

The City of Bedford, Ohio
Summary of White Tailed Deer Management
Winter 2017/2018

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2017/2018 Bedford Deer Management Program

Sgt. Bergansky was tasked with the assignment of gathering information on deer v. vehicle collisions in the city and also providing a management plan that would be acceptable to the City of Bedford officials and the Ohio Division of Wildlife (ODOW). The plan divided the city into the same 4 zones as in 2016/2017. The locations of deer v. vehicle collisions was mapped out and used as a determining factor as to where problem areas are within the city. Our goal is to reduce deer vehicle collisions to 24 or less per year. Sgt. Bergansky also used visual observations to locate the concentrated pockets of deer within the city limits.

After reviewing the information obtained, a request for 20 permits was sent to the ODOW with the understanding that if necessary the city would request more permits after the 20 were filled. The request was granted by the ODOW. Due to the lack of good snowfall the operation did not start until mid-December. Bait sites were established and monitored by officers involved in the management program. All bait sites were easily checked/monitored during routine patrol of the city by Sgt. Bergansky and Auxiliary Officer Nietert.

Deer Management Results

Management took place on six separate days. The following is the breakdown of dates taken and type of deer.

12/30/17	5 tags
12/31/17	2 tags
01/04/18	3 tags
01/10/18	6 tags
02/16/18	3 tags
02/18/18	1 tag

Date	Time	Unit	Time of Kill	Buck	Antlered points	% Doe	Total Deer Killed	Doe	Unborn	Permit # 332
				9		55.00%	20	11	19	#REF!
12/30/2017	1630-1900	2	1630	1	4					3322-1
		1	1700					1	2	3322-2
		1	1700	1	0					3322-3
		3	1730	1	2					3322-4
		2	1800	1	2					3322-5
12/31/2017	1700-1730	3	1700					1	2	3322-6
		3	1720					1	2	3322-7
1/4/2018	1500-1800	1	1500	1	0					3322-8
		1	1600					1	2	3322-9
		3	1730					1	2	3322-10
1/10/2018	1500-2000	1	1530					1	2	3322-11
		1	1900	1	0					3322-12
		3	1700	1	0					3322-13
		2	1800					1	2	3322-14
		2	1800					1	2	3322-15
		3	1900					1	0	3322-16
2/16/2018	1500-1900	3	1530	1	0					3322-17
		3	1600					1	1	3322-18
		3	1800					1	2	3322-19
2/18/2018	1200	1	1200	1	0					3322-20

In total 20 deer were removed. Nine male deer and 11 female deer. Of the males removed there were three with antlers, two spikes and a 4 point. Of the eleven females 10 were carrying fetus. Of those ten, one had a single fetus and the other nine had 2 fetuses each.

We feel the management program was once again successful. I anticipated that a request for more tags would be made but we decided to stick to the 20 original tags based on the number of deer we were seeing and also due to the snow base melting, which made it more difficult to draw the deer to bait on a regular schedule. The number of collisions will once again be reviewed next year and herd levels will be reassessed for next year's management program.

All of the deer removed were given to those that will use them for food. Persons receiving the carcass are responsible for their own processing which helps city with the costs of the program.

Costs

In an effort to keep the cost of the operation down officers made use of on duty time to perform some of the culling when the number of officers on duty exceeded the minimum manpower requirements. Sgt. Bergansky logged 5 extra hours where he was not on duty during the operation. These hours were logged and time was taken off when the schedule permitted, no overtime was paid. Aux. Nietert logged 19 hours of Auxiliary time during the operation at a cost of \$17.00 per hour. This number includes the maintaining and breakdown of the feeders during and after the operation.

The following costs were incurred:

Auxiliary Officer	\$323
Corn	218
Rifle Bullets	70
<u>ATN Night Vision Rifle Scope</u>	<u>825</u>
Total Cost	\$1436