

# 2020 Deer Management Implementation Plan

(January 2020)

The long-term objectives for the Deer Management Plan are available at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/community-services/Pages/Long-Term-Objectives.aspx>. To make progress towards these objectives, the 2020 program was developed with specific objectives available at <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/community-services/Pages/2020-Program.aspx>.

## The 2020 Deer Management Plan has three primary components:

1. Educational Program & Public Rights-of-Way Improvements – Providing educational materials to the community on how to live with deer and recommending/implementing improvements that can be made in the city’s rights-of-way, such as signage.
2. Sterilization (non-lethal) Plan – monitor sterilization areas and update report. No sterilization will take place this year due to MDNR restrictions.
3. Lethal Plan - sharpshooting deer on public lands and a small number of city-selected private parcels with prior written consent from landowner.

## Residents should be aware that:

1. Interfering with the operations of the City’s Deer Management Implementation Plan (e.g. tampering with bait piles) is against the law.
2. Baiting deer onto private property within the city is also against the law, unless performed by the city’s contractor.

## IMPLEMENTATION PLANS:

1. Sterilization (non-lethal) Plan – No sterilization will take place this year.
2. Lethal Plan

### Timing & Location

- a. **January 2- 26 – Private Parcels:** Sharpshooting activities may start on January 2 on privately owned parcels, subject to the owner’s prior written consent and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Residents can continue with their normal daily routines since all deer management activities will occur on private property. Unauthorized trespassing is not permitted and will be subject to enforcement action.
- b. **January 2 - 26 – City Parks/Nature Areas:** The following city parks (located in Wards 1 and 2) will be CLOSED every day for all activities from 3 p.m. until midnight (See Exhibit I - Map) for sharpshooting activities to occur:

Barton Nature Area [only the Foster area north of Warrington Dr.]

Bird Hills Nature Area

Buttonbush Nature Area

Cedar Bend/Island Park

Foxfire West Nature Area

Huron Parkway/Braun Nature Areas

Island Park

Leslie Woods Nature Area

Leslie Park Golf Course

Oakwoods Nature Area

South Pond Nature Area [only the area in NAP office vicinity located at 3875 E. Huron River Dr.]

- c. **January 2- 27 - Selected University of Michigan, and Concordia University properties:** Pending final authorization from UM, university selected sites will be CLOSED every day from 3 p.m. to midnight (See Exhibit I - Map).
- d. **January 6, 13, & 20– Nichols Arboretum:** Pending a final authorization from UM, it is expected that Nichols Arboretum will be CLOSED each of these days from 3 p.m. to midnight for sharpshooting activities to occur.
- e. Sharpshooting will not occur from a moving vehicle but may occur from a parked vehicle.
- f. If sharpshooting activity is completed early, the community will be notified and properties will re-open.
- g. Sharpshooting activities may occur in all of the areas that are closed. Sharpshooting activities will occur seven days a week. On any particular day, multiple locations will be utilized. Weather and other field condition factors will determine which locations are utilized on any particular day.
- h. The number of Park/Nature Area closures has been minimized. All closed Parks and Nature Areas MAY have deer culled from them. At the conclusion of the lethal program, not all parks WILL have deer culled from them due to conditions at the time.
- i. Preliminary results of the sharpshooting activities will be shared publicly when complete.
- j. If poaching activities are suspected, residents are asked to call the MDNR *Report All Poaching* (RAP) hotline at 800-292-7800 or visit the [RAP website](#) for information about how to report a violation.
- k. Deer carcasses:
  - i. The city or contractor will remove all deer carcasses associated with the deer cull.
  - ii. The city has jurisdiction for removing deer carcasses from public lands resulting from any other causes of death.
  - iii. Private property owners are responsible for removing deer carcasses from private property not related to city deer management activities. The city may, at its sole discretion and by exception only, remove deer carcasses from private property.
- I. **Safety Measures:**
  - i. The city’s contract for professional sharpshooters is based on the contractor being paid for time and materials. The contractor’s compensation is not dependent on the number of deer culled. White Buffalo Inc. is a non-profit organization.
  - ii. The safety protocols of the contractor have been reviewed by AAPD personnel.
  - iii. Designated city park and nature areas will be closed daily from 3 p.m. until midnight.
  - iv. The city will communicate in December park and nature area closures from Jan. 2-26.
  - v. The designated University of Michigan (pending final authorization) and Concordia University properties will be closed from 3 p.m. until midnight from January 2-26.
  - vi. Nichols Arboretum (pending final authorization) will be closed on Jan. **6, 13, & 20**
  - vii. Signage warning of sharpshooters and closures will be posted along entrances and other notable locations around all designated city parks and nature areas and University sites at least 24 hours in advance of the three-week closure timeframe. Snow fencing will supplement signage at select locations.
  - viii. Only personnel authorized by the City or UM are permitted in the parks and on UM property during closures.
  - ix. A city security contractor, in coordination with White Buffalo, will patrol closed public areas as necessary when sharpshooting activities are occurring.
  - x. City Police staff will coordinate as appropriate with the UM Division of Public Safety and Security and Concordia University for all sharpshooting activities on university properties.
  - xi. Notwithstanding all of the above items, the professional sharpshooters are responsible for following safety protocols to ensure no injuries at all times.

## WHAT TO DO IF....

- You observe or suspect unlawful activity (such as baiting on private property) or hear shots fired and are concerned, call the Police Dept. Emergency 9-1-1 | Non-Emergency 734-994-2911

- You suspect poaching, call the MDNR *Report All Poaching* (RAP) hotline at 800-292-7800 or visit the [RAP website](#) for information about how to report a violation.
- You have additional questions about the City's Deer Management Implementation Plan:
  - Check out Answers to Frequently Asked Questions at [www.a2gov.org/deermanagement](http://www.a2gov.org/deermanagement)
  - Review the Approved Proposal and Permits at [www.a2gov.org/deermanagement](http://www.a2gov.org/deermanagement)
  - Contact the city via email at [deermanagement@a2gov.org](mailto:deermanagement@a2gov.org) or call the Deer hotline at 734.794.6295