



Office of the West Seneca Town Supervisor  
Hon. Gary A. Dickson

Memorandum

To: Honorable Town Board  
From: Gary Dickson, Town Supervisor  
Date: March 30, 2021  
Subject: Nominations to West Seneca Deer Task Force

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Dear Colleagues,

Pursuant to the Town Board resolution of March 22nd that created the West Seneca Deer Task Force and authorized the Supervisor to nominate four persons with relevant qualifications to the Task Force, I hereby nominate the following persons for your approval:

1. Dr. Robin Foster is a professor of Animal Behavior, Ecology and Conservation at Canisius College. Dr. Foster teaches courses in behavioral ecology, herpetology, urban ecology, tropical ecology, and conservation behavior. She supervises undergraduate student research projects in vertebrate conservation and wildlife management, including the effect of human activity on wildlife in urban and suburban natural areas. She is also a member of the Outer Harbor Deer Management Task Force in Buffalo.
2. Saundra Mercado is a DEC-licensed animal rehabilitator who specializes in whitetail deer. She is called by the local south-towns police departments including West Seneca when there is an injured fawn or deer. She is a professional dog trainer and animal behaviorist as well as a certified K9 handler and trainer. She has first-hand knowledge of the deer situation in West Seneca and is very familiar with the diseases that the deer are dealing with.

3. Amanda Escobar is a member of the Amana Garden Club in West Seneca, a hunting license owner, and a Kirkwood Drive resident with extensive experience with growing a garden that is not attractive to deer.
  
4. Britney-Bay Croyle holds a master's degree in Sustainability Leadership from the University at Buffalo SUNY. She is an outdoor educator/special project assistant at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve and has developed and lead educational programs for the community, including developing infographics for DEC projects. She has been a wildlife rehabilitator assistant at the SPCA in West Seneca, working with injured and orphaned wildlife to rehabilitate them for release.