



CITY OF WAUPACA

Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting Date: Monday, December 5, 2016

Time: 6:00PM

Meeting Location: Waupaca City Hall Council Chambers

***CITY OF WAUPACA MISSION STATEMENT:** "The city of Waupaca's mission is to lead creatively, plan wisely and spend prudently to provide the services that ensure a safe and vibrant community."*

AGENDA

Call to Order – Chairman Alan Kjelland

Open Meeting Statement

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes from November 14, 2016 Meeting

Review Waupaca County DMU Harvest Information

Review Multi Metro Deer Management Plan – A Consortium of Communities in Marathon County. Is This a Template That Can Work For Our Situation?

Review Map of Parcels of 10 Acres and More Within the City Limits (to be distributed)

Are There Techniques/Approaches to Urban Deer Management That We Want to Eliminate Because of Concern for Safety, Cost, Etc?

Set Next Meeting Date and Topics For Discussion

Other Business

Adjourn

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**CITY OF WAUPACA
DEER MANAGEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CLERK TO READ OPEN MEETING STATEMENT

Henry Veleker, City Administrator/Clerk stated this meeting and all other meetings of the City are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the Press, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes so that the citizens may be aware of the time, place, and agenda of this meeting.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Ald. Alan Kjelland, Chairperson, Ald. Chuck Whitman, Ald. Lori Chesnut, Steve Johnson, Barb Haen, Loren Fritz, Chris Anthony, Judith Schwonek and Sue Reniewicki

Also Present: Ted Dremel, WDNR, Jake Fries, WDNR, Police Chief Brian Hoelzel, Henry Veleker, City Administrator/Clerk and Jonathon Kizer, WDNR

4. APPROVE AGENDA

MOVED by Mr. Johnson, **SECONDED** by Ald. Chesnut to **APPROVE** the agenda as presented. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

**5. INTRODUCTIONS/BACKGROUNDS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS
AND WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH YOUR
PARTICIPATION ON THE COMMITTEE?**

Chr. Ald. Kjelland asked everyone to introduce themselves and share what they hope to accomplish by participating on the committee.

Ald. Kjelland said he serves the 5th Ward for the city. He has been a resident of Waupaca a little over six years and an alderperson for approximately three years. He has first-hand experience with the destruction of landscaping caused by the deer herd and has spent money trying to keep the deer away from the plantings.

Ms. Schwonek has been a Waupaca resident for ten years and said she does not mind sharing her garden with the deer. She said for the health of the deer and happiness of the residents she wants to learn more and be a part of any recommendation.

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Ms. Anthony lives on Shadow Lake Drive and has lived in Waupaca over 40 years. She said she has spent money on deer repellents, etc. as has Ald. Kjelland and has also noticed an increase in the number of deer in the subdivision and an increase in the number of plants deer are eating. She also represents her neighborhood association. She raised concerns about Lyme's Disease and driving safety.

Ald. Whitman is an alderperson for the 4th Ward and lives on South Morton Street. He said he was born and raised in Waupaca and is here to represent his district and help make a good decision. He added that he is also a hunter.

Ms. Haen lives on South Main Street and has lived in Waupaca for 18 years. She has also spent a lot of money on landscaping, deer repellent and has tried to change the landscaping to repel the deer. She has seen a huge increase in the number of deer on the roads on her way in and out of town to go to work.

Mr. Johnson lives on South Main Street and was born and raised in Waupaca. He said over the last 10 years, this is the most deer he has ever seen. Over the last 3-4 years, the increase of deer on the Lakeside Parkway seems like it has exploded. He is concerned over the number of fawns he has seen and the number of ticks. He shared that his wife had 13 ticks on her after working in their front garden.

Ald. Chesnut is an alderperson for the 4th and 6th Wards. She is here on behalf of some of her constituents and is concerned about the number of "city" deer and their traffic patterns. She is here to learn as well.

Mr. Fritz said he is an avid hunter and has a wildlife biology degree. Since he has moved into town approximately 5 years ago, he has seen a change in the plants the deer are willing to eat. His wife kept the sedum covered with a sheet all summer long to prevent deer from eating the sedum. He lives on Highland Drive and from Highland Drive to High Street he has counted 23 deer in that stretch of road. It is not uncommon to have 10 at a time in his backyard. There are two 40 acre lots behind his home and said the deer are thick. He said his wife has Lyme's disease and he has had Anaplasmosis.

Ms. Reniewicki lives on Lake Street and has lived there since 2008. She has also observed a dramatic increase in the deer population. She also has a background in native plants and has tried to fill her yard with deer resistant plantings. She has suffered hundreds of dollars of loss in landscaping as others have shared. She noted that she can see the bumps under the deer's skin from ticks and does not think they are a healthy herd and is concerned about health risks.

6. COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND STUDY TIMELINE – CHR. ALAN KJELLAND

Ald. Kjelland tentatively suggested the committee could have a report to Council by February 2017 or earlier. The purpose of the committee is to develop recommendations because the deer herd has gone beyond a reasonable population and must deal with the damage they cause as well as car collision safety.

7. BRIEF REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2016 PRESENTATIONS BY WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND WAUPACA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

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The presentation from September 27, 2016 by WDNR was included in the packet.

Mr. Jake Fries said he has nothing more to add from that meeting and asked if there were any questions. He said the WDNR has some responsibility for deer management outside of the municipal areas but within the city limits it is a question that needs to be answered by the city as to what a tolerable number of deer should be. WDNR is responsible to give the city a number of options to reduce the number of deer if the city chooses.

Mr. Ted Dremel said if some type of harvest strategy is the way to go, he and Mr. Fries could meet with Chief Hoelzel to develop shooting and safety plans and protocols. He mentioned some experience with protesters who were against harvesting deer and some of the trouble and difficulty other towns have had.

There was general discussion about who determines the acceptable number or level of deer population within the city limits.

Mr. Dremel said it is the city's decision. He also mentioned the possibility of residents who feed the deer corn and hay which contribute to the problem.

There was general discussion regarding any other areas comparable to Waupaca that could be used as a model for deer management.

There was general discussion regarding a cost effective way to determine the number of deer in the city limits.

Mr. Dremel said there is no real effective way to determine deer numbers short of an aerial survey.

There was continued discussion regarding determining the number of deer to remove and general home ranges of deer. The Committee learned that the range for female deer is about 1 square mile with the male's range about 1.5 square miles

There was general discussion regarding educating the community about the extent of the problem and how long it may take to get to an acceptable number of deer.

There was general discussion regarding bow hunting within the city limits and getting the proper permit.

No action.

8. REVIEW RELEVANT CITY/STATE CODES/REGULATIONS

- **Hunting**
- **Deer Feeding**

Ald. Kjelland said the regulations regarding hunting and deer feeding were included in the packet. He said feeding deer in the city is prohibited.

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Chief Hoelzel said it is up to residents to make sure their bird feeders are high enough that deer can't get into them.

Ald. Kjelland noted the ordinance says they must be 6' off the ground. He said crossbow and bows are allowed for hunting so long as the \$10 permit fee is purchased through the police department, the person has a hunting license and permission from the property owner or inhabitants within 100 yards of where you are hunting.

Mr. Kizer commented that deer know where the food sources are and where they are safe. He thinks there is some confusion regarding the issue of deer feeding and suggested education for the community that will hopefully decrease the attraction of the deer.

There was general discussion regarding hunting rules within the city and permission from landowners for bows and crossbows only.

9. WHAT CONCERNS/ISSUES ARE THE URBAN DEER POPULATION CAUSING FOR OUR RESIDENTS? CAR/DEER COLLISIONS-REVIEW ACCIDENT DATE (2011-2016); HEALTH ISSUES; VEGETATION/LANDSCAPING DAMAGE; OTHER

The committee briefly reviewed a car/deer collision map and where the accidents are occurring with general discussion.

There was general discussion regarding sharp shooters. Chief Hoelzel said he did not feel there were any safe areas to discharge a firearm within the city and said the deer problem will not be solved overnight.

There was continued discussion regarding hunting within the city and taking our time to make decisions with caution regarding deer management.

Ms. Anthony gave a brief presentation regarding health concerns. She stated that Waupaca County reported 133 cases of Lyme's disease from January 2016 to October 2016, 30 were lab tested and 23 disease tap are symptoms without confirmed lab tests. She said the State Department of Health website was contacted and the person responsible for the online data. The last information posted was 14 cases of Lyme's disease but the person admitted they were behind due to the zika virus outbreak. She encouraged everyone to look at the website.

Ald. Kjelland said there are at least five diseases associated with the deer tick and said it is becoming a very significant issue in the city.

Mr. Fritz asked if the WDNR has a list of deer resistant plants.

Ald. Kjelland said Ms. Shellie Christie could not make the meeting tonight but will be talking about that issue at a future meeting.

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There was general discussion regarding what the next steps are toward deer management.

Ald. Kjelland said the next step is to focus on what recommendation to make to City Council and would like the committee to determine what the focus should be.

A committee member asked how many permits were purchased to bow hunt in the city. Chief Hoelzel replied he would find out.

10. SET NEXT MEETING DATES

Next meeting is Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mr. Fritz, **SECONDED** by Mr. Johnson to **ADJOURN** the November 14, 2016 Special Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee Meeting, subject to call. 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOICE VOTE.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Ald. Alan Kjelland, Chairperson
Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee

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Multi-Metro Deer Management

General History and Progress of the Group

08/14/08

Revised 11/16/2015

This group was started by the communities of Wisconsin Rapids, Grand Rapids, Biron and Port Edwards some time in 2004. It was prompted by the numerous complaints about deer damage from the residents of four communities. Wisconsin Rapids received 30 to 40 complaints per year about the overabundance of deer. They were having fawns born in peoples back yards, eating trees, shrubs and flowers. Grand Rapids even had a big uproar because some people were putting up electric fences around their yards due to the deer damage. Biron and Port also had major complaints of the same nature. Car and deer accidents were also a major concern, people were hitting deer in these Urban areas. In 2005 and 2006 there were 76 REPORTED deer accidents. Actual deer/car accidents are under reported by over 50%. Average deer accident cost in Wisconsin is right at \$2,000.00 per accident. That means local residents had \$152,000.00 in deer accident costs. (FYI Deer accidents were down 35% for 2007) The reported deer/vehicle accidents have stayed roughly the same for years 2008 thru 2010 according to records from Emergency Govt. And the Sheriffs Dept. The communities contacted Wayne Hall the local DNR wildlife biologist to find out what the DNR could do for relief. Wayne suggested forming a group to look into managing the problem as a whole because the communities were so intertwined and they all had the same problems. They formed the Multi- Metro Deer Management Group

The first thing they needed to do was to assess the problem from the Public's point of view, to this end they sent out questionnaires in late 2005. (See attached) The responses were overwhelmingly in favor of doing something to cull the growing. 76% of those who responded said there were too many deer and wanted something done. In fall of 2008 the Village of Port Edwards put an article in the Newspaper requesting comments about how the program should proceed or stop. 69% of the respondents voted to continue as is with the program. This past year we have seen an increase of complaints about the deer damage.

They then set up the general parameters of the group. They looked into sharp shooters, but decided the cost was too much. (\$150.00 to \$250.00 per deer) They looked at trapping, but it was Not very effective. I had been hunting on select properties for David Hoks the Parks and Rec Director for Wisconsin Rapids for few years and he was very happy with the results. They decided to use volunteer bowhunters to help. Bowhunting is the safest form of hunting. The group decided they wanted the best archers, so they set up a proficiency shoot, open to the public to select the hunters who demonstrated the accuracy needed to harvest deer in Urban areas. 25% of the Archers that participated did not pass. We have since had a test where 45 new people have tested in 2008. In 2010, we had another open shoot where 30 new people were tested and the ones that passed all criteria joined the group. In 2012 we had another shoot where 23 people tested and 15 passed and joined the group. Current members total 35. In 2014 we had another shoot for new members. For 2015 we currently have 21 members.

Then the group decided they needed someone to coordinate the activities of the group. I was chosen to be the Hunt Coordinator due to my prior experience with Urban Deer harvesting. We then Chose a Captain from each Community to help run the project. We are open to the public and have an Open Shoot every 2 years. But they MUST pass the proficiency test The archers must also follow all the rules and regulation to stay a member. (See attached) One of the most important rules, in my opinion, is the marking of arrows. This way we can track any of the arrows that our archers may shoot.

We realized that to do our job we needed access to parcels of land. To have access, we needed to protect the landowners from Liability. Each Archer has signed a release giving immunity from liability.(see attached) We are also volunteers for the Communities and there is the Recreational Immunity Law which protects ALL landowners who allow hunting on their property without charge (see attached) There is NO LIABILITY in any way connected to any of the Landowners that allow us to harvest deer on their properties.

The structure we have put in place has allowed us access to many very sensitive places with excellent results and no complaints. We have an excellent Landowner Permission slip which addresses the landowners concerns and needs.(See attached) We have reached out to many landowners who feel very comfortable with our Archers on their property, that in many cases would be untouchable.

The next problem was tags. We are working with Wayne Hall of the DNR, he issues the group Ag tags that allows us to harvest deer before, during and after regular seasons. We also help out with wildlife studies, surveys and problems. We have hunter surveys that Wayne uses to determine the population in the areas. Two years ago we donated the heads of all deer harvested for the Chronic Wasting Study. We also have special rules and regulations to assist us in our harvest. In 2008, Mr. Hall has estimated the deer per square mile at 60, based upon our observations and paperwork. Mr. Halls 2010 estimate puts the herd at 28 deer per square mile. In 2012 the estimate was around 40 deer per square mile.

The next problem we faced was what to do with the deer after harvest. We have a large list of area families that receive the downed deer. They are so grateful to receive the Venison. It is gratifying to me to see someone receive the venison from our work. To date we have 115 plus families on our list to receive the deer. We have harvested over 673 deer in the last Nine years. We have donated over 26,920 lbs of meat to area families through this program. That equates to 107,680 meals provided. Only one person may receive a deer from one hunter. We also have set up a walk-in cooler for the harvest during warm weather months. This has been invaluable to being able to give the venison away to the area families in a clean and edible fashion. We have also received grants from the DNR to help cover some of the costs of this program.

Our Antler less harvest totals to the end of are:

2006: 134, 2007: 75 2008: 99 2009: 57 2010: 52 2011: 52 2012: 48
2013: 72, 214: 75.

The overpopulation of deer in our urban areas has many severe consequences. From disease in the deer themselves, such as tuberculosis, stunted growths, chronic wasting disease, the list goes on and on. Overpopulation has effects on the plants from over browsing to everyone flowers and shrubs. The deer accidents are horrendous as are the human diseases attributable to an overpopulation of deer such as lymes disease. Many communities all across Wisconsin are dealing with these problems. The major road block is access to the properties that the deer call home. We need the opportunity to harvest these deer to keep the population in check. Since the inception of the program in 2006, we have actually lost 1150 acres of land in which to harvest the deer. This will be a major problem in years to come. In 2008 there were 8 deer accidents at lake nepko on the hill in a two week period. This area is now feeding the South end of town with lots of deer. Complaints were steady this year. Our harvest has been slowly increasing even though we have lost access to areas to harvest problem Deer.

Thank You for Your consideration.

Daniel Hobbs



Multi-Metro Deer Management

Hunter Rules and Ethics

- 1) Always Know target and Beyond rules and restrictions
- 2) Always Follow Landowner rules and restrictions
- 3) Always wear Safety equipment as needed. 100% sure of, better to pass than wound.
- 4) Only take shots that you are 100% sure of, better to pass than wound.
- 5) Follow all State and Local rules and regulations walk in collar
- 6) See cooler Rules for use of walk in collar
- 7) Always Use Landowner questionnaire to aquire permission and make sure Captains get original
- 8) Always be of the utmost Ethical Hunter possible
- 9) Be as Safe As humanly possible
- 10) Always try not to be seen, better the public not be aware of you
- 11) Make sure to try to keep bodily fluids as low profile as possible, use tarp or sled if necessary
- 12) Always take ANY legal deer
- 13) Try to spread out the harvested deer to those who need it most
- 14) Always be pleasant with landowners and public
- 15) NEVER argue with anyone, if there are problems, walk away and call the Police.
- 16) Don't brag or create rumors areas, be respectfull of others
- 17) Never bother other hunters
- 18) Work together on all aspects of these harvests broadheads
- 19) Alway have razor sharp broadheads
- 20) Always have arrow's marked with your hunter #, initials and MMDM.
- 21) Always do all Legally allowed to recover hit animals, Call Captain or Hunt coordinator for ANY assistance
- 22) Alway Clean up area, NEVER LEAVE ANY GARBAGE
- 23) Always Aim for Center of mass on broadsided animals
- 24) Always make sure equipment is in good condition and works as it is supposed to
- 25) To Receive New Tags you must bring in arrows to show that they are marked properly.
- 26) Landowners get first choice on harvested game.
- 27) If you are haveing a problem recovering an animal please call Captain or Coordinator.
- 28) A minimum of Two does must be harvested each year to continue as a hunter, till next testing period.
- 29) All areas are assigned based on 1st choice by those who harvest the most after administrators.
- 30) All other hunters can either get thier own spots, that they keep or will be chosen to fill in as needed.

31) We reserve the right to pull you from an area if you do not harvest deer and/or put in other hunters.

32) Partial Reimbursement for documented equipment purchases for a minimum of two does harvested will occur for

for all the communities, Currently it is \$18.00 per deer, Port has thier own rules. Must Show receipts. This is NOT A PAYMENT Plan. This is a PARTIAL RE-IMBURSEMENT. Must harvest a minimum of 2 Does each year. All hunter reports and other paperwork must be returned.

33) Hunter reports MUST be filled out ACCURATELY EVERY TIME YOU HUNT.



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01/19/2015

End of harvest year end report to Communities

Hi All,

This is my annual report to let everyone know the harvest results and let you know any issues and/or anything new.

This year our harvest was down in some areas. Up to 1/4/16 we harvested a total of 47 deer of which 45 were antler less. The breakdown is as follows:

Biron: 5 total, with 2 urban.

Grand Rapids: 12 total with 3 urban

Port Edwards: 8

Wisconsin Rapids: 20 total.

We do have all locations of the harvested deer for all 10 years marked on a map, if anyone wants to see it.

This was a tough year, I know that I did not have any time to hunt this year. Sometimes life gets in the way of fun.

This was such a warm fall. The deer just were not moving during shooting hours. To compound that fact, there seems to be lots of illegal feeding which really makes the deer nocturnal. Im not sure how to deal with that, really don't want to start turning people into the DNR.

We lost 3 really good parcels this fall. The pieces were sold and developed. Another landowner took a year off as he sometimes does. Last year we harvested 6 deer on his property. His neighbors are really complaining, so we should be good to go this year.

We were also shut down in the Verso Papers properties after Rifle season. There were some very serious violations going on by the General Public and they shut everything down. We were able to get access to about 1/2 of the properties with a week or so to go in the season. We are working with them now to reopen to the rest, but it is long process with new landowners. They have 1,000 acres in Rapids and Biron, so hopefully we can get full access as we have had in the past.

Another problem developed with the Railroad, It is illegal to walk across or on any railroad property That has effectively shut down a couple hundred acres in a few different spots. We also are working with them to open those areas up. As you can see, it's been a frustrating December.

The deer are around, but you just have to have access to them. That is one of the main things with this program, we have to be able to get access to harvest the deer.

When the weather finally did turn the last week of the season, we harvested 13 deer. The deer really started moving with the cold and snow.

The Good News: The DNR changed its mind about funding for the 2015 season. We were approved for the Grant Monies. We have applied for 2016 and should be approved!!

The cooler again was a great success for keeping the donated venison cool. It is invaluable in running this organization. Wisconsin Rapids paid for the electricity. Thank you, Jim Borski and the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

There are lots of deer in the residential areas. The deer are coming out of the large blocks of private land next to the residential areas. We have had numerous complaints and have been trying to get hunters into the areas that are large enough for us to do our thing. We are having another really easy winter which means lots of fawns for this year.

The general public is quite supportive of our efforts, and have been told so numerous times.

Driving around town the last week or so shows there are lots of deer left as evidence by the amount of tracks in the snow. We are still hunting and hope to harvest a few more this winter.

It looks as though Verso is going to shut down ALL properties in town to the General Public. This is going to cause much higher deer numbers as many deer were harvested on their properties by the General Public.

One thing to remember is that just because we do not harvest a deer on a property, It is still help full because we do not give them a safe zone.

We were again able to gain access to property owned by WWL& C in Wisconsin Rapids and Grand Rapids. They also have closed their properties for the off season. Thank You Dale Scheuneman from WWL& C.

Other observations: There are lots of Coyotes and white/albino deer in town.

We have now harvested a total of 718 deer in this program. That amounts to 28,720 lbs of Venison donated to area families. Which also means 114,880 meals provided. That is an amazing amount of meals. I really wish we could do more as we get calls all the time for people requesting deer from us. I believe it is one of the most important parts of the program, donating to needy families.

We will have an open shoot for new members from the general public this spring. Antlers Archers will again do the testing for us.

Jim Borski said there were quite a few deer/car accidents in town last year.

Wayne Hall will look at our Hunter Reports and come up with his conclusions.

We will be hunting in most areas until the end of march and starting again 8/1/15.

I do want to thank the Community Representatives for their help. Also Wayne Hall has been a major contributor, without his help, none of this would be possible.

Any help with the Railroad or with or Verso Papers would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to call with any questions, Or if I am needed at any Meetings. Or if there are any changes you would like in the program. Remember it is your program!

Respectfully,

Daniel Hobbs.

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Deer Management

Landowner Questionnaire/Written Authorization

Landowner _____ E-mail: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____ Work # _____

Acreage or General Lot Size _____
Township/City _____

When and where do you see deer _____

Where would hunting be allowed _____

Parking and deer carcass removal _____

Hunt time restrictions (days, evenings, mornings) _____

Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

Are tree stands O.K? _____ (this is the safest method of hunting) Screw in steps and stands _____

Ladder stands _____ Overnight stands _____

Ground blinds _____ Field dressing on property _____

Still hunting _____ Regular season hunting _____

Permission granted till revoked or do we need to contact each year? _____

Is there anyone else that has permission to hunt property? If So Who? _____

Additional comments or requirements

Do you want a harvested deer _____

I authorize Multi Metro Deer Management proficiency tested hunters to hunt on my property using the above mentioned restrictions and guidelines.

Landowner Signature _____ Date

For any problems, contact your area's hunt captain:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Hunters assigned area: _____ date:

This Vehicle Belongs to a member of

Multi-Metro Deer

Management

2016/2017 Hunter

Hunter
No _____

For Information, Questions or Problems,
Call

Dan Hobbs @ 715/459-4761



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To Landowners.

HI All,

Just a note to remind you of the upcoming deer harvest. We have been harvesting deer on your property and hope to do so again this year. If there is a problem or you need any other information please feel free call or e-mail back. If we do not hear from you, we'll continue to harvest deer as in the past. Again the Communities, your neighbors and I Thank You.

Also, If you received this in the mail, We would greatly appreciate due to mailing costs, if we could have your e-mail address. Please e-mail me at danh@hobbsind.com so I can add you to the e-mail list. Thank You in Advance.

Please feel free to call with any questions.

Respectfully,

Daniel Hobbs.



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Dear Land Owner,

Thank You again for allowing MMDM to harvest deer from your lands. Again because of your participation, you have allowed us to harvest 47 deer last year in the Urban Areas. We are now up to 759 deer for the last Ten years. As a result of our efforts there are fewer deer to hit with our vehicles, fewer deer ticks and deer diseases to spread and a much healthier deer herd.

As you can see our harvest was down a bit from averages. We lost a few places to harvest deer last year. Some were cut down and developed, some were sold and some were closed due to problems with other hunters. I cannot stress how IMPORTANT You the landowner is to this program. Without your participation, we cannot keep the population in check. With the extremely mild winter we are having, each doe will produce between two and three fawns. If we have say 1,000 deer out there. We may now have two to three Thousand this fall. We have many area's with major complaints about the deer, but if we have no where to harvest the deer, the problem compounds greatly. Again, we all Thank You for your continued participation.

We have donated free of charge to area families 30,360 lbs of fresh meat. Without your participation in the program this would be impossible. In terms of meals donated, that comes out 121,440 individual meals. AGAIN. THANK YOU.

The Communities, hunters, DNR and families all THANK YOU for allowing us access to your property. Without you. this program and all the good that comes of it would not happen.

We are the most successful, longest running and least cost program in the State!!
If you would like a deer please call me and we will put you on the list.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Otherwise our Hunters will be at it again in August. If there are any changes in ownership of your property, or if others are allowed on the property. please contact me.

Respectfully,
Daniel Hobbs



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Hunter Application/info sheet

RENEWAL _____ NEW _____ Date _____

Name _____ (print)

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Drivers Lisc # _____

Social Security # _____ DNR Customer # _____

Phone #'s: Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail Address _____

Hunter Proficiency Test date _____

Scores: 5 spot _____ Deer silhouette _____

Scorers Name _____

I have _____ years of Bowhunting experience.

I would be interested in hunting _____ (name town) or _____ all town's.

I have property available to hunt in _____ (name town)

I would be interested in being a captain for _____ (name town)

I Certify That All Statement Made Are True.

Date _____ Signature _____

ANY COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

Village of Biron
451 Kahoun Road
Wis. Rapids, WI 54494
715-423-6580

Township of Grand Rapids
2410 48th Street South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
715-424-1821

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Village of Port Edwards
201 Market Street
Port Edwards, WI 54469
715-887-3512

City of Wisconsin Rapids
Parks & Recreation Department
444 West Grand Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
715-421-8240

**Multi-Metro Deer Management
Bow Hunters Release Statement**

I have read, understand, and will comply with all the rules and regulations of the State of Wisconsin, and the four municipalities: the Villages of Biron and Port Edwards, the Town of Grand Rapids, and the City of Wis. Rapids (referred to as "Multi-Metro municipalities"). I agree to hunt at my own risk. I release the Multi-Metro municipalities and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and any property owner associated with the hunt from any liability in case of personal injury, loss or damage or possessions while in connection with this controlled hunt.

I understand that failure by "myself" to fully comply with the above cited rules and regulations subjects me to prosecution by the appropriate authorities, and will result in the denial of access to future controlled hunts. The vehicles my party or I operate in connection with this hunt are in legal possession, and meet the safety and insurance requirements, and are currently registered.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

"A good recovery begins with a well-placed shot. An arrow striking an animal in a vital area will mean a quick death and a short trek to recover the animal."

Village of Biron
451 Kahoun Road
Wis. Rapids, WI 54494
715-423-6580

Township of Grand Rapids
2410 48th Street South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
715-424-1821

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Village of Port Edwards
201 Market Street
Port Edwards, WI 54469
715-887-3512

City of Wisconsin Rapids
Parks & Recreation Department
444 West Grand Avenue
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
715-421-8240

**Multi-Metro Deer Management
Bow Hunters Ethics Pledge**

- At all times I agree to follow all rules and regulations as described by the Multi-Metro Municipalities and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- I agree to hunt only in areas specified for the said hunt which I am participating in.
- Under no circumstances will I trespass, unless trailing a wounded deer, in which case I agree to take action with another member of the hunt team.
- I agree to use a tree stand that will not damage any tree on any property and to use a safety harness while hunting in a tree stand.
- If confronted by protesters I will not say or do anything. I will call the local authorities or the DNR.
- I agree to not take any shot more than 25 yards and will shoot only in the case that I am completely confident I can kill the deer in a humane manner.
- I agree to only take "broadside" shots of less than 25 yards.
- I agree to hunt only during the specified hunting hours and dates.
- I agree to not leave behind any trash while hunting.
- I agree to clean up all bait sites once hunting the assigned sites is completed.
- I must pass the hunters proficiency test as provided by the Multi-Metro municipalities.*
- While transporting deer, I will try not to display the deer, except while transporting to register the deer. All deer will be kept out of sight to avoid a negative response.
- All hunts will be antlerless deer only. I agree to shoot only antlerless deer as required by the hunt. Shooting antlered deer under such requirements will result in disqualifications from the hunt and possible citation for shooting an antlered animal out of season.

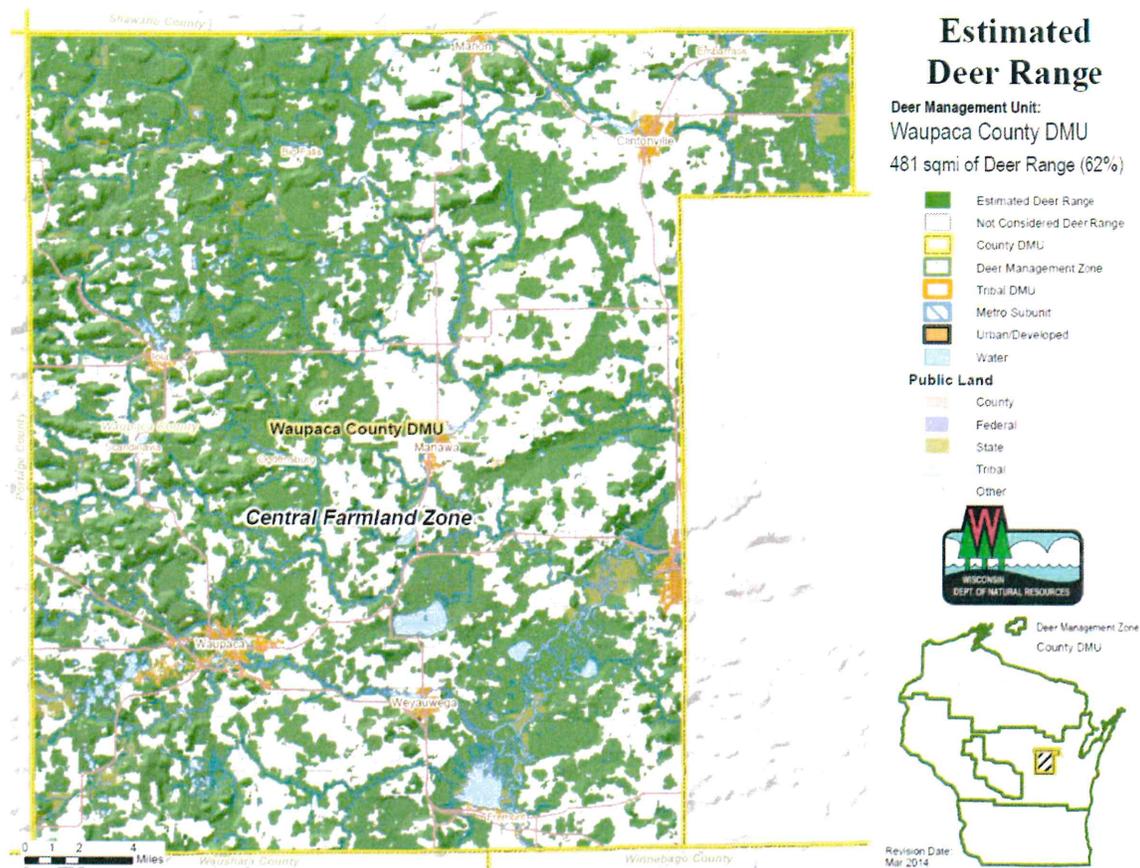
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Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Bow hunters must place 3 of 5 arrows in a 6" target at 20 yards within a 2 minute time period. Then place 2 out of 3 arrows at 20 yards within a 1 minute time period in the 6" vital area of a deer silhouette.*

Waupaca County DMU Harvest Information



Manager's Note:

The Waupaca County Deer Management Unit is located in the Central Farmland Zone. Approximately 62 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. Habitat types vary greatly across the unit and include forested lands, wetlands, grasslands and areas heavily dominated by agriculture. Although deer are not distributed evenly across the landscape, this area has some of the highest deer densities of anywhere in the state. Deer densities are at a level in some areas that they are believed to be having a detrimental impact on habitat quality. As would be expected with high deer densities, the unit consistently ranks at or near the top of all units when it comes to the number of deer harvested per year. Landownership in the unit is primarily private, with less than 3 percent of lands being open to public hunting. Approximately 12,000 acres of public land do, however, offer excellent hunting opportunities and over 90 percent of the public acreage is considered suitable deer range. Public hunting opportunities are available at Mukwa Wildlife Area, many scattered Fishery Areas and at Hartman Creek State Park. The current deer herd management objective is to stabilize the population.

Contact Information:

Wildlife Biologist: Jacob Fries 715-258-4778

Conservation Warden: Ted Dremel, Jr. 715-258-4951

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Conservation Warden: Mark Schraufnagel 715-526-4228

Conservation Warden: Jeff Knorr 920-450-0748

Conservation Warden: Kaitlyn Kernosky 920-505-0162

**** HARVEST HISTORY By COUNTY, and ZONE ****									
02/26/16									
COUNTY => WAUPACA									
Zone => Central Farmland									
YEAR:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
TOTAL AREA SQ_MI	765	765	765	765	765	765	765	765	765
DEER RANGE SQ_MI	481	481	481	481	481	481	481	481	481
GUN ANTLERED	3424	2579	2474	2958	3240	3617	3301	3321	3316
GUN ANTLERLESS	7539	6666	3241	3628	4669	4817	5310	4985	4615
GUN TOTAL	10983	9300	5723	6610	7939	8467	8663	8335	7931
VBOW ANTLERED	1298	1164	1668	1802	1741	1825	1529	1107	1184
VBOW ANTLERLESS	3659	2835	1344	1490	1726	1977	1873	971	902
VBOW TOTAL	4976	4008	3024	3300	3478	3814	3411	2087	2086
XBOW ANTLERED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	616	795
XBOW ANTLERLESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	544	616
XBOW TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1167	1411
CHIP ANTLERED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHIP ANTLERLESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHIP TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ANTLERED	4722	3743	4142	4760	4981	5442	4830	5044	5295
TOTAL ANTLERLESS	11237	9565	4605	5150	6436	6839	7244	6545	6133
TOTAL KILL	15959	13308	8747	9910	11417	12281	12074	11589	11428
ANTLERLESS:ANTLERED	2.4X	2.6X	1.1X	1.1X	1.3X	1.3X	1.5X	1.3X	1.2X
V/X BOW % OF TOTAL	31	30	35	33	30	31	28	28	31
KILL/SQ_MI OF DR RANGE	33	28	18	21	24	26	25	24	24
ANTLESS PERMITS AVIL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7075	7500
ANTLESS PERMITS ISS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1826	2125
DATE OF V/X BOW START	15SEP	13SEP	12SEP	18SEP	17SEP	15SEP	14SEP	13SEP	12SEP
DATE of 9-DAY START	17NOV	22NOV	21NOV	20NOV	19NOV	17NOV	23NOV	22NOV	21NOV
9-Day ODP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33.3	41.3

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**** HARVEST HISTORY By COUNTY, ZONE, and LANDTYPE ****									
02/26/16									
COUNTY => WAUPACA Zone => Central Farmland Landtype => Public									
YEAR:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015

TOTAL AREA SQ_MI	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
DEER RANGE SQ_MI	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17

GUN ANTLERED	147	115	93	115	113	154	112	128	104
GUN ANTLERLESS	396	298	191	224	216	269	283	251	218
GUN TOTAL	543	416	284	340	330	425	396	381	322

VBOW ANTLERED	73	41	96	82	89	110	100	67	54
VBOW ANTLERLESS	214	163	108	116	120	138	133	63	74
VBOW TOTAL	288	205	204	198	211	248	234	130	128

XBOW ANTLERED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	29
XBOW ANTLERLESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	32
XBOW TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	61

TOTAL ANTLERED	220	156	189	197	202	264	212	219	187
TOTAL ANTLERLESS	611	465	299	341	339	409	418	344	324
TOTAL KILL	831	621	488	538	541	673	630	563	511
ANTLERLESS:ANTLERED	2.8X	3.0X	1.6X	1.7X	1.7X	1.5X	2.0X	1.6X	1.7X
V/X BOW % OF TOTAL	35	33	42	37	39	37	37	32	37
KILL/SQ_MI OF DR RANGE	47.7	35.6	28.0	30.9	31.0	38.6	36.1	32.3	29.3

ANTLESS PERMITS AVIL								300	300
ANTLESS PERMITS ISS								215	300

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**** HARVEST HISTORY By COUNTY, ZONE, and LANDTYPE ****									
02/26/16									
COUNTY => WAUPACA	Zone => Central Farmland			Landtype => Private					
YEAR:	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015

TOTAL AREA SQ_MI	746	746	746	746	746	746	746	746	746
DEER RANGE SQ_MI	463	463	463	463	463	463	463	463	463

GUN ANTLERED	3277	2464	2381	2843	3127	3463	3189	3193	3212
GUN ANTLERLESS	7143	6368	3050	3404	4453	4548	5027	4734	4397
GUN TOTAL	10440	8884	5439	6270	7609	8042	8267	7954	7609

VBOW ANTLERED	1225	1123	1572	1720	1652	1715	1429	1040	1130
VBOW ANTLERLESS	3445	2672	1236	1374	1606	1839	1740	908	828
VBOW TOTAL	4688	3803	2820	3102	3267	3566	3177	1957	1958

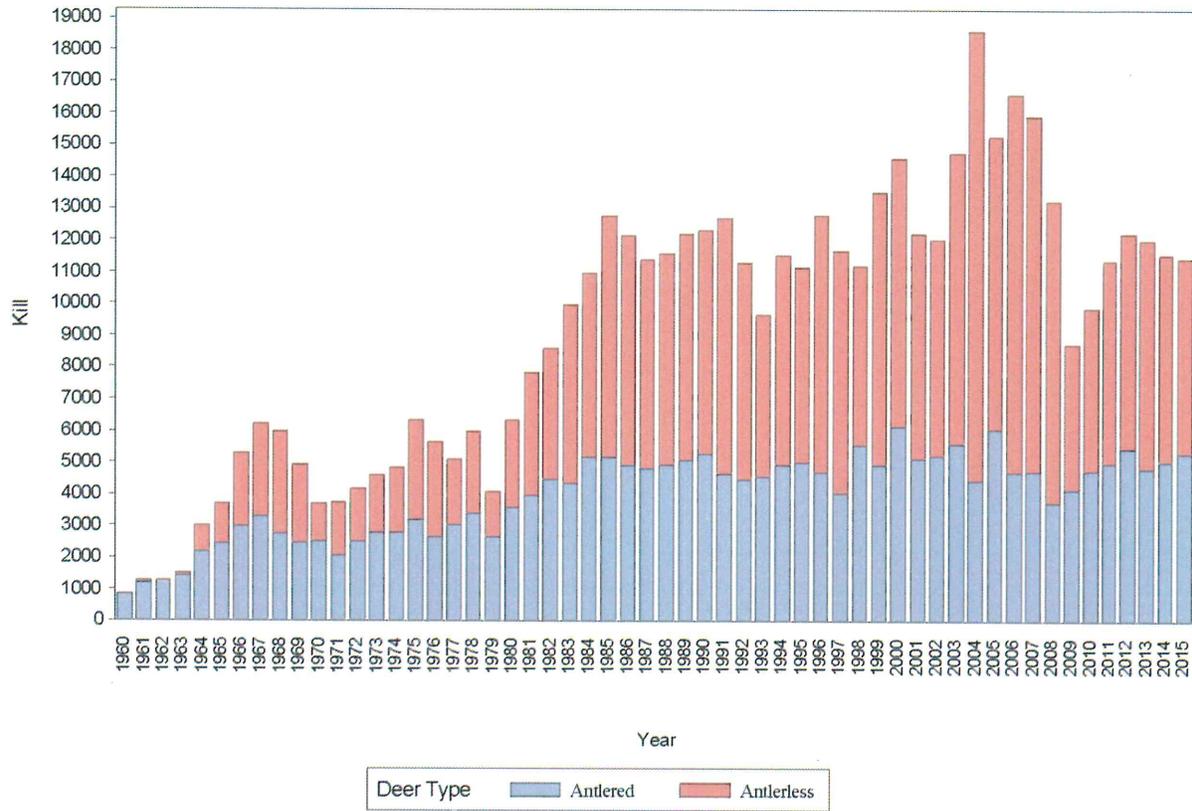
XBOW ANTLERED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	592	766
XBOW ANTLERLESS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	516	584
XBOW TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1115	1350

TOTAL ANTLERED	4502	3587	3953	4563	4779	5178	4618	4825	5108
TOTAL ANTLERLESS	10626	9100	4306	4809	6097	6430	6826	6201	5809
TOTAL KILL	15128	12687	8259	9372	10876	11608	11444	11026	10917
ANTLERLESS:ANTLERED	2.4X	2.5X	1.1X	1.1X	1.3X	1.2X	1.5X	1.3X	1.1X
V/X BOW % OF TOTAL	31	30	34	33	30	31	28	28	30
KILL/SQ_MI OF DR RANGE	32.7	27.4	17.8	20.2	23.5	25.1	24.7	23.8	23.6

ANTLESS PERMITS AVIL								6775	7200
ANTLESS PERMITS ISS								1611	1825

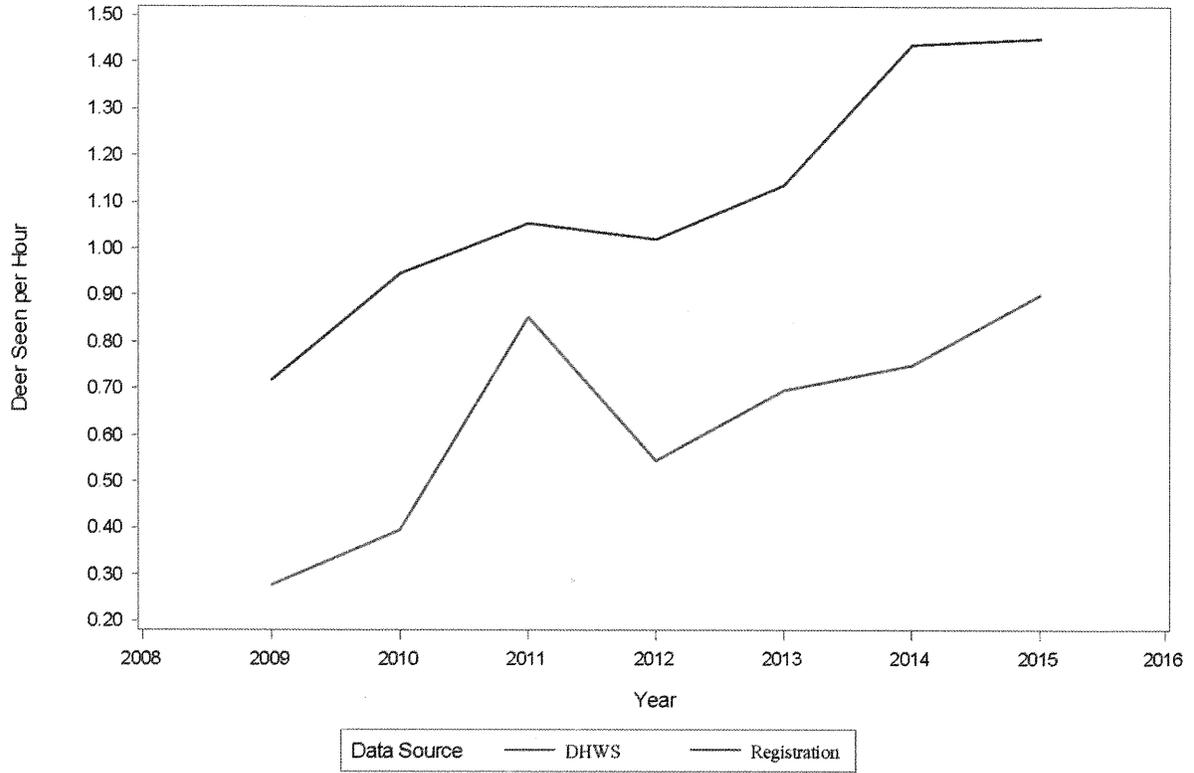
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Total Deer Harvest 1960-2015 CTY=WAUPACA



Summed kills of all weapon types

Deer Seen Per Hour Hunted
2009-2015
County=Waupaca



Data derived from Deer Hunter Wildlife Survey and registraon data.

Deer Population Trends

