

Comment on Deer Control.

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Mon 9/20/2021 6:13 PM

To: Deer Task Force <WSDeerTaskForce@twsny.org>

To the Deer Task Force:

Although I don't reside in West Seneca, I consider myself a stakeholder on this issue. My sister-in-law, who I visit frequently, lives on Harlem Rd. and I visit the Pet Cemetery on Seneca Creek Rd. where today I viewed a doe with two fawns, a beautiful sight. My s-i-l lives near a neighborhood park & says the deer come out at dawn & at dusk. She has no problem with deer in her yard.

I hope the Task Force will heed the voices of reason and advocate for humane solutions if residents say have issues with deer. Beginning a bait-and-shoot, bow-hunting, or other violent means isn't necessary and may result in injury. It will result in a poor precedent and may not even solve the problem.

I'm grateful there is still discussion and that a Task Force was created. We as a society need to take a step back before killing wildlife when it is their habitat that is encroached upon. Other towns and cities have learned to live with wildlife; West Seneca can be among those enlightened municipalities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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West Seneca Deer Task Force -- Tues 21 Sept, 2021

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Mon 9/20/2021 7:41 PM

To: Deer Task Force <WSDeerTaskForce@twsny.org>

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Lackawanna Map.JPG;

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<http://www.westseneca.net/government/deer-task-force#gsc.tab=0>

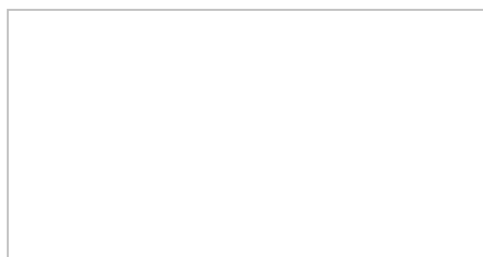
Dear esteemed members of the WS DTF:

This month, I have very little to say, other than to reiterate the primary causes of adverse deer - human interactions, so I added links to informative graphics, documentaries, and news clippings that are relevant to the issue.

1) Land usage is an important issue in its own right. It also plays a major role in pressuring wildlife habitat.

The last map is the most shocking.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2018-us-land-use/>



Here's How America Uses Its Land - Bloomberg.com

There are many statistical measures that show how productive the U.S. is. Its economy is the largest in the world and grew at a rate of 4.1 percent last quarter, its fastest pace since 2014.

www.bloomberg.com

2) A recent episode of PBS's NOVA highlights the critical importance of restoring apex predators as deterrents. Yeah, they might pick off my puppy or your little kids, but we should be more careful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpkkO4-OEYY>

NOVA S47E15: Natures Fear Factor

Thanks for watching!

www.youtube.com

3) Is this "our" neighbor West Seneca ?

<https://www.homebuilderdeveloper.com/tree-removal/west-seneca-residents-angry-about-tree-removal-at-subdivision-site.php>

West Seneca residents angry about tree removal at subdivision site - Home Builder Developer, Interior Renovation and Design

The removal of hundreds of trees from a West Seneca homebuilders site, and the outrage its evoking from neighbors, has the Town Board looking at measures to mitigate such a controversy in the future. Following Mondays board meeting, during which several residents demanded that the town block further work on phase three of Camelot Square, west of Angle Road, lawmakers emerged from an executive session with a three-pronged resolution.

www.homebuilderdeveloper.com

Allow me to remind you of the history of development. Development is the driving force behind adverse deer - human interaction, and we may need to call for a building moratorium or better separation in zoning rules. A complete overhaul may be necessary, as the problem seems to keep repeating itself.

4) Attached is an old Google or MapQuest type map from years ago. I'm your neighbor in Lackawanna, but wildlife can't read the city limits signs, nor do they have legal representation. They're also homeless now, because my city foolishly allowed a housing development to be built near the south branch of Smoke Creek, near the high school and middle school. [Take a look at the current state of development with a flyover map and compare with my old screenshot attached.]

We had a city council meeting during which a (human) resident of the development requested assistance in shoring up his property which was being undercut by the creek. In other words, he bought a house built on wetland wildlife habitat, a house whose construction a decade or so ago still causes erosion of the banks, and he wants to be bailed out. I suggested he receive a prison sentence for damaging habitat, and share a cell with his contractor. A few people chuckled, the fellow didn't understand the joke, and the City was back to business as usual, looking at new building permits, because property tax equals revenue.

Stop the madness. We need better zoning and inter - city wildlife corridors. Wall to wall development with islands of wilderness is completely backwards. It must be the other way

around.

Yours truly,

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P.S. Even my house is too damned close to the creek. Eventually, insurance companies will stop underwriting this non-sense.

Cities need to look for a more diversified portfolio of revenue stream (like hanging the Pegulas upside down till some coin falls out of their pockets, rather than giving a billionaire a billion dollars of public funding to help buy the guy a new stadium). We are insane.

JHBurnette

Re: Deer feeding from residence

Marlene Yahoo <lladychemist@yahoo.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 7:31 PM

To: Deer Task Force <WSDeerTaskForce@twsny.org>

Yeah well when I told the neighbor that the response was he has fed them for a year and they are his pets. Had seven of them yesterday in my yard and now spending 5k to get a fence out up. I cannot think that culling cannot be an option at this point. Norwood has had to many near misses with the deer crossing and actually walking down the middle of the street to Idlewood. They have had 4 fawns so far this year and a herd of 12 were seen on Sunday at the neighbor that feeds them.

My husband and I are almost to the point of regret having built our home in West Seneca. The deer population has become intense especially with not many taking up hunting anymore but playing video games. We have invested quite a bit of money in our home to date and know it will be more with this deer population. We planted "deer resistant " plants in the front abs so far so good but now the lawn destruction is our concern.

Retribution is our next concern if the DEC is contacted too. We have newer vehicles and already had an incident on the street with cars being keyed/scratched.

I will weigh out my options but again the deer population needs to be thinned out soon. I actually fear coming down Norwood anytime after 730pm since they are on the move at both ends of the street.

Thanks for the info but I knew that way before this and when you are dealing with a person that we are dealing with it makes you think why did you even start feeding them? They come back each day/night looking for food and we cannot even sit out in the yard as the deer think we are going to feed them.

Regards,

Marlene Davis

On Sep 21, 2021, at 2:47 PM, Deer Task Force <WSDeerTaskForce@twsny.org> wrote:

Hello Marlene,

I have an option that I hope might work for you.

We are now making this recommendation when neighbors are feeding deer:

Feeding deer is illegal in New York State. Anyone who is aware that neighbors are feeding deer should call the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Law Enforcement at 716-851-7050.

From: Marlene Yahoo <lladychemist@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 1:21 PM

Re: Walnut Off of Main - Deer Poop all over my lawn - People feeding deer!

richardderen@gmail.com <richardderen@gmail.com>

on behalf of

Rick Deren <dric77@gmail.com>

Tue 9/21/2021 2:59 PM

To: Deer Task Force <WSDeerTaskForce@twsny.org>

Thank You.

That seems like a plan to start. But doesn't seem to address the growing # of deer and aggressive nature of domestic deer. It seems like the deer have triple in the year in West Seneca. The mother that comes in my neighborhood has 3 fawns. I feel like this is not what I should be worrying about. Deer and my children's safety.

I am have 2 young kids that plan in my yard regularly like they should. The deer are so friendly, 1 of the does can up to me within 5 feet. Another deer hasted at my 2 year old. They have no fear. If a bucks comes around I am afraid what it could do to my 2 year old.

If you can, please call me - 308-3869. I am unable to make Town meeting because of my son's cub scouts.

Thanks,

Rick

On Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 2:44 PM Deer Task Force <WSDeerTaskForce@twsny.org> wrote:

Hello Rick,

We are now making this recommendation:

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From: Rick Deren <dric77@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 2:13 PM

To: Deer Task Force <WSDeerTaskForce@twsny.org>

Subject: Walnut Off of Main - Deer Poop all over my lawn - People feeding deer!

Deer Task Force,

I moved into West Seneca last year from Lackawanna. We had a lot of deer there and never had problems. On my property I can at 5 or 5 deer an evening. They are nice and good for my 2 yr and 6 yr kids to see. My main issue is that they poop all over my lawn. I pickup pounds on a daily poop basis. The deer are not afraid and come up to you. People in my neighborhood feed the deer regularly, which I don't think is allowed. The door poor is a lot and usually liquidity. My main concern is the insects they carry, they lay all over my lawn.

Please direct me if there is anything. West Seneca has a program to help with this problem.

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Thanks,

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