

Suggestions from the Deer Survey, March 2021
Stop allowing over development of town land for town houses.
Something must be done. They are a hazard to many drivers, even on residential streets like Covington, Tampa, Tudor, etc.
Allow residence with an appropriate approval who have fields appropriate enough to use bow to harvest deer in their backyard.
Allow for permitted seasonal bow hunting
Offer programs to kill deer that will not cost tax dollars
Could bow hunting be allowed to reduce the cost on the taxpayers? Less chance of damage from firearms, and hunters would be more than willing to do it without taxpayer money. Possibly near the cazenovia creek wildlife management area? Not much of a resident presence there
I think reducing the deer population might be necessary but this needs to be done thoughtfully. Done by wildlife experts.
They need to be left alone! Now the rats on the other hand, you can get rid of those!!! I can't get them out of my house!
People that can not live alongside deer should not move to where there are deer. The deer are part of the charm of our town.
Allow archery hunting in West Seneca.
Some how bait birth control.
Allow archery and crossbow hunters to ethically reduce herd populations without having to cost residents more tax dollars by using contraceptives or sharp shooters.
Yes, it's irritating that they eat my landscaping but I try to plant deer resistant varieties and use natural deterrents. They were here before us.
The deer that frequent my yard are part of the reason I enjoy and continue to live here. The clearing of land for new builds impacts the land/area that the deer use for their habitat.
Higher fines for those who feed the deer. Some streets (off Seneca) at end by creek has a big problem. I think someone is feeding the deer. This makes them gather there. They are in their habitat but only gather because of being fed. I do think they pose a problem with car accidents. There was a dead one in the street on Indian Church a month or so ago. Inexperienced drivers could of hit it again and been injured. Something needs to be done.
Much new development has taken away areas were deer have been living ... For example the development where the Morin Post had been . What did you expect to happen?
I do not believe shooting the deer at tax payer expense is the solution. Perhaps a small conservatory or park with paths to walk would be better. The deer need more space/trees and it's all being developed. We live on 3 acres on abbott and we have a family of deer that live in the back every year. they leave the garden alone if I spray it with a cayenne pepper solution.
Allow hunting on the larger private properties(5+ acres) in west seneca, have a lottery for how many deer will be taken during the normal hunting season, and make the ticket for the lottery cost \$50-\$100, therefore we make money and lose more of it.
Bow hunting should be allowed away from homes
My suggestion is to enlist the help of humane, caring experts who will give their suggestions on how to handle a deer population that is too large for its own good and give suggestions that will not strip natural habitat by building strip malls and housing.

Under no circumstances do I want anyone shooting anything in West Seneca. It is too residential. If the town was to do any sort of population control, use bait.
We have a path in the woods behind our house the deer use. Its one of my favorite things about the area. West seneca is not country but not a city so it gives that relaxing feel seeing them. If you live here you need to realize you cant just get rid of nature that has been here before us.
The deer aren't the problem the problem is the town of West Seneca and the town of Orchard Park are building too much into their habitat that is the problem don't punish the deer! We need better legislation on this building into their habitat!!!!
Please leave them alone, so many residents love watching them in our yards. They are beautiful and deserve to live just like every one of us.
I do not believe they are a nuisance. I do believe the herd needs to be thinned out. Please donate the meat and do not let it go to waste!
Find a way to sterilize them?
Instead of killing deer, perhaps do something to cull the spread of ticks and Lyme disease. We have a family of deer living in our backyard (6pt buck and all!) and they're peaceful and, apart from eating all my plants, they don't do any harm and don't deserve to be killed. If you ultimately DO decide to control them, maybe relocate them to a wildlife area, like the Tillman nature preserve in Clarence, or someplace similar. They don't deserve to die though.
If we stop over developing and removing greenspace, utilizing current vacant space the deer population and wildlife population at large will have a home to live and not be forced into more human populated areas.
Leave them alone
We need to target wooded areas throughout the town in order to cull the population in the most effective and responsible manner. All options should be on the table. I don't know what the legalities are involving NYS in so far as the actions the town can take to lower the population but something needs to be done. I don't care what we do so long as we do something that's proven
Limit acreage for new development to preserve woodland for the deer, allow for bow and crossbow hunting (at a safe distance from residential homes) in areas with an abundance of deer
I live in Cheektowaga, off of French and Towers and we have deer in our yards, we find them sleeping, playing, and I would not like to see anything happen to them. We know they are a family as they are the same ones every year. Even had babies!
Have a lottery system for a bait and shoot program.
Maybe provide "birth control" pellets instead of killing them.
Allow deer hunting
I will gladly shoot them for you
Open it for archery hunting, areas with nursery and old farms would be available to archers the town could charge to apply for special permit proficiency exam. Antlerless required before antlerd harvest, there are hundreds if not thousands of archers in the town, no reason to have a cost to taxpayers when individuals would gladly pay to take excess animals.
There are many non-lethal ways to handle deer populations depending on the specific issues communities face. (gardening issues, car collisions etc) i think it's important to explore those options before just killing animals unnecessarily. In addition, culling deer actually has been shown to lead to them populating at a greater rate to compensate for the losses. So it's not really a solution, but just a band aid.

<p>Limit the amount of development and clear cutting of trees on un-developed land; and provide incentives for developers to re-use existing property. West Seneca has many acreage of vacant buildings, vacant homes, empty lots. Although the DDSO property belongs to the state, its imperative that West Seneca community has a stake in the future development of that land, and that the green space be preserved. The second Camelot destroyed over 22 acres of woods, which was home to many species of wildlife. The deer problem increased dramatically for the community once this natural habitat was destroyed. In addition the developer clear cut trees with no intention of any tree preservation. Now there is a problem. The town did not want to listen to residents who expressed concerns about that development, because they did not want to stand in the way of development. There has to be a better solution.</p>
<p>Allow hunters to ethically harvest them.</p>
<p>My only suggestion is a request, please do something!! I live on Willowdale Drive, they camp in my back yard. My back yard is full of deer feces. I hate it. We do not feed them, they've eaten flowers and shrubbery in my yard. There isn't a plant they will leave untouched. I'm sick of it! People that feed them need to be fined. The herds are growing.</p>
<p>Completely Close down mill road park for a weekend and let trusted hunters, Dec and WSPD in to harvest some of the deer, allow people with a lot of land in west Seneca to hunt on there land</p>
<p>A small limited type hunt should be made as an option to licensed local bowhunters for population control.</p>
<p>I have been complaining about this issue for 20 years. Besides the destruction of property, the accidents pose another issue. East & West is notorious for wandering deer all times of day and night. I've had deer jump out of a snowmound into the road in front of my car. I worry about deer ticks in the summer and look at piles of poop all winter on my patio..My house has been here for 50 yrs. so I haven't moved into their habitat, they've moved into mine.</p>
<p>Don't charge tax payers to kill deer. Hunters would gladly come harvest animals and use the meat, that's the right thing to do and the respectful thing to do for the animal. There always a way to work with the hunting community to allow them this opportunity</p>
<p>Open deer to bow hunting in wooded areas only. That would help control population</p>
<p>To save cost, allow land owners to hunt in certain areas of town. Only allow hunting with bow/cross bow for safety reasons</p>
<p>Impose fines on the residents on leydecker rd. who feed them</p>
<p>Please contact Sandy Mercado as well as other communities who have learned to live with the deer. No more violence.</p>
<p>Allow hunters to hunt instead of just killing them</p>
<p>Let town residents hunt with bow and arrow doe kill before buck.</p>
<p>I have a wooded area behind my home, I bought my home with the understanding there would be deer. Please don't shoot the deer.</p>
<p>Special permit for licensed bowhunters</p>
<p>Allow hunting in WS to control deer.</p>
<p>Stop taking away their environment; stop taking down the woods and building new homes. There are plenty of vacant areas in west Seneca for people to build such as the area where Kmart was located . how about fixing the drainage issues in west Seneca</p>
<p>Leave them alone.</p>

Deer are beautiful, but there is health and safety issues with this creature. See if a veteran or professional hunter is needed to have a clean kill.
Allow hunters to at least bow hunt on their land..
Share our world with the animals don't spend our tax dollars murdering the innocent.
birth control
Open deer hunting to bow hunters in specific areas of the town.
These poor animals have lost their green space! Where in God's name do people expect them to go when we continue to build build build to bring in tax dollars.
Open up for bowhunting opportunities and save taxpayer dollars?
Provide birth control drop like was done for rabies
Extend the hunting season into March/April. This shouldn't cost anything. As a matter of fact, the State would make money.
Stop all the development in the community which is pushing the deer into more populated areas.
Allow bow hunting on properties that are over 5 (or three?) acres or something like that or where hunters can meet the minimum distance requirements from a home (150 ft for bow & 500 ft for gun) let them hunt regardless of property size. If you started with the bow hunting and tracked the number of kills (shouldn't be too hard or costly-could be a simple form) you could determine how effective by seeing reduced populations (animals will naturally spread to where there is less competition for food). . I'm a hunter and personally enjoy seeing the deer all the while knowing they are a danger of car accidents and damaging yards and landscaping while spreading ticks and Lyme disease. We need to control for the animals and people's sake. Found two dead fawns at the end of Milton (no sign how they died- malnutrition? Starved?- was not coyotes). and the neighbor just told me about a third one - young doe. We can't just let this continue. There are too many of them. Why should only the town guys get to do this - the residents pay the taxes. They are our deer - not the towns. I know how these control things work - workers and their friends get all the fun meat and antlers that every hunter in west Seneca wants. I once had the town steal a buck I told them about at 601 Seneca creek. Said he was sorry but I didn't get the antlers that were rightfully mine. So if there is going to be a control - let the residents do it. There will be more than enough. People who don't hunt can allow a hunter or two on their land. Just give permission. DEC has blue forms for this that are free. They can just carry it with them.
I'd prefer licensed bow hunters cull the herd - would need to help in cost of butchering and then donate meat to feed those in need
Changing existing backyard fencing ordinance to 7.5 feet.
Bow hunting should be allowed in west Seneca
Send warnings and fines to residents who intentionally feed deer. Both of my neighbors on Fisher Rd feed them every night. xxx and xxx Fisher Rd are the houses that need severe warnings/fines.
Birth control via darting or baiting
Stop slamming all these new homes in tiny lots. Make the min. lot size to build bigger. Then you won't be displacing as many deer
The abundance of nature & wildlife, are one of the few things that keep us here & paying our ridiculously high tax bills.
Nearly every day I go down my street someone is slowing down to avoid hitting a deer And they eat all of our plants.

Leave them be.
Open bow season on plots over a certain acreage
Allow bow hunting
Open it to archery hunting. Sell permits. Make money. Control herd. All are beneficial.
perhaps the herd can be culled using birth control methods.
Open bow hunting to individuals with legal bow hunting licenses and limit the amount of deer each individual can shoot. Hunters must be property owners in town. Hunters must follow all regulations including legal distance for firing a compound bow from a residence.
Open an archery only season to west seneca residents only similar to the Long Island program that is so successful
Archery only for residents of west seneca only
Open areas of the town to a limited number of residents who can bow hunt only.
I am not sure what the answer is. I appreciate that you are looking into it. They have eaten so much of my bushes. Deer poop is everywhere. I picked up 12 piles yesterday and there is much much more, it was to cold out. And when the warm weather comes I worry about tics. Thank you!
Allow resident/landowners, whom have property that already meets the NYSDEC safety/space requirements for archery hunting, to enter & complete a certification process, obtain tags, and legally harvest nuisance deer on approved property via traditional, compound or cross bow. Allow the business landowners whom already can get granted access to nuisance permits from the DEC to actually use them, in a safe manor. Replenish tag after proof of success & proof of responsible meat use, as necessary to continue management. Require tag holders donate any excess meat to "in town" food banks. Too many options available to overcome this unnecessary problem. Not much cost to the taxpayer associated with the options when you empower the public. You won't need to have quite as many expensive "controlled shoots" and the meat resource harvested shouldn't go to waste.
Bigger fine to those that feed wild animals! That would include those that are neglectfully doing it.
Stop building unnecessary shit when we have plenty of empty buildings that could be renovated and used rather than taking away the small amount of land left for the deer.
I think the deer population does need thinned out by relocation or humain neutering of the herds. It's foolish and not safe to have hunters in sunburn neighbor hoods where deer population is thriving . Many deer have become domestic and do not fear humans and would be unfair to release in nature, I think some sort of neutered program should be established on a limited and controlled basis
Leave them alone
The town should look into sterilization of deer, and present cost, benefit and concerns to the taxpayers. If cost prohibitive, the town could invite input from animal interest groups for their assistance.

If you subscribe to hunting as a viable solution, my recommendation is this: allow limited and controlled hunting within the town limits. Enlist land owners with large swatches of land in town to allow controlled deer hunts that are overseen by dec, town officials, and or volunteers. You pick the hunters through a lottery system or points system to keep it fair, require that a portion of all deer taken during the hunt be donated to any hungry families in the town of West Seneca to help sell it to the public a little better because inevitably it will face scrutiny and backlash. Also, make it bow only as that is more ideal for close quartered hunting and minimizes the risk to public safety. You could also open up public lands to bow only hunters, also based on a permit/lottery system, utilizing the town's resources such as Mill road park, the DDSO office campus on Leydecker, the vacant land on North America behind Bison foods, the Cazenovia Creek Wildlife Management Area, etc. There is ample opportunity for places to safely, efficiently, and without too much public attention cull the population. As with any approach you'll surely see those opposed, but a public outreach program needs to be put in place to quell fears for public safety and show sound reasoning why such measures are necessary. Putting emphasis on tradition and sportsmanship will get you nowhere, rather, showing how starving and malnourished populations suffer far more will be critical in helping people understand. I've given this a lot of thought and researched urban hunting programs around the country to gather information on their efficacy and success. I planned on working with local leaders to propose just this very thing, I'm glad that the DEC beat me to the punch. I would like to offer any support and information regarding this matter as I believe it's a great idea and opportunity.

A bait and shoot or lottery system for archery hunters in designated zones in the town of West Seneca would not be a cost to tax payers. In fact, I believe there would be a profit to the town from people willing to buy into this lottery. The meat should be donated to the venison donation coalition to help the hungry.

The amount of deer hit on East and West Rd is astronomical. Also, I cannot take my dog for a walk in a west Seneca park without multiple ticks attaching to her fur due to the overpopulation of the deer.

With the amount of CWD chronic wasting disease (Prion disease) and Blue tongue disease spreading across deer herds in the US, overpopulation is the way to spread these diseases. The lack of predators has led to overpopulation of deer here in West Seneca and it is a matter of time before these diseases are found in NY and West Seneca will be a Super Spreader.

I am happy the town has brought this up for discussion, and hope that a decision to manage the herd is made. If I can be of any assistance to elaborate or to provide references for research I'd be happy to.

Parts of West Seneca are rather rural. Allow hunters to bow hunt their property and/or adjoining properties (with proper permission) where is can be safely done. There are many areas in West Seneca where I believe this could be safely done.

Instead of costing taxpayers more money.open archery hunting for residents . Using a lottery system.

We have a doe that breeds every year in the thicket behind Vigilant Fire. It's a nuisance for our garden and flower beds, but manageable. However, the multiple herds that are over on Caz Creek Wildlife Management Area are too numerous. Those herds need culled to a manageable number per acre.

Along with professionally culling the herd the Town should allow bowhunting/crossbow on public and private property.

Instead of taking their space, use all the empty space first. We have a ton of empty lots (I.e old Seneca mall, next to big lots where tops used to be, etc.).

Leave them alone, they'll only breed more to compensate for the loss and we're building over their habitat anyway. Leave them be and handle the speeding issue, as per collisions.

Inform residents of landscaping solutions.
Bring back legal bow hunting in WS
I wouldn't call them a serious nuisance but they are overpopulated and troublesome. I feel they should be humanely reduced and the meat given to a charity for the less fortunate
I am an avid deer hunter with access to 10-15 acres per land in west seneca. also am a firefighter in my town. i would be able to help control this population safely and cautiously. i see about 30 deer a day. many are killed on the side of the road which is a major hazard to drivers and collisions. also causing potential safety hazards to emergency personel like myself.
They are living in their habitat. We need to just leave them alone. How sad that you just want to shoot them.
Stop building new builds and use existing builds rather than taking away their space. Pick certain spots that cannot be used for building so they have safe places to be
Leave the deer alone. We invaded their land. They are not the problem.
I wish I had an answer. But please do kill them.
Have a control hunt in woods around westseneca crossbow and bow only with a lottery draw for residents that wish to part take
Perhaps you could relocate some of them. And halt further development of any wooded areas and green spaces.
Open certain sections of the town up to resident archery hunters. No cost to tax payers.
I think conservation through hunting licenses is fair but shooting deer because "there's too many" is unethical
Yes believe in this strongly, clear the heard. On Fisher rd I see at least two of my neighbors feeding them. Now they eat all of my shrubs and trees. When not being feed. Not to mention driving is scary as up 8 deer cross the road at once not 1. I'm always scared my kids will get trampled by the deer running threw my yard.
I would rather see some kind of birth control rather than culling the herd, but if that is necessary I'm ok with it
There are stretches of West Seneca that have ample green space to allow at least bow hunting. While hunting with shotgun would definitely be unsafe as would cross bow...I feel that bow hunting to reduce the deer population in the down would provide revenue in the form of hunting license application as well as not cost the tax payers who aren't interested in the sport any tax dollars.
Leave them alone
West Seneca is now over building providing less green space. That's the problem.
They aren't harming us, leave them be
Leave them be. I came from the city & it's a joy watching the deer instead of bullets flying. I could care less if they eat all my plants. They are a beautiful animal to watch
Allow hunting of deer in town. As long as it's on a decent sized property
Fine people that are feeding them. Send flyers to all residents to stop feeding them.
The problem is our neighbors feeding them like they are starving. It causes herds of them to come daily. I counted yesterday 15 deer at once. I'd love how to submit who is feeding since it is illegal in the state.
Open archery season in the town.

I do not have a suggestion but I feel the number of deer is very high. I live on Mill Road and have lots of deer poop in my yard which I have to clean up quick before my dog eats it. They eat my flowers and pushes. Fisher Road is especially dangerous in the evening. Have on many occasions narrowly missed hitting a dear.
Stop destroying their natural habitat and they won't have to keep moving further and further into neighborhoods
Open bow season for residents with the proper amount of space between houses where it is safe to shoot based on DEC requirements. ALSO, have tree stands and hunting areas in West Seneca on Town property available to use by residents by scheduling day and time and location Mapped. Create exclusion zones for Town property Areas during the hunting season. This way no tax payer dollars are required. Boom, problem solved!
Shouldn't cost taxpayers anything. Shoot to control should be inexpensive.
Is there a program of sterilization that could be implemented?
Leave them alone
I do wonder about the possibility of birth control that I have read is used in some other places. I don't generally mind the deer in my neighborhood, but would rather not find their droppings in my yard when out playing with my grandchildren.
Why tax payer dollars? I'm sure hunters would volunteer to remove them. Run a clean fair pay \$ lottery for a chance to harvest them open to ALL residents of the town with proper hunting safety. Advertise the event. You could impose fines for those person's feeding them.
Stop building subdivisions over/in their homes and they wouldn't be a nuisance to us.
Would birth control be effective? More expensive? No suggestions.
Set up feeding stations away from population
Have an archery only, draw tag week long season open to any NYS license holder allowed to participate in.
More public awareness of the harm by feeding the deer.
open an archery season to town residents who have archery licenses especially on the town conservation land between sunset creek and princeton estates along smokes creek. I live on sunset creek and there's been days where there's 20-30 deer in my yard in the morning
Birth control drop
Set aside more greenspace around the local creeks and streams. Many of the areas already have flooding issues why not leave some of these areas for the wildlife and the water to go. If the animals need culling why not raffle, aka sell / raise money to help fund the program, permits to local archery and crossbow hunters. That minimizes the cost to tax payers, helps feed some families and keeps some of the draw to living in suburban areas like West Seneca.
leave them alone
Open West Seneca for archery hunting. It won't cost tax payers anything. There are plenty of places with legal amount of distance from dwelling to discharge a bow and plenty of hunters in W.S.
Way too many deer vs car accidents in this town and people are getting hurt
Stop killing animals and let nature do what it does best. The more deer you kill, the more they reproduce. The same goes for all Wildlife. They do a perfectly fine job controlling their own populations.
If you could bait with some sort of birth control that might be helpful.
Curb the herd soon and use the meat for food pantries or prisons

Perhaps we can have a place in a park nearby where deer can live to prevent car accidents, and attract them by having berries, leaves, and other food items they will eat available.
Stop building so many subdivisions and pushing them out of their habitat. Build on old sites like Seneca mall
Inject deer with birth control
Air drop birth control?
Do a deer population management program
While I am seeing more and more deer especially in the early AM, I don't feel they are at a nuisance level. If they become a public safety issue I do believe they need to be thinned out even though they are a beautiful animal.
In that the deer are habitual, a targeted program would require minimal effort. The deer population are very comfortable especially where residents are feeding them. My only concern would be the individuals designated to reduce the herd. This would be due to the proximity of the residential areas where such a hunt would take place??
Let people hunt
Why is it going to cost taxpayer money? This should be part of what we CURRENTLY pay as bullets don't cost that much and meat should be donated to available charities. NOONE associated with the extermination either.
Allow hunting in safe areas to control the deer population.
Hunters will buy permits to bow hunt. I don't see why the taxpayers would have to chip in
Don't build where they live
Ticket or fine people feeding deer to discourage
Leave them alone ,they were here first we need to live with them,not them with us
The deer try to stay within the trees and come out in order to eat. I personally love seeing the circle of life when it comes to our deer population. I live off of East and West Road your Firemans Park and the deer do not cause that many problems with traffic, etc. I'm not an animal rights activist anything like that. they are not a problem within this area and I personally would like them left alone.
They just need a place to sleep and eat. I have about 20 in my yard every day and night. I love watching them and always welcome them.
Have a lottery and let bowhunters deal with the problem for free ,it wont cost tax payers what it would to hire someone to do it.
Antlerless take only. Town issues permits, and has a lottery type drawing for permits, paid for by the hunters. Only town residents can apply. Bow and crossbow only. Designated areas for hunting only and only certain times for public land, Private land hunting must have adequate amount of acreage for hunting.
Release predators of the young deer or cull them
Check the results in Amherst. Their plan has worked to control the population.
Open up hunting in areas that would allow for it based on current laws/guidelines. I believe if the town were to shoot deer, the meat should be donated to local food banks.
I believe they need their space, but I also understand the dangers of over population. Can they be hearded, slaughtered and meat donated to those who need it?

Follow Cheektowaga deer control program.
Stop taking away any habitat they have left..they were here first..give em birth control
I do not believe that deer are a "nuisance", and I honestly wish that there was an option that was stated better than what was offered. I do however respect nature and understand that deer management is essential and actually better for the species as it lessens the likelihood of sufferable deaths, such as car accidents. This is why hunting is a necessary option, but before I would approve the town engaging in a program like this, I'd like to see the current data supporting the need for this.
There are a lot of Deer, doesn't seem to be a real problem though.
Deer car/ motorcycle collisions can be fatal to humans!!! I have lived in West Seneca for over 60 years and have never seen as many deer as we now. Years ago it was very rare to ever see a deer. Our town is over run with them now!!! As stated previously, I honestly believe they are a threat to the residents of our town.
I believe residents should not intentionally feed deer. This leads to a higher population, non-regular daily movement in high traffic areas, and wild animals being dependant on humans for food.
Have a bow season in West Seneca. Prior to gun season. Let town hunters have a chance first, since it is our town. This should reduce cost to tax payers.
Town should allow archery. I have around 15 in my yard at times.
leave them alone !
Stop building and taking their land away
why don't they use birth control? it would be more humane
Give nuisance tags for bow hunting
Let hunters hunt them so it doesn't cost taxpayers dollars
why would it cost the taxpayer to have someone hunt the deer? The meat could be donated, heck, I'd take it myself. Also, we have 7 acres, It always used to be farmed, we can't anymore because of the deer. I even tried to change my crop from vegetables to blueberry and raspberry bushes and in one week, the whole crop was demolished down to nubs at a great expense. I think we should be allowed to, in my case, extinguish the problem ourselves. We always used to back in the day.
Is there any birth control that can be used?
This survey is not specific enough. I believe deer need to be controlled to some extent because we don't have a large predator population. We also don't have the ability to hunt deer in West Seneca. I respect these animals as part of the natural world, but populations need to be kept appropriately in balance.
Have an archery season for residents only...
I love animals but their are way too many deer in this town , we need to decrease population.
Allow hunting.
I think you could get volunteers to sign up with the Town and that would not cost the taxpayers. Just the cost for a person to set up the program and monitor the results.
Allow permit archery by local hunters to help control population.
donate the meet from the dead deer to food pantries
Not only are they a nuisance the ticks are out of control too because of them
If you shoot them please donate processed meat to a food bank. The geese are the dirty animals that need to go.
allow bow hunting

Is there a possibility to intentionally place a feed source that contains a type of birth control to prevent fawns from being born. Although it seems the coyotes do a good job of decreasing the number of fawns, judging by the remains of fawn carcasses I find on my property
Open west seneca as an archery only zone
Leave them alone
Stop taking invading natural habitats.
Let them naturally thin themselves out. Amherst has been killing them for years and there are deer every where. It only causes them to reproduce more.
Deer birth control
I would be curious to know what proven danger/threats they pose. Not just complaints but proof that they pose an increased threat to the community in some way. I would suggest talking to other communitites to see what success they have had implementing non legal population management.
If you want to save money just let us shoot 'em. We'll do it for free and donate the meat to a local food pantry.
One day for hunters!
Please thin the herd. They have been growing in numbers in my backyard for years. On any given day/evening I can count 15 or more on berg road area by heritage farms. They pick at the lawn and eat bushes. Trap, shoot, all good ideas. Also, start fining the people that feed them.
Closer evaluation of all the requests of builders to add more neighborhoods to the town. We need more businesses in abandoned lots than housing, which just forces the deer to be on the move.
Do not believe there should be a mass shooting. They are beautiful to watch. They were here before many of the housing developments and industrial development.
Donate the meat
Allow a special license for local hunters to bow hunt the deer providing food for families local well also helping the community costing the tax payers nothing and possibly creating a temporary revenue stream charging for the special license I noted above.
Leave them alone.
I have a neighbor that is at my back property line that feeds the deer. Sometimes there is as many as 20-30 deer feeding in their yard at a time. I have asked them to stop and they proceed to swear at me and tell me to mind my business. I have multiple videos and photos of them feeding the deer. If you would like more information I'd be happy to share.
We encroached on the deer's habitat and they should not be killed because someone's landscape is being eaten. The town should focus on coyote and rat extermination which are issues in West Seneca.
Leave them be! They are not a nuisance. I don't ever want to see a survey like this again. This is their land.
Permit those living in the area that have permission to use at least an acre of land to hunt and kill one deer with a permit

DEC invites public review and comment on the draft Management Plan for White-tailed Deer in New York State, 2021-2030 (PDF). Comments may be sent to wildlife@dec.ny.gov (use "Deer Plan" in the subject line) or by mail to DEC Deer Management Plan, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754. The public comment period closes on December 28, 2020.

Re: Public Comment on Deer Management

Dear DEC:

It seems I may have missed the deadline for public comment, however, this is an annual problem, so I will leave my suggestion:

Stop killing apex predators. Otherwise, we'll overpopulate with deer and vermin, and we'll end up with disease outbreaks (like CWD -- see how the cattle ranching and dairy community likes that). Wisconsin already went through that non-sense a few years ago, and they'll do it again with their idiotic 10% reduction in wolf population they just went through last month (in a matter of three days), thanks to Trump's de-listing of gray wolves from the endangered species list). What do they get out of this ? \$20 a pelt, chopped meat to feed their dam-ned radio collared hunting hounds, and a few cheap thrills. They'll get a population imbalance followed by another disease outbreak. Just wait and see.

The key in New York State is to stop bear, wolf (if we have any left), coyote, and wildcat hunts... something regulated by the NYS DEC. The way things stand now, we have an insane 6 month coyote hunting season, where dogs are allowed to sniff out and chase down coyotes. This is tantamount to government sanctioned dog fighting. As far as traps are concerned, that's just depraved. No normal human could participate in something like that, but I digress.

The key issue with deer overpopulation is to stop apex predator hunting and trapping. Note that this has nothing to do with gun rights. Encroachment is the problem. Sprawl is the problem. Big Ag is the problem. WE are the problem.

Move deer rather than shooting them

Let the deer be

If the town of West Seneca starts shooting deer I will be moving!

Open up bow hunting within residential areas within the normal limits of the law for a short period of time.

West Seneca is FULL of wildlife. Let them be. The only problem in this area is people using Union Road for a raceway and deer getting "in their way".

Birth Control for deer!

Salt licks containing both control so animals do not have to be killed might be a cheaper safer solution.

Herd them to open land!

<p>I enjoy seeing the deer and it really doesn't bother me that eat/destroy the vegetation. My concern is car accidents. They are often hard to see at dusk, I live on Lind Avenue and have come close to an accident many times near West high school as well as near Lind and Center Road. My suggestion is to do a controlled hunt and donate the meat to an organization such as St. Luke's, City mission or food pantry. I suggest a hunt so the meat isn't contaminated with poisons and it is more humane. Have law enforcement conduct the hunt or do a lottery for liscence hunters.</p>
<p>Use old abandoned buildings for new businesses and stop taking away our green space the deer were here first</p>
<p>Allow competent archers and crossbow users to thin the deer herd by harvesting as many does as they can.</p>
<p>Are there birth control for deer a possibility?</p>
<p>Shoot the deer and donate the meat to local West Seneca food to local food banks.</p>
<p>Stop taking away all the green space in west seneca! No one wants new developments built, stop ruining the town with empty strip malls, tim Hortons, dollar trees & the Taj mahal library dibocle. STOP DEVELOPING THE LITTLE TO NO GREEN SPACE THAT'S LEFT! Letting hunters have a controlled bow hunt on DDSO property would be the best, since it's bow, the meat wouldn't go to waste & hunters know how to properly cull a deer population. 50-100 deer at the taxpayers expense is asinine, and won't even make a dent in the overpopulation of deer. Do you even have an accurate estimate of the deer population in WS? 50-100 wouldn't do a damn thing to reduce the numbers, especially if you don't even know how many deer in the "population" you even have. What is the current population & what do you want it reduced to?? My advice (echoed by many other reaidents) STOP DEVELOPING ALL THE GREENSPACE! We don't WANT anymore new developments!!</p>
<p>birth control</p>
<p>Just leave them alone</p>
<p>I love seeing the deer but hate them eating all the foliage. If it is decided to reduce the deer population, please consider a voluntary hunting period with meat donation. A win win !!</p>
<p>Taking 50 - 100 deer a year wouldn't put a dent in the population. I hope that if you decide to cull the herd that they are donated to the local food banks. This would mean having a refrigerated trailer to store them in after they are dressed out. It would be a waste to just dump them in a landfill.</p>
<p>Sterilize the deer to help with control rather than killing?</p>
<p>Not sure where expense would be since there are qualified hunters who would appreciate the opportunity to fill their freezer in a controlled hunt. These deer that frequent the confines of West Seneca are herds that continue to grow in populated areas. Hazardous to say the least for vehicles, pets and people as the coyotes packs grow as well.</p>
<p>Some areas that are excluded for hunting can be opened up, safely, to reduce herd.</p>
<p>Possibly use birth control. Do not know much but have heard this works</p>
<p>Bow hunting season allow residents that have larger lots to hunt, use parks to do you youth hunt, initiate a lottery for certain weekends (generate money) the town has areas that could be used to control the population without raising already high taxes...</p>
<p>Birth control/sterilization</p>
<p>I believe there are areas that are wooded enough to allow bow hunting. I would encourage crossbow as this is a more accurate and humane way of harvesting deer.</p>
<p>Start Controlled ARCHERY hunting by permits for WS residents only .</p>

Put them in a bus and send them to a more rural area-I love them but they are destroying my yard.
There needs to be aggressive birth control droppings for the deer. I don't support out right shooting of the deer.
Leave them be, they are trying to survive just like everyone else.
Bait and shoot programs with DEC are probably safest option. Concentrate on heavily populated areas like north end of town, old French, Clinton, Borden, Seneca creek.
Allow residents to harvest them safely. At no cost to tax payers by issuing a tag/license to the resident hunters. No firearm use. Only bow or crossbow.
Should not cost tax payers anything ! Have WS residents obtain permits and let them shoot the deer and either keep the venison or donate the meat .
Reduction of the population should not be at tax payer expense. There has to be a way to allow hunting so the deer are utilized either by private citizens or with an option to donate the meat. They should not be killed and simply destroyed.
Allow deer hunting permits with bows only
Allow bow hunting
There are A LOT of people who are "serious nuisances" and we don't have an "idiot control plan" that goes around shooting them! Leave the deer alone! Why not turn the "state wasteland" into a nature preserve where people can go and admire God's creatures. I love driving my grandkids through there to see the deer. It's not like they're killer wild animals threatening the community!
Let the deer have their home. Stop clearing their land.
There are alot of deer in the area of the soccer park on Seneca St. Declare several days of bow & arrow hunting for registered hunters. Close the area to visitors and allow these hunters to thin out the population. They could keep one deer each and donate any others to the local food bank, etc. People continue to feed the deer at the soccer park even when they are informed they are doing so illegally.
Bait and shoot with either town or DNR police. Meat processed for food pantries.
Pregency control
Concentrate on certain areas, Clinton Street, Developmental Center.
My yard is overrun by deer. Sometimes as many as 6 or 7. They are not afraid of anyone or anything. My dog barks at them and chases them but they don't care. In the spring they destroy my yard with hoof marks. They eat my bird seed, flowers and bushes. Isn't there something you can feed them to make them sterile? They have become very aggressive lately.
Let bow hunters get them
I believe that baiting for population control should be considered. Yes, the deer are beautiful animals BUT their overpopulation create traffic hazards and their feeding habits destroy thousands of dollars in shrubs, trees, and garden plants each year.
People are constantly feeding the deer. It causes them to stay in neighborhoods, and it's causing a tick increase too. This is dangerous.
Allow certain residents to work with town to reduce population if others don't want to. My property has 15 deer living in it because surrounding neighbors feed them. This is dangerous and not fair to my family and pets who can get seriously sick.

<p>Bait and shoot !! And give the meat to local food bank to feed the poor They are a nuisance and really truly have no use they cost us money anyway because we have to fix and replace landscaping that they destroy</p>
<p>Birth control drops</p>
<p>Town of Cheektowaga PD has been lowering thwir deer population at the parks for years. It's effective.</p>
<p>Allow bow hunting in certain areas</p>
<p>Leave the deer alone!!!</p>
<p>If it comes to the point that deer need to be controlled it should be during hunting season and you would only be able to use a bow or a crossbow and it should only be residents open New York not the townships of West Seneca.</p>
<p>Find areas that hunters can shoot the deer for you, why pay when you can have others do for free</p>
<p>Instead of tax payers paying to reduce heard. How about developers pay a deer tax when developing their habitat and driving them into our residential areas.</p>
<p>It should not be for the town of West Seneca to deal with and it should not cost taxpayer money</p>
<p>Just register and certify interested bowhunters to take more deer safely within the town.</p>
<p>Allow for hunting on development Center land that is vacant off of leydecker road.</p>
<p>I would like to see birth control be used after thinning the herd out. It is costing residents thousands of dollars in property value every year.</p>
<p>Let people bow hunt in west Seneca during deer season</p>
<p>Program should be developed to allow licensed hunters to thin the herd in a manner that allows the town to control it. Perhaps a lottery could be established to select the hunters who would follow guidelines set by town officials. The processing of the deer would be the hunter's responsibility if they elect to keep the meat. If not, the town would absorb this cost and either donate the meat to the food pantry, or offer it for sale to town residents.</p>
<p>Drive around and notice the houses feeding the deer population.</p>
<p>Perhaps limiting the amount of new builds, which clear out the deer's natural habitat, is a more humane answer here. To hear people who live on land which backs up to wooded lands (cleared to build their homes) complain that the deer eat their bushes isn't a good enough reason to shoot deer.</p>
<p>NYS DEC nuisance permits awarded to people with specified lot sizes</p>
<p>Give meat to city mission.</p>
<p>Leave the deer alone, they hurt no one</p>
<p>in my opinion that's inhumane to kill them because there are "too many"☹. they are breathing and living animals, as we are. hunting for food, completely different. if that's the case they should be surveying to take 50-100 humans out because the housing market is in crisis. if you actually think about it, more people, more houses, less open land for these animals. God created those deer before us human. the world is playing with fire lately. for clarity, im just using this in comparison to justify the rationality, no mass killings of either people or deer intended.</p>
<p>natural living areas are continuing to be reduced . more wildlife consideration is needed before we approve new building . we need to preserve more wildlife habitats</p>

Residents should be able to bow hunt if they own at least 1 acre of land or have access to at least 1 acre of land. Public land should have a lottery system for reducing amount of town residents hunting public property if allowed
Stop tearing down their habitats and building homes there. Unless you can relocate them to a country area.
No suggestion. Just a comment. They are beyond a nuisance at this point. From the feces and diseases they carry to people who will not stop feeding them, to the fact they are so domesticated nothing even deters them off of property. They prance right down the side walks. Enough is enough. This is the suburbs. We shouldn't have over 20 in our yard at once. Why is a survey even needed? This is a public health hazard!
I do not feel that the herds of deer are a nuisance. My concern is that the herds are becoming so numerous, and so large, that their health will be compromised, and they will spread disease amongst the herds. I feel it would be better to allow a certain number of hunters special permits to humanly thin the population on the former developmental center grounds, where it can be controlled.
Deer cause accidents with vehicles and should not be as plentiful as they are in a suburban area. They cause damage and danger to humans in this capacity. They need to be reduced or moved to more rural areas. They have no natural predator here and have access to readily accessible food (gardens, plants, etc) and will only grow in number. Also, geese are a huge nuisance and should be reduced.
Second response. I'm also Very concerned about the spread of deer ticks. I'm not able to let my grandchildren play in the yard without a total body check anymore, as we've found ticks on them numerous times last summer. Lyme disease is truly disabling.
U can make money if you open a bow season to residents only
We enjoy seeing the deer and like them on our property.
open a bow season
Allow bow hunting in West Seneca.
Possibly open a limited deer season in West Seneca. Have a lottery drawing for a select amount of tags and ONLY allow Bow hunting in strictly managed/controlled areas. This could help curb the cost of the program. You could charge for extra tag entries. You receive 1 with purchase of hunting license but if you want more, a fee is accessed. Also the deer population needs controlling because currently the natural food supplies can NOT support a healthy population. The program is more of a humane solution instead of staring population.
More park space for community and for the deer to have a home. Keep taking their home they'll be more of a problem
Have a year round special hunting season to control deer population and open up state and town parks to archery hunters with earn a buck tag option. Something like for every 5 doe a hunter can take a buck.
Utilize the DEC or whatever agency is responsible for deer population and use whatever means to lessen the# of deer.
Allow a special archery season in the fall. Archery only, not shotgun. Have residents with a NYS bow hunting license purchase a special west Seneca archery permit for \$10. This fee should cover any costs associated with a special hunt for the 50-100 deer needed
Lack of natural predators make culling necessary.

Stop putting up buildings that remain vacant and that we DO NOT need. Deer will stay in their natural habitat if they have one.
Allow hunters access to town lands, where deer population creates a problem, to safely harvest deer
Thin out this population soon. They destroy yards--worse every year!
You should save money and pull a lottery system of registered deer hunters in the town and issue out permits and allow the deer to be harvested by a hunter to feed their family. That saves tax payers money and fills a families freezer. You could open for just archery and in specific locations for extra safety precautions. I have personally put a lot of thought into this as a hunter and would be more than happy to further explain I have added my email to this survey
Yes deer are a nuisance, but I would never condone a shoot. Question 3 was a loaded question. This survey is poorly constructed.
Stop building and the deer will have a home and not be forced into other areas causing a "nuisance."
We should be clearing land for wildlife use more than we should be doing any further development. Our environment is important and our goal should be flourishing biodiversity.
Allow bow hunting in the town with permits to help control the population.
Could there be a controlled hunt at the state school?
<p>1. For those who can't imagine culling deer for any reason, please explain expert marksman can kill deer more humanely than a longer suffering death due to car accident or by predators who attack the many deer who get injured fence jumping. Also the meat can then be donated.</p> <p>2. Need to have consequences for folks who feed the deer. Have 3 different neighbors who have done this at some point. They don't understand the many consequences of this.</p> <p>3. Education of deer related diseases. According to Erie Co Health Dept, ticks have dramatically increased with half carrying Lyme Disease. Also, CWD has been found in 10% of deer just over the border in PA. Though they say it hasn't been found here, that is meaningless depending on testing protocol. Every dead deer should be tested. My mom died of CJD a horrific, human form of that disease. No studies show a deer to human transfer, but that doesn't mean it's not possible since there's limited research due to limited funding... especially when you read Cornell's finding of prions entering soil & then plants via deer saliva, urine, & feces. Prions that can survive many yrs. Have witnessed a deer (next to mom's house) that needed to be shot due to symptoms eerily similar to prion disease but couldn't find out if it was tested.</p> <p>4. This isn't just a nuisance issue, it's a health issue. Certainly Lyme Disease poses a risk and possibly CWD. I imagine the number of deer related car accidents are on the rise as well. (Our parked car just got totaled this weekend by someone swerving to avoid a deer - just thankful this happened when the car was empty.) Also, imagine not being able to walk through your yard without constantly having to look for deer poop. If geese or rats were causing these kinds of problems, residents would expect them to be resolved. Should be no different than with deer... I, too, think they're adorable but we need to be able to rise above their cuteness factor and think about this logically as other towns have.</p>
Bait and shoot
Allow residents of West Seneca to hunt deer with a bow.

Have been to 3 collisions on Seneca street in the exact location every time. Only minor damage because I always proceed slowly in that area. Have also had deer on my front porch during the winter months feeding on my vegetation on pinewood drive. The culled heard venison can be donated to a food bank.
Allow bowhunting (antlerless only & from a treestand only) anywhere there is a min of 2 acres of woods
Explore possible supportive habitats on available unused green space - want the deer to survive
Stop granting permits to builders. They will not stop until every square foot of green space is gone!
Very simple to have a period of time and allow Bow and Arrow harvesting of the deer. Would be no cost to West Seneca. Hunters would willingly come to take deer on a permit issued in conjunction with the State DNR and the city.
Initiating a limited bow (possibly crossbow) season in certain areas. Have a lottery to select who receives 1 of the limited tags that year. Also any deer taken could be donated to a food bank.
Have seasoned hunters thin the herd...for free and donate the meat to food banks.
Thin the herds using cross and compound bows. Quiet and less chance for dangerous ricochets in an urban setting.
Leave the deer be. Not the towns place
We need to shoot a lot more than 100 per year. They have damaged and killed several thousand dollars worth of landscape plants on my property. I had to abandon my beloved vegetable garden several years ago because of deer overpopulation. I'm an excellent shot and can safely harvest as many as you want on my property. Just give me a permit.
Stop all the building. You're taking away their habitat.
Leave the deer alone. Stop taking their natural habitat by building more apartments and condos that we don't need.
I think hunters can help with this also and save tax dollars. Good food to help out anyone in need
Stop killing off the coyotes and other animals that control the deer population.
Issue deer hunting permits in specific areas to reduce the herd rather than charge the taxpayers to kill the deer.
open a bow season
Leave them alone. You will cause an uproar if you kill them. They are part of West Seneca we watch the mothers raise their babies and grand babies. The only people complaining about them are only worried about their plants. Maybe send out a mailing of deer resistant plant suggestions for the folks that do not like them. I love them.
Issue deer hunting permits in specific areas to reduce the herd rather than charge the taxpayers to kill the deer.
The population needs to be controlled. I'm sure the food pantries would be able to use the meat harvested from such actions.
Issue deer hunting permits in specific areas to reduce the herd rather than charge the taxpayers to kill the deer.
I wish I had the answer. It seems some kind of birth control would be the most humane, but have no idea how to go about doing that
Please stop killing the deer

<p>This problem can be solved with safe, proficient bow hunters. They would love the opportunity to fill their freezers at ZERO cost to the taxpayers. Please look at other urban areas that greatly benefit from bow hunters. If it can be done in highly populated New Jersey, it can be done in west Seneca</p>
<p>Allow bow hunting of deer in town during bow hunting season</p>
<p>Allow hunters to hunt their property..</p>
<p>I don't consider them a serious nuisance, but we do have far too many for the available land to be able to support them. Few pay attention to the no feeding ordinance. The population behind West Middle has literally tripled in 5 years. There is deer scat everywhere. My dog has 2x gotten sick with giardiasis from eating it. He's also been bitten from a deer tick that led to him getting leptospirosis...leading to what will now amount to a lifetime of seizures for a 2 year old adolescent puppy. I've also backed into a deer in my own driveway! No injury to the deer or damage to the vehicle, but that's crazy! There has to be a way to find some middle ground in the community so we can thin the herd some.</p>
<p>Why not plant things that deer eat all year round in NYS rather than kill them? There are plenty of seed blend products that are simple to spread, would probably be more cost effective and safer than bait and shoot, and would contain the deer to the plot areas and keep them off peoples precious yards. An example would be Whitetail Institute Extreme Wildlife Seed Blend "Developed for successful food plots even in tough soil and harsh conditions. Grows well with a minimum of 15 inches of rain per year and is tolerant of cold and heat. Extremely sweet, durable, versatile, and highly attractive to deer. Lasts up to 5 years from a single planting." I'm sure New York State DEC would have some ideas for you and maybe even offer grants to assist you in doing this.</p>
<p>I am a NYS licensed hunter and value venison. If asked to participate I would.</p>
<p>I suggest putting some food around that includes birth control in it. If not possible then bait and shoot I have spent thousands of dollars in flowers and shrubs and the deer keep eating them. now we have deer poop all over our yard and sidewalks if I wanted to clean up poop out of my yard I would have a dog, they are taking over our neighborhood it's terrible!! Elmsford Drive west Seneca homeowner</p>
<p>The state of New York should look into re-introducing the wolf population that was once native to this region before they were overhunted out of the area. The lack of a natural predator is why we have a deer overpopulation problem in the first place.</p>
<p>stop building houses/senior housing/store fronts and keep green space</p>
<p>Shoot them, birth control, herd them into pens and send somewhere (see if Santa wants them). I have burlap over all my shrubs, I have chicken wire over the ground where my perennials will sprout this spring. Cheektowaga, Amherst and the NFTA (airport) police all shoot deer in a controlled manner. If Denz an company have not already checked with them it might be start.</p>
<p>Thin the herd, there are way to many deer in the area.</p>
<p>Give deer meat to the food pantry.</p>
<p>Open the Developmental Center grounds and wooded areas along the creeks to bow hunting. Let the people eat them rather than a mass kill. Once the hunt is on, the remaining deer will flee and retreat down along the creeks back into rural areas. They stay because they have no natural predators in this town.</p>

Do not shoot deer! Have we lost our mind ? We build on their homes and ruin their natural habitats. Leave them alone.
You keep tearing down their woods, etc, where do you expect them to go ? Stop all the unnecessary development around here.
The Town has to help the homeowners protect their plantings from the deer. The rabbits we can , and do trap, and release elsewhere. The deer think our yards are a buffet, the streets are their pathways, and our backyards their spas. Help us control these over abundant mammals.
Reword question 1.. they're only partly a nuisance. Also, I cant answer the question regarding money, not knowing how badly the government will inefficiently waste the money. I suggest you have a lottery that residents can enter to win tags to hunt with, to efficiently control the deer, and allow sportsman to cover the costs of reducing the population.
Deer are not the issue. People are. Overpopulation is a human problem really. Stop blaming wildlife. Encourage coyote populations to control deer.
I wouldn't say I have a suggestion and I don't necessarily know if shooting is something that had to happen. If there was a way to gather them and move them, sounds ridiculous but I don't know what else to do. It's really difficult because there are a lot of accidents involving the deer population and that's not healthy either.
Allow hunting in the town.
Stop reducing their land
Is there some way to relocate them to less populated areas.
Birth control.
Give out nuisance permits to
Open up to Bowhunting Only to help reduce herd. Earn a buck tag should be implemented. Must shoot a doe to be able to shot a buck. Atleast females should be targeted because 1 doe equals 3 deer next year.
Start giving the birth control to the deer
Hunted by law enforcement, meat can be processed for local food banks. Our neighborhood vegetation has been destroyed by the deer population.
Find areas where there are lots of deer and try to reduce the heard as it can be dangerous. They are restricting gardens, flowers, trees. I had to replant part of the lawn. Several times over the last several years they have charged at my grandchildren. It's a serious problem. They cause lots of car accidents. I have a picture of 18 in my backyard last summer. If there is a way to move them or heard them and put them in a different area by creeks or streams.
Reach out to areas that have deer population problems and ask them what they do. I don't think there is one set answer but my fear is deer ticks that can end up on my dog or child.
move out of their habitat and you won't have a problem with deer or any other wild life. There's plenty of room in the city of Buffalo
Start, HEAVILY fining all the people who are illegally feed the deer (threrere are many!!!) Do what they did up north when the deer population was out of control.
Kill the deer and donate the meat to the homeless shelters. Makes a very good meal.
Do not spend taxpayer money on reducing deer populations.
Have a lottery for archery hunting and make money.

Deer are natural wildlife that should be left alone. Humans should be more careful they are the disruption. The deer bring joy to the community, my neighbors love seeing them.
Let bow hunters kill them.
I don't think it should be up to humans to decide to take another animal life just because it may be inconvenient to us. Leave the deer alone
Increase their natural habitat, offer classes or online education on techniques for deer resistant gardening and tips. I haven't done much research on the issue, but have learned to peacefully coexist with the deer in my garden, learned what plants I can use, and have successfully grown a thriving garden. I would much rather see a natural alternative to deer control than killing them off. It would be great if someone could contact me with some alternative options to choose from.
Is there contraceptive methods ? Otherwise culling by hunting should be considered where feasible
Coexisting harmoniously is a scientific possibility. They have eaten their fill of our gardens much to our dislike, seeing hard work out the door as flowers disappear. But that said, we've found other ways to grow and while they still pick at the edges of our garden, we've managed to keep our gardens in good shape and protect the things we want protected. It's just a part of living to have creatures nearby try to eat stuff. It's ok!
Protect deer habitats and feeding areas
Stop killing animals for inconvenience.
I believe the town should explore non lethal methods to address any population issues
I don't think killing deer for eating shrubs is the answer. Are we going to kill rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks too?
https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2412675992212354&id=100004099291403 I prefer to utilize the Humane Society Recommendations for humanely controlling deer populations...
Leave them Alone
Allow bow hunting
Let the residents kill the deer if they are on their property.
The wording of question #3 is extremely disingenuous. It's worded to generate a no response, let's be honest here. Nobody wants to see the killing of innocent animals; however, they also don't pay extremely high taxes to have deer all over their front and backyards, eating all of their plants and bringing ticks with them which transmit Lyme disease and make people very sick. Residents also don't want to constantly have to worry about deer running out in front of them and causing a car accident, as we frequently see happening, even on side streets now. If West Seneca truly cared about the Deer population, they shouldn't have destroyed their natural habitat by allowing developers to build on every inch of land available in this town forcing these poor animals into the front/backyards of residents. This is another example of the horrible leadership in this town.
They cause serious safety issues and accidents
Please, please, please thin the herd. I saw 10 deer in my yard yesterday. They eat my flowers and shrubs. They even look in my windows while eating the shrubs.
I believe to let the circle of life take its course.
Allow hunting
Why can't the deer be relocated?
Relocate them to the country

Deer are fascinated and attracted to our manicured lawns - not to mention we keep taking over their territory - time to start learning to share the same space
Extra hunting, to use the meat, is ok. I do not like "bait and shoot." Birth control is a great option. And STOP BUILDING NEW SUBDIVISIONS!
Let us hunt
Leave them alone. We're in their yard not the other way around
Education for residents about the harmful impacts of feeding deer (for the deer, car accidents, etc.). If possible, engage hunters so that meat can be used by them when deer are killed.
Allow residents of West Seneca to hunt deer with a bow.
Open up to archery hunting, these hunters pay for licenses and there's plenty of wooded area to hunt in the city limits! It is illegal for hunters to bait and shoot deer therefore I'm against any bait and shoot !!
Why not save the tax payers money and open up a lottery to experienced bow hunters in the area?
Fine people who are feeding them
There is plenty of vacant land where businesses can build. Stop selling OUR natural landscape that is home to the deer.
My opinion is that it is important to find ways for humans and nature to co-exist and not for one to play God as to who/what lives and who/what dies. I for one will not even use chemicals on my lawn as I understand the importance of dandelions for the bee population. Humans are getting very self entitled not to have any inconvenience in their lives. Everyone should drive "aware" of their surroundings. I am always tempted to feed the deer, but will not as I understand the issues in doing this, not to mention it is illegal. There is both a value in having wildlife in our backyards as well as potential issues, but we must find a humane way to deal with nature. We, after all, are supposed to be the better species!
I don't know what the solution is. We've taken over their land and now they have no where to go. Sad. I wish we could live in peace with wildlife.
Allow bow hunting in the town
Limited bowhunting is a solution that would GENERATE revenue for the town instead of costing taxpayer dollars. Suburban bowhunting has proven highly effective all across the country and is both safe for residents and pets and ethical when it is appropriately structured. There are respected organizations (whitetails unlimited) that provide assistance to municipalities considering a bowhunting solution to their deer problem. I would love to be involved in assisting in this effort.
A proper permitted bow hunting program should be designed to bring money to the DEC while allowing people to partake in urban deer hunting. This is a common thing amongst many other states and keeps the focus on management and bringing people to the outdoors. This way tax payers are not all suffering and some system of management can be put into place. People from NYS go to other states to have these kinds of opportunities. It would be great to see it occur here, and not just West Seneca.
Is there alternative to shooting
open parts of the town to archery hunters
Killing them is ridiculous, you should be ashamed!
Allow bow hunting and allow the police to thin the herd like in Amherst
Tranquilize and move
Stop taking All of the green space for the wildlife

Thin the deer population by any means necessary
Thinning the herd will only produce more deer in coming years . They will genetically maintain their numbers for their own survival . Leave them alone! .
None unfortunately. Too bad corn can't be planted on vacant land to feed them
immunoncontraception
Allow limited private hunting in specified areas
There are a ton of deer in our town...I absolutely would be disgusted if the town started killing them. Just not right I'm sorry. You kill them more will be back in town. More important things to do with taxpayers money...the deer will never go away and the shooting will never stop then.
Rather than continued development in wooded areas enhance the town but using wooded space for residents etc. We are running out of natural habitat for the wild animals which most of are nice to have around. More planful and strategic building and expansion of the town os necessary to make it sustainable for humans and wild life.
Open up a week for archery season in WS or If the deer will be shot by law enforcement, offer the meat to the residents. I'm sure there are people that need meat in these trying times.
Please leave them alone , they have just as much right to live in peace as humans do
Don't shoot the deer?
Deer walk-around my backyard. They don't seem to cause a big problem. If the herd needs to be thinned, limited bow- hunting permits could be sold. Hunters could be invited onto private property to hunt for a brief time period.
I don't really have a suggestion or idea, I wish I did though. I'm tired of our west seneca taxes going up and up period. No matter what the reason. However, I do believe we need to try to do something to control the deer population.
If overcrowding and disease are a threat to deer safety, people should be made aware of that in their choices.
leave them alone; traffic is enough to keep the population down...
The deer are rampant and destroy thousands of dollars of flowers and vegetation. Reducing the herd in a neighborhood community is a challenge to complete safely
LEAVE THEM ALONE
Leave them alone.
They were here first leave them alone
if they are eating peoples bushes, then people should shut the hell up. If they are getting hit by cars, and their offspring left to wait by their mangled parents corpses for hours at end, then yes cull them. I have spoken.
Leave them alone
Bait them with birth control, every other year to slowly reduce the population.
\$20-30 tag permits to be issued to residents per deer shot, out of season in clearly marked areas in town safe to hunt
Deer have been ravaging our backyard since the early 80's. I no longer grow flowers because they eat them all. Even my hostas are chewed to the ground in the summer. I can not count the times they have been struck by cars on Orchard Park Road, sometimes 2 at a time are hit. I also see that many of

<p>the ears on the deer are deformed possibly because of too much inbreeding. My suggestion is to hunt them by bow during deer season. It will help with the population and the in breeding.</p>
<p>You've built over their homes what did you expect ? Stop killing animals because you are responsible for taking their homes. Let nature live.</p>
<p>So help me God if you bring in some third party poachers to start killing deer, and my children see it. Do not tell me it will be in out of sight areas. Our own animal control or police department could do this but it's not even necessary. Do NOT bring in outside poachers.</p> <p>Deer populations only double down on mating etc when a herd is culled.</p>
<p>Let the deer be. You would not appreciate someone hunting/steering you away from your home. They are harmless- if you want to get rid of something, get rid of spiders, ants, and bees.. snakes too!!!</p>
<p>The deer are in my yard every night. They cut through to ? I live on Almont ave. Near center rd. In the summer I want to kill them they eat all my beautiful expensive Lilly's. I get so excited awaiting the bloom. Come out in the morninggone. Usually I'm left with one...ahhhhwe invaded them I don't know where they go during the day. We had a small wooded area on norwood the deer had, however property is squeezing in houses for 350,000</p>
<p>Work with the DEC...I believe they have faced this dilemma before...perhaps we could use their experience and cooperate with a plan</p>
<p>I live on Iris Ave. I love seeing the deer in the woods at the end of our street, but the herd there has grown to 15-20.</p> <p>This can cause chaos during rut when the deer are running through yards and traffic. My husband and I are licensed & experienced bow and gun hunters. I believe there should be selective culling by bow so people do not get upset by gunfire. If this is not done, community members risk harm from car/deer collisions as well as property damage.</p> <p>I love animals, but as a hunter I am keenly aware of the need for population management. Our community is too densely populated to host such large herds.</p>
<p>After having a deer crash into the side of my car, seeing deer running rampant on my street and other streets presenting a real danger to both drivers and walkers, having my yard and garden repeatedly destroyed by deer, watching my pet narrowly avoiding being trampled in my own yard, and knowing the risk deer pose due to ticks, I am in favor of ANY program to lessen their numbers.</p>
<p>A controlled archery hunt or establishing an archery only season would be the most beneficial and cost effective method of controlling the deer population and has been proven in other locales.</p>
<p>Have a control Hunting for eating and maybe donate to food banks</p>
<p>Stop new construction in West Seneca and offer increased incentives to rehab existing properties. Plant new trees and promote any type of "'forest land' we have left.</p>
<p>Leave them alone!</p>
<p>A certain number of deer should allowed to be killed each year and the meat donated to the food bank and soup kitchens</p>
<p>Birth control</p>

<p>Allow bow hunting in backyards as long as neighbors are farther than 50 yards. I have a herd of deer 15-20 large that live in my back yard near Union and Reserve.</p>
<p>I don't like the idea of killing deer and they are a part of nature but should not be in residential areas. It is a hazard to drive and I worry about the tick population as a result of the deer and the disease they spread. I live on Lena Ct and there are at least 6 on my front lawn almost every night.</p>
<p>Stop building houses and businesses on the land they occupy! We are invading their space not the other way around!</p>
<p>While deer are are natural and beautiful, they are destructive to property owners.</p>
<p>The deer need there own land to live. We keep building on the places they live and its not fair to those innocent animals. Even on north america drive they keep building and the deer have nowhere to go. How is it there fault. Maybe they can be taken to a state park to live. Killing them is NOT the answer.</p>
<p>Open up archery in parts where it is safe to help control the deer.</p>
<p>Residents with at least an acre and a half of land should be able to apply for a nuisance permit and harvest the deer themselves reducing the taxpayer obligation and having an optional food bank donation Drop off location</p>
<p>Open hunt like they did in Amherst. It will reduce the population and the hunters get the meat.</p>
<p>Selected areas, bow hunting only. Certain number of town permits given out. Moving the boundaries of hunting into west seneca.</p>
<p>I have sometimes 20-30 deer in my yard at a time. If people object to their deaths, tranq and move could be an option but doing nothing isn't our best option.</p>
<p>I don't want to see them shot and killed, but they are a danger to drivers and I don't like seeing their carcasses in the road either. If they could be tranquilized and rehomed to Allegheny or the like, that would be awesome.</p>
<p>Why not have archery open for hunters? I'm sure that there are some hunters in that area that would definitely part take and have it be strictly compound bow</p>
<p>I believe it's important to use quality deer management in order to control the herd and prevent starvation and disease from spreading. I would suggest opening up bow/crossbow hunting only in West Seneca.</p>
<p>Please open an archery season in west seneca for hunters to help control population levels. There are so many places in the town on private land where this can be done safely. Maybe even on town land.</p>
<p>Salt peter in deer salt licks.</p>
<p>Let the Deer be. They didn't ask for anyone to disturb their home, yet we built subdivisions and took it away from many of them. Deer aren't the problem, if anything add more deer signs on streets. People should drive with caution anyways.</p>

Killing deer has been proven time and time again to NOT effectively maintain population. Lowering the population creates an abundance in food, which causes deer to reproduce quicker. Doe's with more access to food become healthier, and are more likely to have multiple fawn at once. This causes deer population to rise very quickly yet again. Unless the project goes on continuously and is wide spread enough across the entire town, (neither being possible due to the fact that the town is highly residential), this is not a good solution for West Seneca.

Instead, maybe create designated wildlife areas. For instance at the psych center on east and west. Having set areas that contain bait and good resources for the animals will help to keep deer out of neighborhoods, help improve our ecosystem, and is a much more humane system to put in place. If proven successful in West Seneca, other programs could be implemented such as fertility control using vaccinations and sterilization.

Stricter zoning to limit town development so habitat not fragmented and encroached upon

Although I like the "natural" aspect of the deer, and I like seeing them wander my neighborhood, there comes a time when the population begins to get out of control. This is not only detrimental to the citizens through car encounters, and damage to landscaping, but it is also unhealthy for the deer. And with no natural predators, the population is allowed to proliferate causing disease among the herd. Maybe there is a way to start eliminating deer where the highest concentrations are located. Not sure if that is possible to isolate. In the meantime, inform the public that it is illegal to feed them. Though it is cute to see the deer react to the feeding, it is detrimental in the long run.

It's too bad resident's can't shoot but houses too close together

If this happens, the meat from the deer should be donated

This is extremely unethical. Deer are natural and to kill them because they are a "nuisance" is in humane.

tree stands & police shooting down with buckshot only-no bullets or slugs

Leave the deer alone, there is no issue, this is dumb and it makes absolutely no sense to shoot deer for living where they have been for the last 100 years.

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Better education and birth control methods

Unfortunately urban sprawl has forced the deer into neighborhoods. It leads to more car accidents as well as property damage. Thinning the local herd leads to more healthy deer and less dense population. The properly processed deer meat can be donated to local food pantries or shelters.

Unfortunately, we keep building and the deer population migrates into residential areas.

Consider allowing bow and arrow hunting.

Don't kill innocent animals that were here long before us!!!

I agree that we need population control but would like the deer meat not to be wasted.

Please leave the deer alone! They have been here long before us and with all the land development they have nowhere to go! Killing them isn't the issue. Maybe people can slow down and pay attention when they're driving.

<p>What is meant by a "serious nuisance" - the deer ate my tomato plants and keep destroying my garden? Deer should not be shot because people don't like them walking in their yards. But I guess the law is interpreted as trespassers can be shot if you are defending your property. It seems deer herds don't wander too far - those that do are culled by cars. So basically you want to come into my neighborhood and shoot the deer - and I have to pay for it?</p>
<p>the animals have nowhere to go, leave them alone, they are a part of nature</p>
<p>Yes. Leave their home alone. I love watching them out my back window every night. We look forward to seeing the fawns in the spring.</p>
<p>what about some form of birth control similar to the one often done to control the raccoon population?</p>
<p>Leave them alone. This is messed up</p>
<p>Leave them alone</p>
<p>Population Control of any kind is needed. I live on Chancellor drive and it is not uncommon to see upward of 9 deer at any time of day in my backyard. Ticks, poop, destruction make it impossible to enjoy our backyard.</p>
<p>Leave the deer alone</p>
<p>Deer in our yard are out of control, with upwards of ten in our residential back yard at any time, urinating, defecating, shedding ticks, and destroying grass and shrubs.</p>
<p>There are other animals currently in west Seneca that are more of a problem...</p>
<p>I understand they are dangerous, mostly to drivers, but I don't think we need to just allow thinning of herds at random. Maybe instead we need to have land that is available to them and plant vegetation that we know will draw them to the area and away from busy roads</p>
<p>Move the time clock for the town pool into the pool house not in the police station. That's more of a nuisance than the deer.</p>
<p>Controlled bow hunt</p>
<p>You should allow hunters to hunt deer in particular areas instead of charging us to do it.</p>
<p>How about we stop over developing the town, and taking the deer's natural habitat away !!</p>
<p>Is there any other way to control the population besides shooting at the taxpayers cost?</p>
<p>The town of west Seneca should issue bow hunting permits to residents with valid hunting licenses. The problem is out of control</p>
<p>The only problem I do have with deer is they like to visit my garden especially in the winter. Fortunately there are deer repellent sprays that can be purchased and can be used once the weather warms.</p>
<p>I believe allowing experienced hunters that hold valid hunting licenses harvest deer in designated areas of the town would help the over population. Harvested animals can either be kept for the hunters own consumption or donated to area processors and given to local food banks.</p>
<p>Leave the deer alone</p>
<p>Do not kill the deer that's dumb.</p>
<p>Just reduce the numbers anyways you can. They no longer fear man. Have 10+ deer at night ravaging our bushes that costs us hundreds to repair.</p>

We weren't in our neighborhood 6 months and my wife hit a deer on Seneca Creek. Its not unusual to see 10-15 in our yard at once, they eat everything make a mess then walk the neighborhood to their next victim. For those who only think that they are cute and fun to watch may I suggest that you may change your mind if you hit one going 30-35 mph had it roll up onto the hood of your car and nearly kill you.

I love the outdoors and Gods creation but things are way out of wack things are way out of balance and the herd needs to be thinned out some way some how.

Let volunteer deer hunters reduce the population

I think we are seeing them more because we are continuously building on their habitats. We also see them more at the complex, neighborhoods, etc because people are constantly feeding them. They are being fed near roads which is dangerous enough as is.

Deer are a safety hazard. Do what is necessary to help reduce or eliminate this problem.

leave the deer alone

Thank you for looking into this, I understand deer are apart of nature but its also sad to see them hit by cars or starving to death due to over population. No suggestion sorry just happy you are looking into this

Why don't you just fix the deer like people have feral cats fixed

This absolutely absurd. STOP ALLOWING UNNECESSARY GIANT DEVELOPMENTS TO GO UP IN WEST SENECA. I moved out of West Seneca because all this town cares about is tax money and bringing in wealthier residents. Y'all are ruining a great place to live by destroying the environment. The deer have no place to go because of housing like Princeton Estates and other large developments. Whoever came up with this idea is wack

Maybe stop tearing down trees and land so that the deer aren't forced out of their homes and bothering you so much. Also get the fuck over yourself.

LEAVE ALONE

Humans are overpopulated as a species and we don't kill them via mass genocide. Maybe we shouldn't do it to deer, just a suggestion tho idk :/

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Don't kill the fucking deer what the hell is wrong with you people

I think it would be ridiculously unnecessary to have a program to kill deer when we are building subdivisions where they live.

Consider corralling the deer and relocating them where possible.

open up deer hunting in certain areas,

Is there any other way to control the population besides shooting at the taxpayers cost?

Leave them alone

Plases stop building on our green space. There is nothing left but west Seneca taxes are so friggen high that's what u do build build build I have lived at that same place for 50 yrs it's sucking what the town is doing. Money money money

maybe get fences to keep them out

They literally do nothing wrong to us! Leave them alone

More areas for the deer to remain. Create natural over passes for the animals to cross and skip going into traffic. Death isn't the answer, it's a lazy solution. Figure it out, this is why we pay you taxes. Not to just take the easy way out.

Rather than kill the dear sterilization either the male or female. I have already spent a few thousand on landscaping but not interested in tax increase.
Let the public or youth help out for educational reasons
Why wouldn't you relocate the deer, instead of shooting them?!
Controlled bait and shoot. Especially in the industrial park north America drive and seneca creek rd
Dropping birth control into food sterilizing animals not shooting them
Just relocate them, it's absurd to kill them when they have no intention of doing any harm just because they seem to bother people with their presence. Relocate them to a nature preserve or something of that relation. The population loss in the number of species around the world is enough because of human society impeding on their natural habitats. This is a disgusting act to think that killing them is a way to resolve this issue.
Controlled hunts by residents in parks around west seneca where deer populations are extremely high
Birth control
I would like to see other humane options, opinions and studies from experts besides the DEC. I dislike the only option discussed is killing them. How accurate is the survey? Proof of residency is not asked? Anyone can take this survey.
Allow west Seneca residents who have hunting license, bow hunt on their property within the town limits for 1-2 weeks a year. Instead of the town officials or DEC taking action.
We keep on building and they have no place to go but into all the neighborhoods. Can't they be relocated to a safe place. I'm torn on this issue.
Stop fuckin building leave some green space u have the Princeton projects clear cut 85 acres what do you think what are they supposed to eat I'm so sick of people complaining. Evers here has deer. You will not come on my property to do a blood bath
Allow 50-100 vouchers for hunters via lottery, to hunt deer with bow during bow season in west Seneca.
Is it possible just to somehow use birth control for the deer as well?
We're the ones building more and more neighborhoods as we knock down their home. Why do they deserve to get shot? It shouldn't be up to us to kill deer because they are "in our way" This is morally wrong.
Let a professional hunter do it at no charge and donate the meat to a charity. No need for this to cost the taxpayers.
Leave the deer alone
Institute AND ENFORCE a reasonable fine to discourage residents from putting out food to lure deer and smaller animals including rats into residential neighborhoods.
We are in their space. I love seeing them walk around where I live. I do not feel that killing them is the answer. I have not noticed any damage created by them. Also the coyotes in this area have taken care of several deer already. Please find a humane way to relocate them if they are seen as a nuisance.
Brtter land management & not allowing wetlands to be used for building like the housing complex on Fisher Rd near the thruway

Control shoot/hunt donate meat to food pantry. Do we need to have people hurt before we act ? I personally lost a coworker due to deer being hit and coming into vehicle killing him ! There are times I can't drive up my street safely due to herds of deer . What is it gonna take ????? I also cannot improve my landscape due to deer constantly feeding . They are beautiful animals but it's only a matter of time till an innocent life is lost . My wife hit one 2 yrs ago causing thousands of dollars damage .Very glad this being discussed . Unfortunately we only act after a tragedy hopefully we are smarter than that . I have dozens of photos on my phone of deer in my yard if you need proof . I have felt this way for along time we need to do something soon and I know I'm in the majority who feel this way . Just saw a dead dear on Union rd this past weekend ! All statements are true and proof is available . Please act , the life we save could be your loved one . If you are reading this you are obviously in a position to do something , if you took the job you owe it to the residents to do the right thing . Thanks for addressing this issue .
Allow legal, licensed hunters the ability to hunt in secluded areas of the town.
Hunters under permit would help a lot.
I have a hill in my backyard 20 deer a day go through my yard sometimes they lay down and sleep. Issue nuisance permits. Get a great shot from my yard with nothing behind. Bet there are other places in West Seneca that are the same.
Special permits could be issued to residents for specific areas, donate the meat to shelters
They are a natural part of our community...they should be left alone.
Stop destroying their habitat.
Stop building on every inch of green space in west Seneca !! Commerce drive industrial park has caused the reduction of wildlife land and has ruined Seneca Creek Road ! West Seneca is highly taxed and the reason the industrial park went in was to reduce taxes . All of the wildlife are affected . West Seneca is the new Amherst .. high taxes , no green space , all cement buildings everywhere , no walking community etc . It's urban sprawl and it's sad . Many people are leaving west Seneca .
The deer should not be wasted but processed to venison and donated to feed the hungry in WNY.
Is it possible to trap a segment of the deer population each year and move them to a large forest area like the Allegany region? Maybe there exists a stun gun which causes the deer to go to sleep for a while until they get to their new environment.
WHY IS IT ILLEGAL TO FEED THE DEER BUT IT OK TO FEED THE BIRDS ?????
Please help and set up a birth control or shooting program. I live in the middle of town and have between 5 and 13 deer in my yard every evening. I also have many neighbors who regularly feed the deer.
Leave nature alone, every animal has they're cycle
Stop clearing all the woods and putting up more houses - maybe they would stay there.
Enforce the ordinance- the residence at xxx Lein Road feed them 3 to 5 times a day and I've called multiple times. They sit back behind their chain link fence and watch two dozen come and eat while the rest of us have to deal with them coming to our homes for food and attracting raccoons, possums and rats. If you're not going to enforce an ordinance about feeding deer, why bother with a survey asking about them. The town can shoot 100 of them, there will still be plenty more back the next day for people like xxx Lein road to feed them. Videos are available. It's out of control
Restore some habitat for them
I would be concerned with discharge of firearms to shoot deer in the areas where deer are living next to residences. Can deer deterrent/ barrier suggestions be provided to residents?

Chemical castration through food left out for them
Maybe just leave them alone?. They're animals in their natural habitat. What is wrong with you that you want to kill animals because you consider them a "nuisance"
Why not issue limited time permits to help thin the herd? Why is it always at the taxpayer expense? This way the town gets the money and the deer problem is addressed.
Birth control ?
Bow and arrow should be allowed.
We love the deer and nature. I lived in the city in my 20s & its so refreshing to see life other than humans&squirrels here
Develop some type of birth control method - Place in food sources
Doesn't seem right to shoot these graceful animals.
Keep them out of my yard!
Stop fuckin building leave some green space u have the Princeton projects clear cut 85 acres what do you think what are they supposed to eat I'm so sick of people complaining. Evers here has deer. You will not come on my property to do a blood bath
Stop clear-cutting wilderness for new developments. Wildlife like deer have nowhere to live as we encroach on their natural homes. As we destroy native habitats and disrupt the wildlife, the natural balance is thrown out of whack. Humans destroy their homes and then complain that they are a nuisance to us when they have nowhere to live. The answer is not to kill beautiful wildlife, but to preserve their homes and rebuild new native and natural areas for them to live safely. We should have more nature preserves like Tiff in order to restore a balance.
Implement a voluntary deer season in the town with a mandate that the meat be donated to the food bank. Limit the hunt to bow and crossbow only. Not nearly as dangerous as firearms. There would be NO COST to taxpayers.
I believe that by removing a part of the deer herd will reduce the spread of lyme disease
Do it for free without cops. Many other townships allow residents to hunt with bow. West seneca should also
Allow residents to hunt deer with bow in west seneca
No cops. Just residents hunting deer with bow. We need this now!
Allow residents of west seneca to bowhunt
West seneca residents hunt deer with bow
Not sure about shooting especially in residential areas. I live in south buffalo and they are across the street from my house. They walk our sidewalks and are at our houses.
I would only agree with culling of deer population if the meat was harvested and distributed to those with food insecurity.
Please leave the deer alone. They are not harming anyone or anything. Let them be.
Open west seneca for archery hunting. Use any harvested deer to feed homeless people or donate to shelters

I suggest you leave them be. They are a beautiful asset to the town. My children love looking at the deer (we keep our distance, we do not feed them, we simply just appreciate them). We should be protecting the land and animals that make West Seneca a beautiful town to live in. I do not support mass killing deer or any other animal for that matter. I do not even understand why this is up for debate. Should the residents be expect more development? If the case is that people are just seeing deer all the time then stop clearing all the land and homes of these animals for construction. Eventually we will reach a point where there is no more forest and land to clear, then property values will go down. If I wanted to look at buildings on top of buildings, houses on top of houses, i'd move to the city. Many of my neighbors whom I've spoken to have also agreed. Please leave the nature in this town alone.

If there was a way to carry out deer management and use the deer meat to provide food to those in need that could be a great way to tackle multiple issues in the community.

Rather than kill the dear sterilization either the male or female. I have already spent a few thousand on landscaping but not interested in tax increase.

Sell permits for small fee to residents to hunt the deer . Let them keep the meat or donate the meat

I lived in West Seneca until the end of 2020 and used to drive to the Seneca wildlife management area daily to get a look at the deer there (I am a lifetime hunter and enjoy seeing some of the amazing antlers on the deer through the area.) That being said, the population there is way out of control. I moved to the Minneapolis area of Minnesota the beginning of this year and was interested in the fact that they have a Metro Bowhunters Resource Base program in place to help keep population down. Please read into the attached link below to learn more about the MBRB, I am sure you could reach out to them for more information into how they operate.
<http://www.mbrb.org/about-us/>

I have 8 acres on Leydecker road. We constantly have anywhere from 4-20 in our yard all the time. I am a hunter and understand the restrictions in place within the town. However across route southwestern at harvest hill golf course they are able to hunt. I think an opportunity to hunt with my bow on my property would be of no danger to the public nor would anyone even know I was hunting as the property has no homes anywhere near the back on of the property near Cazenovia creek. The deer continue to eat any and all plants, trees, shrubs, flower, etc. As fast as we can plant it. In discussions with neighbors, we all agree something needs to be done whether it's thru hunting or other means. Thank you for your time.

If there was a way to carry out deer management and use the deer meat to provide food to those in need that could be a great way to tackle multiple issues in the community.

Have a \$10 fee so one can bow hunt in west seneca. you must get a doe before you can hunt a buck. and you must call the police to tell them where you are hunting, have the number of hunters and date where you are hunting and live in the town

I hope that when the deer are shot, the free-range, organic meat is harvested for some use. I also see that suburban shrubbery is unintentionally feeding them. I have plants that they did not eat from 1980 - 2000, but they have learned to eat them. e.g.: Rhubarb. Myrtle/Vinca. Parsley.

4 weeks ago at 6 p.m. I was driving south on Union Road in the left hand lane (it's a 4 lane 2 on each side) and a deer ran across in front of me and the car next to me thankfully we both missed it. Being a country girl I know they travel in 2's or more thus keeping my eyes ahead looking for another but nothing was there then all of a sudden a deer ran right into the side of my car while in motion. Thankfully I was not hurt and had I seen it (it was dark) I could not have avoided it due to a car beside me but seriously it was so dark I did not see it. It did 6,800 worth of damage to my brand new car that I have only had 5 months. It seems like every evening lately there are deer on every road in West Seneca. It's time something be done to stop them from causing damage to cars. Coming home one evening in late November I watched one run across by the 400 entrance on Seneca and a car hit it causing major damage to that car. Unfortunately I live near a creek and they tend to hang in creek areas they eat everything in my yard ruining my expensive flowers, perennials and bushes. I see them all the time on OP Road, Berg Road, Seneca Street and Abbott near Lake. They have become a nuisance to traffic thus I am all for deer control even though I love animals. I know enough to watch for them but lately they are everywhere and it's out of control. Someone could loose their life in a collision with a deer.

After deer are shot meat should be processed and made into sausage links to donate to the food kitchen can't see why taxpayers must shoulder this expense we already pay the highest taxes in the areas around us

I think educating residence on the severe consequences feeding deer has on their population and the deer themselves is extremely important. Weather it be a mail out info graphic that both engaging and informative or a video that can be shared via social media. I am a recent graduate from UB with a masters in sustainability leadership and arts and I would be happy to help.

You got rid of weekly recycling to "save taxpayer money" (although you personally told me you barely recycle) but have no issues spending taxpayer money on this?

Why not allow residents to take a few deer (for food) from time to time. As long as it is done safely,(with bow or crossbow), on their own property? I live on East and West road across from the Developmental center, I have a field behind my one acre lot, of which I own 2 Acres of. On any given day I will have at least 20 to 30 deer feed and pass thru my property. We can't plant anything in our yard or in the front of our house, because the deer eat everything.

Give permits out on some of the towns safe area to hunt

Some method of birth control,after first culling the herds.

Deer are not pests. Leave them be.

Any kind of solution such as bait and shoot is needed. At dawn and dusk my neighborhood looks like a petting zoo. Not to mention that if you drive during this time you need to have your head on a swivel. Also, they ruin landscaping and crap all over the yard. On top of it, they carry ticks and in some cases, chronic waste disease. There pattern of travel is easily defined so thinking the herd would be easy. If you need further assistance or have questions, let me know.

If there was a way to carry out deer management and use the deer meat to provide food to those in need that could be a great way to tackle multiple issues in the community.

Deer pose a health hazard and a Highway hazard. I sustained \$1600.00+ damage when a deer hit the rear of my car last year and I have had 3 near misses with deer running out onto highways. they are a vector for ticks carrying multiple infectious viruses. Deer roam the WS soccer park and pose a health hazard to the players on the field and also are becoming used to humans. They become aggressive when protecting their young. They eat shrubs and flowers during winter and summer and roam our streets around 2-3 am. The more deer we have the risk of passing deer wasting prion infections increases. The meat from culling deer herd is an excellent idea because many in our population are experiencing access to food issues as a result of covid pandemic. Also they tempt humans to feed them; I have seen a woman feeding deer in the evening at the WS soccer park which encourages more deer to congregate at the park. 5 years ago I counted 4 deer in park; this past fall there were 13-16 present during evenings at the park. so please cull the deer herds to decrease health hazards and lower costs for insurance companies who pay for deer collisions and thus indirectly increasing insurance premium payments.

This program is needed immediately, especially to help feed the poor.

Please educate the people in West Seneca that it is illegal. to feed the deer. When complaints are made to the town Hall. The person making the complaints are treated like they are the problem. Then told by the neighbor that is feeding the deer that the town thinks you are pain. Apparently someone at the town Hall lets them know about the complaint !!!

True story.

To this day they are feeding the deer.

Stop building on every green space. Animals natural habitats are being destroyed thus they are moving into community settings. Not only have there been more deer in neighborhoods but also coyote raccoons etc. re-evaluate the big picture.

Allow bow hunting in West Seneca during regular bow season only.

Leave them the fuck alone

Why can't you open it up to bow hunting in certain areas, with a lottery system to allow a certain amount of hunters (not too many at a time) and it wouldn't cost the town a dime.

Why don't you just fix the deer like people have feral cats fixed

Plases stop building on our green space. There is nothing left but west Seneca taxes are so friggen high that's what u do build build build I have lived at that same place for 50 yrs it's sucking what the town is doing. Money money money

You are welcome to use my 2 acres of land to hunt the deer. They are eating everything and breeding ticks like crazy. My grand kids always come out of the woods with a tick on them. I'm sure you could get at least half of your quota just hunting my land as we see 12 or more at a time always.

let's eat them

<p>Collect them and place them in rural areas. They don't want to live with us & we don't want them destroying our yards in order to simply survive. This is the DEC's area, not the Town of West Seneca. And it's awful how you worded your only option you're offering, making it easy to use the residence as your scapegoats to not do anything or we have to pay for killing up to 100 deer per year. Honestly. Give me a break. Who's responsible for this survey?</p>
<p>I am wondering if catch and release would be an option to safely, without killing, help the herds move to a safer location</p>
<p>Leave the deer alone. We need to stop harming the environment around us. Even the suggestion of shooting huge amounts of deer is incredibly insulting and insane.</p>
<p>Catch deer and release in the wild.</p>
<p>Allow bow hunting Use a lottery system, with an entry fee to raise funding, to award deer permits. Use the fees, to defray and cost associated with the program.</p>
<p>Leave them alone.</p>
<p>I suggest you leave them be. They are a beautiful asset to the town. My children love looking at the deer (we keep our distance, we do not feed them, we simply just appreciate them). We should be protecting the land and animals that make West Seneca a beautiful town to live in. I do not support mass killing deer or any other animal for that matter. I do not even understand why this is up for debate. Should the residents be expect more development? If the case is that people are just seeing deer all the time then stop clearing all the land and homes of these animals for construction. Eventually we will reach a point where there is no more forest and land to clear, then property values will go down. If I wanted to look at buildings on top of buildings, houses on top of houses, i'd move to the city. Many of my neighbors whom I've spoken to have also agreed. Please leave the nature in this town alone.</p>
<p>Have a special archery season for town residence only. Instead of spending tax dollars let us hunters who spend \$100.00 a year on licenses help thin the herd.</p>
<p>Thin them out</p>
<p>I'm glad the town is addressing this, discretion is key though. I worry bleeding hearts that know nothing about ecology will come out of the woodwork and get people involved from nationwide organizations that protect animals.</p>
<p>First, I take no pleasure in my responses (shooting). However, I am extremely worried about drivers hitting one. Even a lower speeds, humans can become seriously injured, as well as the deer. In my WS neighborhood (Reserve, Mill, and E&W) they are everywhere. I can pull up to my home and 4-5 will be on my lawn, or walking down the middle of the road. It's becoming so dangerous. They are also very numerous in my back yard. I am therefore concerned about diseases. They jump the fence to get in. Second, to answer the original question about suggestions, is there possibly some type of "birth control medication". I'll try and look into it. Thanks for letting me share.</p>
<p>I approve of the hunting and killing the deer if this is the only way of controlling the deer.</p>
<p>Impose a fine on people who are feeding the deer & take action to rid the town of the deer as soon as possible and as often as necessary for they are destroying property, are a source of disease, leave their waste all over private lawns/yards and are a threat to drivers and pedestrians as they walk and run in and across roads. All of this clearly indicates that they are a threat to the safety of all of us. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns.</p>

Less bucks less babies
<p>Enforce feeding laws!!!</p> <p>Enforce feeding laws!!!</p> <p>My neighbor openly feeds deer- they cross my property 12-15 at a time several times daily. Crossing my street, stopping traffic, defecating all over my property to the point where I can not enjoy my yard.</p> <p>Thin herd with controlled shooting by town or DEC.</p>
The deer have done extensive damage to my yard and have eaten most of my plants during the summer. I don't believe in killing the deer but perhaps there could be a birth control program or something along those lines. It's so hard to keep any kind of a garden because they eat everything and it is getting very expensive.
Stop developing what little land is left in West Seneca so the deer can live in their natural environment
Is there an alternative that would cost less than shooting them? Like "feeding" them with something that'll make them drop a quick and painless death?
Need to start to fine people for feeding deer. We have a lot of neighbors that feed them and get herds of as many as 18 to 20 at a time! Maybe if they have to pay a fine they will stop. One of these even cut a hole in fence by airpark and everyday they gather in her yard to eat. 1st year we didn't hit a deer, had accidents the past few years from deer. Something needs to be done!
Bait and shoot
Trap and release in southern tier
If you didn't cut down there woods where they leaved it wouldn't be a problem
We relocate the deer to Montana
I don't have a suggestion only a comment. The builders who think we need more empty buildings to rent out or new housing developments should consider the nature that makes it's home in the woods they have just destroyed. My husband hunts responsibly and we eat venison so I'm not a save the "everything" person, just sad that we keep taking there space for useless buildings.
Deer damage control is more effective when implemented before the growing season. Some methods of controlling deer damage for your home/ garden include deer repellents, and using scare tactics like a solar powered ultrasonic deer repeller
Is shooting deer the only option? Can't they be trapped first? I can tell you they walk right down the street and sidewalk in my neighborhood. They destroy gardens and spread ticks/Lyme disease to our pets.
I do not believe shooting is the answer. We as a family often hear gun shots on East & West Rd at night which we believe are poachers. It would be nice to see a different intervention. The DEC , I believe, do drops of rabies "vaccine" which are ingested by raccoons.Can't someone come up with the same idea for a "birth control" for the deer. Often , they run scared too and get hit by people who speed on our roads. I don't ever see speed limits enforced on our roads. Maybe we should start there.

Leave them alone, learn to coexist. They have been here long before we were and furthermore why do we allow more and more homes to be built???? Take away more natural habitat . Dumb!!
have bow hunting for hunters in west seneca
If deer population is controlled by shooting 50-10 deer/year, the venison from said deer should be processed and donated to people in need of food in West Seneca.
Just let it be for now
they have destroyed numerous flowers and bushes around my house in the last 15 yrs or so.
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Thin the herds. Too many car accidents.
It would be sad to think of intentionally get rid of the deer. It is part of nature. They are not dangerous to humans. They don't hurt anybody. When driving, you just have to be aware that they could be anywhere so drive carefully with that in mind.
There are so many hunters that would love a couple or few days in specific areas of extra hunting. This shouldn't be an extra cost to West Seneca tax payers. It should be West Seneca hunters able to hunt on specific days and areas. That way, innocent deer aren't just killed to be killed, but killed to fed families. I think a lot of things that are done at expenses to us, could actually be done by residents who would actually prefer to go work doing things to improve our community rather than have your taxes go up.
Use nuisance permits. I have used them in the past.
Stop building useless developments and destroying the deers natural habitat.
Is there some way that they can be given birth control? The ones that are shot,should be processed for food/ meat..to go to local food banks and the city mission. The meat is very lean and healthy and should not be wasted
Enforce the feeding ordinance- couple at xxx Lein Road feed the deer 3-4x a day with 20-30 deer at a time, with video evidence they still have not been fined. They bring every animal around into the residential area and sit behind their chain link fence watching the animals while the rest of us deal with the pounds of fecal dumping, fleas and ticks on our domesticated animals. We can't play in our yard without the animal poop every 3 feet. Cheektowaga doesn't tolerate feeding but WS does. It's awful we can't count on our town for a problem we know exist and is worsened by people like Lein Road.
Leave the deer alone
Birth control packs.
I think many people will feel that killing them is cruel