

## west Seneca deer population

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Wed 11/10/2021 8:35 AM

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

I am from Virginia moved here about 6 years ago in Virginia where we had over population we introduced a suburban white tail program Which is basically. A bow hunters club that hunt residential areas to help cull the herd with extensive back ground checks and range testing on member with rules of elevated hunting only it is a great program and is worth looking into to help with this problem

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

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There are too many deer that are around in the area, and something should be done.



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## Volunteer deer task force

Marc D <marcdluvbills@yahoo.com>

Wed 11/10/2021 12:28 PM

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

Happy to join deer task force as a hunter/agent.

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Dennis Coxson <dennis.coxson84@gmail.com>

Thu 11/11/2021 3:09 AM

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

Leave the deer alone..they are not harming anyone or anything. There has been 4 deer in my area since they were babies and are not a bother to us, they forage and go one their way.. my pup even chases them around...don't be cruel

## Action Items -- WS Deer Task Force

James Burnette <jhburnette@hotmail.com>

Tue 11/9/2021 10:42 AM

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

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Hello:

Does the West Seneca legislature have any bills ready, such as **lowering speed limits** and **having the cops issue fines for feeding wildlife** and **sloppy trash can management** to see if that leads to fewer adverse wildlife and vermin interactions over the next few months ?

We need to hurry up and start collecting data to see if these simple remedies work. Otherwise, the W.S. Deer Task Force is just wasting time, waiting, waiting, waiting... gee, no change... really, man ? ... then the deer culling will begin.

Yours truly,

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## Deer issue

Sage, Brandon <BSage@moog.com>

Fri 11/19/2021 8:03 AM

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

Good morning,

Im writing to inquire about the growing Deer problem in West Seneca. My name is Brandon Sage and I'm an avid hunter of over 15 years. I live in the southern tier but I myself , have hit a deer on transit. I work in elma at moog Inc so I'm up this way every day. I have been thinking about the idea of "urban Hunting" for quite sometime. There are plenty of "pros" to Archery hunting in urban environments and not many cons. Property conservation, Less vehicle strikes, meat for less fortunate, And an important one is less draw for predatory attack by animals like coyotes. This will surely be the next issue the town will face if the deer population is not controlled soon. I'm willing to come to a board meeting or whatever is needed to give more detail on statistics and a plan that I have that involves strictly bow hunting in urban areas in a safe manner to harvest and utilize deer in every way possible. Understand that sportsmanship and humane harvesting is always my first thought. Bad shots are never an option. We owe it to the animals give them a proper transfer. Please feel free to contact me at any time and I hope to hear from you soon.

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Thanks,

Brandon Sage

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## Deer population 4881 Seneca street

Marta gorenflo <shuquen52@gmail.com>

Fri 11/19/2021 10:57 AM

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

We have been residents of our home for 35 years , in that time we went from oh how sweet to ... dear lord what happened!!! We are over run !! They eat everything on site and literally look at me while doing so . I'm afraid to go out after dark for fear of finding them at my door , which has happened!! You do know they leave piles everywhere which making cutting the lawn a difficult process which includes washing down the mower before we can even think of putting it away . I have had car accidents on Seneca street as well . I'm tired of being forced to remain in my house , not improve my property. We have been thru a lot , eminent domain of my creek footage, a group home next door , and now The deer...

Please help us remain here at 4881 Seneca Street...

Sincerely concerned,

The Gorenflo's

## Deer management

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Wed 12/1/2021 1:05 PM

To: Deer Task Force <[WSDeerTaskForce@twyny.org](mailto:WSDeerTaskForce@twyny.org)>

In my opinion, allowing hunters to hunt the deer with BOW ONLY is the only logical solution.



## Deer management in west seneca

Louis Paone <lpaone84@gmail.com>

Wed 12/1/2021 2:35 PM

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

Good afternoon,

I am just curious if there is any future in person discussions on this topic? I feel that the deer population is a problem for both the deer and us the residents. I would definitely be interested in being involved in future discussions on a solution.

Thank you for your time

Lou Paone

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## My Beloved West Seneca Deer.

Diane Sawko <dianesawko@gmail.com>

Tue 11/30/2021 2:06 PM

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

Attn. Joe Cantafio, Town Councilman.

Hi Joe,

First, Let me introduce myself. My name is Diane Smith-Sawko. My sister, Dawn Smith dated your cousin, Joe Cantafio, in the 1970's. They dated for about 5 years, and even attended Villa Maria College together. I dated your other cousin, Frank Portanova, and we often went on double dates with Dawn and Joe. So you see, We are practically family, ha ha.

I am writing to you about my beloved deer in West Seneca. I enjoy going on nature walks, and on the rare occasion I am privileged to see a deer, it brings peace and joy into my day.. I am sure other people feel the same way I do. I worked as a Home Health Aide, and I know that Seniors enjoyed seeing deer in their backyards, and that it brought them comfort to see the deer when they looked out their windows. It gave the Seniors a reason to live. It is not the deers fault they are there. We are taking up a lot of their greenspace. I am a Catholic, and I believe we are supposed to be caretakers of the environment, and not destroyers of it.

My solution is, why can't we use some of the infrastructure bill money to set up a fence between the road, and the wooded area. That would establish a barrier between the road and the wooded area, and help keep the deer out of harm's way. It would also provide good, nice paying jobs, for Fencing Contractors.

Perhaps aerosol deer repellent could be sprayed between the road and the fence to create an even more effective barrier. I agree with your plan about planting deer resistant plants in their garden, if this is their concern. Perhaps we could use some of the infrastructure bill money to set up a room at the West Seneca Community Center with deer aerosol, deer resistant plants, and educational pamphlets. When people call to complain, they could be redirected to the community center, where they could obtain the aerosol, and the plants for free. This would assist the call center, and give people an outlet if this is truly their concern.

Thank you for posting that video describing the situation, and letting citizens express their ideas and viewpoints.

With Warm Regard, Diane Smith-Sawko.

November 10, 2021

Deer West Seneca Deer Task Force and Town Board:

I am concerned about the neutrality of the task force, the facilitator, and town supervisor.

Since the first West Seneca Deer Task Force meeting in May 2021, it appears to have garnered a lot of interest from local hunters. So much so, Cynn timer Gaasch has asked a local hunter to join the task force which according to this individual, was brought to the attention of Gary Dickson who ultimately disapproved of the idea." It is also concerning, to allow hunters to advertise their deer processing business during the meetings.

In addition, why was Saundra Mercado, NYS licensed wildlife rehabilitator removed from the deer task force?

Upon reviewing West Seneca social media groups on Facebook, a majority of public complaints are: deer eating landscape and neighbors feeding the deer. This coincides with the initial deer survey in March 2021, where the pie chart read 29% of deer issues were 'loss of natural habitat' and 21% 'landscaping'.

Below I gathered snippets from prior meetings, to reiterate alternate methods.

*May 18, 2021 meeting (minutes #2021-01), "Ms. Croyle referred to a statement regarding the lack of community knowledge and questioned if any outreach or education programs have been conducted. No one responded. Ms. Britney-Bay Croyle is looking forward to using education to address the problems."*

*June 15, 2021 meeting (minutes #2021-02), "Councilman Cantafio stated the growth of neighborhoods has impacted where the deer can feed, education is important, and the police may need to become involved with people violating the feeding laws." A letter emailed September 2021 to the task force, from local resident, James Burnette, states "land usage is an important issue in its own right. It also plays a major role in pressuring wildlife habitat."*

*September 21, 2021 meeting (minutes #2021-15) non-lethal ideas were presented, such as using deer resistant plants when landscaping, repellent use, fencing, informational sessions, mailers, website, social media, and not feeding the deer. "Mr. Brotka stated a long term solution is the desired goal and it's an ongoing community involvement solution. Mr. Hinton stated the Cornell Cooperative Extension has an excellent program about deer resistant plants."*

The Town of Cheektowaga has been practicing the culling of deer for more than a decade. Clearly this shows it is not effective and that it is simply putting a bucket under a leaky faucet. It does not hurt anyone, including the deer, in opting for non-lethal methods first.

Educating the public and initiating a building moratorium are what I feel will be most effective.

With the status report due soon, I remain hopeful the current Deer Task Force members "conducts its business with transparency, seeking as much public input as possible." And that you remain neutral and open to all ideas.

Warm Regards,

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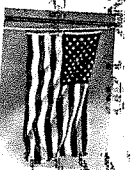
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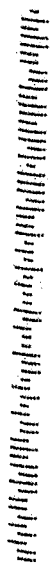
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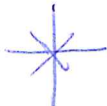
- b. **Set up a deer task force.** To be effective and credible, this committee should be balanced, with all important stakeholder positions fairly represented.
- c. **Have open public forums** to discuss the deer situation. Residents should be encouraged to speak at these forums. Guest/expert speakers can also be very helpful, but again, credibility requires that diverse views are represented among speakers.
- d. **Present easily accessible information to public:** The town or city's website and other outreach/ media connections can be utilized to provide good information to the public about deer conflict management methods such as how to deer-proof your garden or yard and avoid collisions, and why not to feed deer. It can also be used to keep the public apprised about what the town is considering, any key meetings, and the work of its deer committee. Make sure that any report or information includes long and short-term costs (direct, indirect) and a specific timeline. The media and other information distribution channels should be utilized to maximize public awareness, education and outreach.

#### STEP 4: CREATE ACTION PLAN: UTILIZE RANGE OF NON-LETHAL OPTIONS FOR SITE-SPECIFIC APPLICATION

After completing the Evaluation phase, set out the Action Plan as approved by the Deer Task Force and community leaders, and based on public input. One designated person should be in charge of overseeing the deer program (i.e. serve as the Deer Program Coordinator). The Coordinator could develop a master list of volunteers who, after appropriate training, can speak to those residents who call with complaints, do site visits, and even give samples of repellents or information about deer-resistant plants for those who are having backyard deer issues. The deer program can and should be promoted as a source of community pride, as something that is achievable with some effort on the part of all residents, and something that can bring about a harmonious relationship between residents and their community wildlife. Components of the action plan should be specific, measurable, and specific to the root causes of conflicts with deer in the community:

##### A. Deer Damage to Gardens

- a. **Public Education:** Put conflict-solving information on community website (including web links to local resources), and informative flyers in community mailings on where to find deer-resistant plant lists, repellents, and fencing options. Local Cable TV and news media, electric bill inserts, and other information distribution channels should be considered along with special public presentations given for residents on conflict-solving methods.
- b. **Host deer-resistant gardening workshops** for residents which are presented in the evening or on weekends by an expert and also include site visits to homes for private consultations.
- c. **Promote deer-resistant flower and ornamental species** in all community landscaping and floral displays. Collaborate with garden club and local beautification committees to ensure that all town floral displays contain deer-resistant species and use these to publicize preventative gardening strategies.
- d. **Set up town study plots.** Have a deer-resistant garden plot next to a deer-attracting garden plot, plus various plots to which certain repellants are applied (along with control plots for comparison). Put photos of deer damage (or lack of) on website and use study plots to educate residents how to garden defensively.
- e. **Host deer-proofing demonstration days** – Utilize boy scouts and other local volunteer groups to put up fencing or tree guards at local parks and have “deer discount days” at local garden stores (i.e. where deer deterrent products are discounted on certain days, etc).



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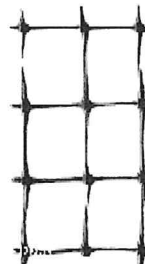
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
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