 was adopted by City Council at the Nov. 27, 2023 meeting
- ODNR presented to CSAC at the Nov. 25, 2024 CSAC meeting
- CSAC discussion at the February 11, 2025 meeting

Outdoor Feed Ordinance Enforcement

- Over 20 reports of violations
- Three referred to Code Enforcement for further action

PRINTED COMMUNICATIONS

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

- The Link Ahead Podcast
  - Season 3, Episode 2 (Nature Education & the Outdoor Feed Ordinance)- 598 listens and counting
  - Season 3, Episode 18 (Dublin Horticulture & Tips on Deer Prevention)- 386 listens and counting
- Social Media
  - 16 posts in total
  - Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly known as Twitter), Nextdoor
- HOA Leadership Meetings
  - Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

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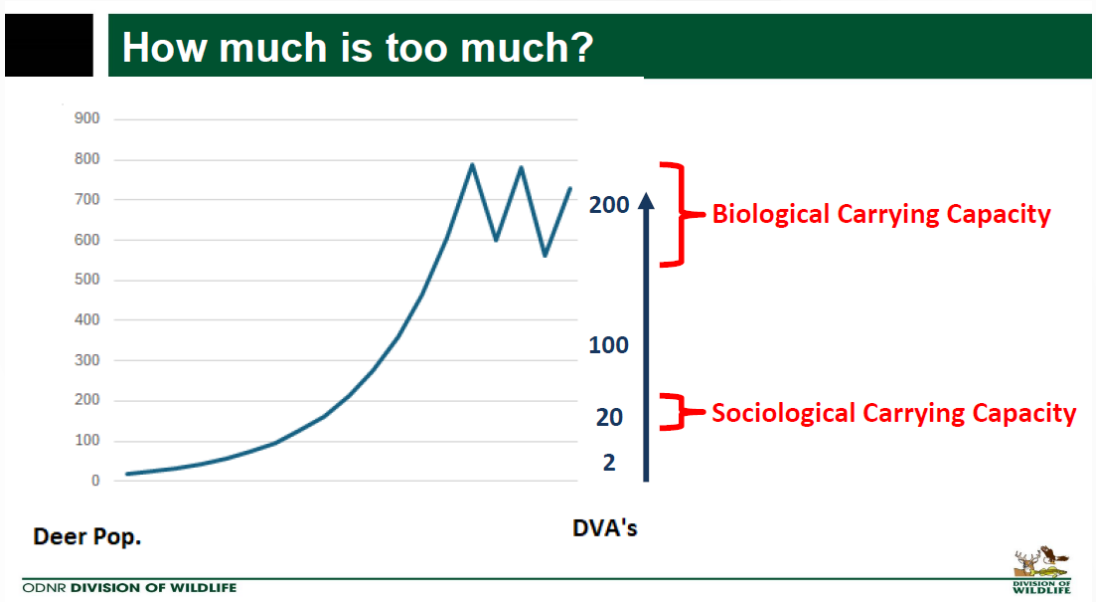
ODNR Presentation

- Biological Carrying Capacity vs. Sociological carrying capacity



Survey Results

How would you describe your experience with white-tailed deer in the City of Dublin?	
Negative	74
Neutral	73
Positive	150

Do you think the white-tailed deer population in Dublin is increasing and needs to be managed?	
The white-tailed deer population is increasing and should be managed	150
There is no need to manage the white-tailed deer herd in Dublin	147

Have you seen a white-tailed deer on your property?	
No	17
Yes	219

Do you think there are too many white-tailed deer an acceptable number, or too little number in Dublin, Ohio?	
Acceptable amount of white-tailed deer	163
Too little white-tailed deer	8
Too many white-tailed deer	126

What negative experiences have you or a member of your household had with white-tailed deer in Dublin?	
Deer/vehicle collision or almost collission	29
Lyme's Disease from Deer Tick	2
Other	47
Plant/Property Damage	219

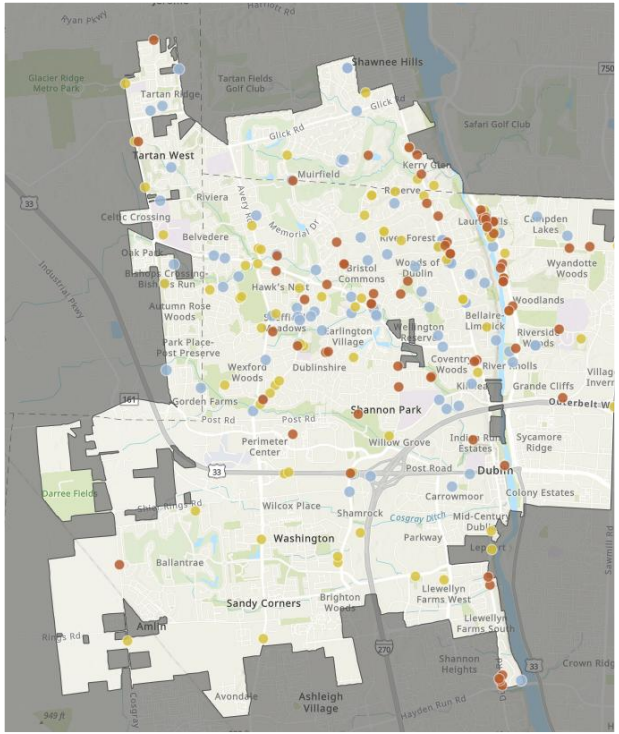
Crash Data

Year	Number of Collisions	# Resulting in Minor Damage	# Resulting in Significant Damage	# of Collisions Resulting in Injury
2015	11	10	1	2
2016	13	10	3	0
2017	13	11	2	2
2018	10	10	0	0
2019	10	8	2	2
2020	21*	19	2	5
2021	12	8	4	1
2022	11	8	3	1
2023	7	6	1	1
2024	11	11	0	0

DVAs and Dead Deer Pick Ups

2024 Deer/Vehicle Accidents

2021-2024 Deer/Vehicle Accidents



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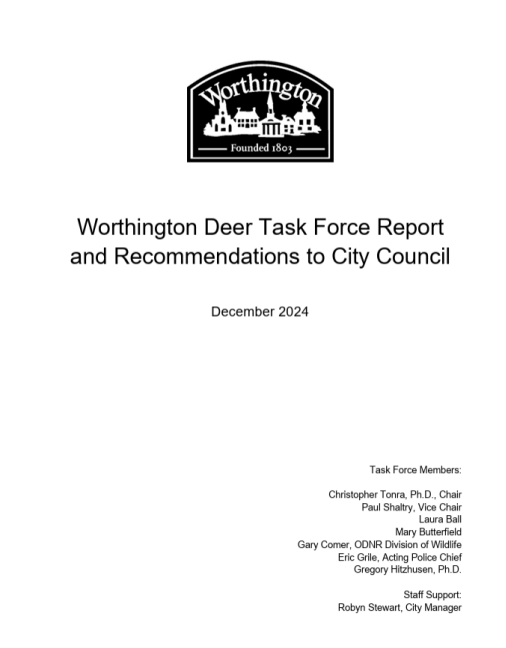
Worthington Deer Management Program

- Worthington City Council voted unanimously at its Jan. 21, 2025 meeting
- Targeted removal for three years, archery to maintain levels after that
- Established an Advisory Committee to draft policy and establish metrics
  - Likely to report to City Council annually with data



Worthington Deer Task Force Report
and Recommendations to City Council

December 2024

Task Force Members:

Christopher Tonra, Ph.D., Chair
Paul Shaltry, Vice Chair
Laura Ball
Mary Butterfield
Gary Comer, ODNR Division of Wildlife
Eric Grile, Acting Police Chief
Gregory Hitzhusen, Ph.D.

Staff Support:
Robyn Stewart, City Manager

Social Media Sentiment

Jul 19, 2024 Comment

Vince...Its humans fault that the deer are eating your precious plants..we have destroyed their habitats & made it almost impossible for them to find food & fend for themselves...perhaps put out blocks of salt for them...may deter them from eating your plants...your solution is to kill them..?
🙄😪 Sounds like the American way..steal the land & kill to be free of the ptoblem...that wasnt a problem until we made it so...

Jul 19, 2024

So we destroy their homes and now you want them killed.
Selfish much?

It's ok to say the deer are eating my garden so I want the city to kill them. It is true that as our population and the deer population grows there will be more chances for contact, good and bad. We have moved onto the land they and their ancestors have occupied for a long time and it is probably difficult for them to understand that we are in charge now.
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Jul 19, 2024 Comment

Great letter Vince. Culling is an excellent idea. I moved from Texas and the cities/towns with deer over-population have specific regulations and times of the year for this. Yes, deer can be a hazard to people and property; however, when there are too many deer in an area, disease (human, domestic animals, & wildlife) and deer starvation will occur. The deer meat could be processed and go towards feeding those in need. Culling benefits the health of the deer population as well as the community.

- Generally mixed sentiment across platforms
- Some comments call for management through lethal means; other comments agree there's an overpopulation concern but encourage the City to find other means of management

Recommendation

- CSAC discussed continuing to monitor the regional landscape surrounding deer management programs.
- To support this, Staff would provide CSAC updates when there is new information to share to ensure that CSAC is properly apprised.
- CSAC would provide annual updates to City Council outlining any changes and return with recommendations to City Council, if desired.