

DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN



City of Batavia, New York
Deer Management Plan
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Introduction and Background

The growing white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) population in the City of Batavia has caused an increase in concerns and complaints from City residents over the past five years. Residents have notified the City Manager and City Council that problems caused by deer include damage to landscape and garden plants throughout the community, deposition of scat in yards, deer-vehicle collisions, and increased incidents of tick-borne diseases. Recently, deer have acted aggressively toward humans within the City, elevating the concerns from some residents, and gaining attention from the news media.

After a public survey was conducted in 2016 (see Appendix A) and deer management discussions continued through 2017. The Batavia Deer Management Committee was formed in December 2019 to support the City Council in its desire to establish a Deer Management Plan to address deer issues raised by the citizens of the City of Batavia. The committee assisted to develop this plan. This document will provide general guidance, rationales for management decisions, and answers to procedural questions for City residents and City Council members.

The growth of the deer population in the City of Batavia can be attributed to several biological and environmental factors. First, white-tailed deer have a high reproductive rate, with does often having twin or triplet fawns each year. Second, a current lack of mortality from natural predators and hunting, coupled with high reproductive success, results in the ability of the deer population to double in a short amount of time. Finally, the habitat created in urban and suburban yards provides ample nutrition and affords the deer continued protection, allowing them to thrive in the City and surrounding areas.

In order to reduce deer-related problems, the population of deer within the City of Batavia must be reduced in a safe, effective, economical, and sustainable manner. Although several non-lethal methods of deer management have been considered by the Committee. The Committee determined that those options would be largely ineffective or could be cost-prohibitive. After careful review, the Deer Management Committee recommends reduction of the deer herd through an archery-only hunting/culling during regulated hunting seasons (October – December), followed by an extended archery-only option (January – March), if necessary, for additional removal of deer. This recommendation is not designed to permit **unlawful** recreational hunting within the City.

Effectively managing the deer population within the City of Batavia will be a long-term and adaptive process. To determine if the recommended deer management strategies are being effective, measurable attributes of deer-related problems will be documented on a regular basis, and necessary changes to the program will be made accordingly. The success of this program will rely upon the utilization of multiple management approaches, potential participation from local hunters, assistance from

the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), and the City's transition from an initial phase of management to a maintenance phase of management as time passes.

I. Goals

The City of Batavia Deer Management Plan strives to safely and effectively decrease the white-tailed deer population within the city limits to reduce:

1. Property damage to residential landscape and garden plants
2. Aggressive deer interactions with residents
3. Accumulation of deer scat on lawns
4. Deer-vehicle accidents
5. Tick-borne diseases, such as Lyme disease, in humans and pets
6. Over-browsing of natural plant communities

II. Recommended Action for Deer Reduction

Although the Committee considered several alternative non-lethal and lethal methods for addressing deer problems within the City (See Appendix B), the Committee recommended the following three-phase plan for deer population reduction. Based on baseline roadside counts of deer within the City, conducted by members of the Deer Management Committee, the goal is reducing the population by 60 deer in the first year. Over 167 deer were observed in the five units during March of 2020, and extensive woodland and crop damage was observed in April of 2020. Appendix C, Baseline Roadside Deer Survey Results form, will be used by the City to continue to count deer populations throughout the program.

The City will require antlerless-only takes on properties they own/control. In addition, as the city works closely with private landowners, the city will strongly urge those landowners to limit harvest to antlerless deer only on private properties.

PLAN A – Archery-only Hunt During Regulated New York State Hunting Seasons
Plan A will begin on October 1st and run through approximately December 15th (dates vary annually). Shooting times will be from sunrise to 2:00 p.m., and hunting will only be allowed on days when school is in session.

The first phase of this plan includes an archery-only hunt using compound bows and crossbows during New York State designated hunting seasons, which run from October 1 through mid-December (exact dates vary from year to year).

A process of selecting appropriate properties and participants for this program by the Batavia Police Department will ensure the safety of City residents and the efficient removal of deer for the affected urban areas.

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The City of Batavia can apply for additional antlerless deer tags through the DEC's Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) to provide to participating archers. The deadline for DMAP applications is August 1st of each year, and the permit is valid for three years. There is no cost associated with applying for this permit, but the Deer Management Plan must be submitted with the application. The City of Batavia would be responsible for the application to DEC after reviewing the previous year's metrics and determining if additional permits will be needed.

Alternatively, because the City of Batavia is located within DEC's Wildlife Management Unit 8G, ample deer management permits (DMPs) for antlerless deer are available to individuals when hunting licenses are purchased. If the City does not apply for DMAP, individuals selected for this program would have DMPs available to harvest antlerless deer.

PLAN B - Extended Archery-only Hunt

Plan B will begin on January 2nd and extend through March 31st. Shooting times will be from sunrise to 2:00 p.m, and hunting will only be allowed on days when school is in session. Participants must harvest antlerless deer only.

Plan B involves an extended archery-only hunt using compound bows and crossbows from January 2nd through March 31st. Plan B will initially be implemented when fewer than 60 deer are harvested through Plan A, although this threshold can be re-evaluated over time.

This option requires a Deer Damage Permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation because hunting will occur outside the regulated deer hunting framework.

PLAN C – Extended Archery-only Hunt Using Bait

Plan C will begin on January 2nd and extend through March 31st. Shooting times will be discussed if this option is approved by Council and funded.

This technique is used during the winter months when food availability is limited for deer. Plan C would be need to be planed for, and approved during the City of Batavia's budget process as there will be City expenses to purchase bait stations and feed to attract deer. Plan C would be allowable starting during the second year of the deer management program at the request of the Batavia Police Department and the City Manager with the approval of City Council.

Shooting times will be discussed if the option is approved by Council and funding because attracting deer to a bait at a specific time requires considerable amount of time and effort. This option requires a Deer Damage Permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation because hunting will occur outside the regulated deer hunting framework.

Other Options

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Other options to reduce the deer population in Batavia exist and have been noted below. These options could be considered by the City Council and upon recommendation of the Batavia Police Department and City Manager if the current plan is not successful in reducing the deer population in the City of Batavia. Enlisting interested land owners and participants could prove challenging and could negatively affect the goals of this plan. An assessment of the effectiveness of the plan will be communicated to the City Council by the City Manager and the Batavia Police Department to allow the Council to determine an appropriate course of action.

- Batavia Police Department culling operation.
- Utilizing a private firm to cull deer within the City of Batavia.
- USDA Wildlife Service culling operation.

III. Dates and Times

1. Plan A will begin on October 1st and run through approximately December 15 (dates vary annually). Shooting times will be from sunrise to 2:00 p.m.
2. Plan B will begin on January 2nd and extend through March 31st. Shooting times will be from sunrise to 2:00 p.m.
3. Plan C will begin on January 2nd and extend through March 31st. Shooting times will be discussed if this option is approved by Council and funded.

The City of Batavia Police Department and City Manager will regularly review the success of the program and shorten or extend the season based on deer harvest numbers and deer sightings reported by participants to the Batavia Police Department and/or the Manager.

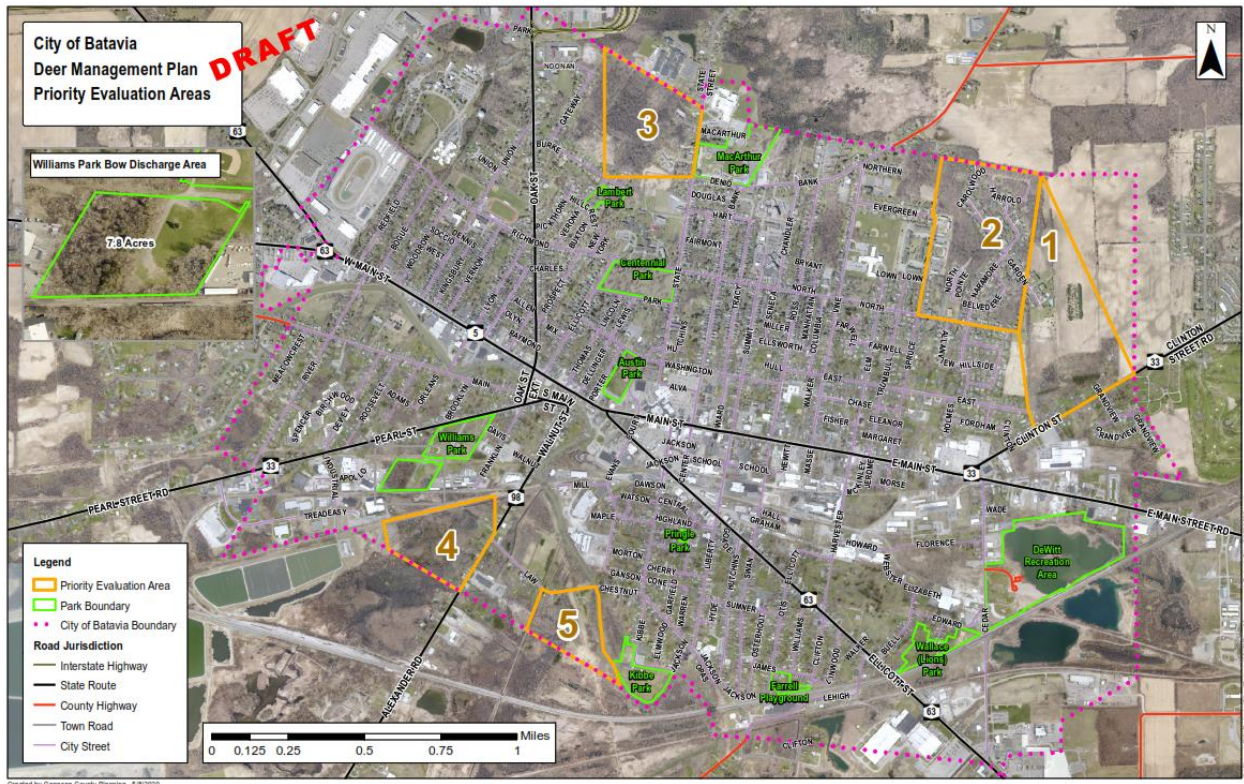
The exact times tree stands will be used cannot be predicted in advance as it is dependent on wind direction, participant schedules and weather.

IV. Description of Deer Management Areas

Deer Management Areas (DMA's) are defined as properties located within the City of Batavia where culling activities are to take place per NYSDEC Deer Damage Permit. All DMA's will have the written consent of the owner for culling activities and adjacent properties will be notified. Specific cull sites must be compatible with New York state law regarding setbacks for hunting with compound bows and crossbows, baiting and will be screened accordingly.

Deer Management area 4 and 5 are largely comprised of City of Batavia Property near the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Yard Waste Station. There are safety and set-back considerations for City properties due to existing municipal operations on the parcels in Area 4 and 5. However, in order to facilitate the program, the City is willing to allow City Employees who qualify for this program access to City owned property, subject to all applicable rules of the program, execution of a Landowner Cooperation Agreement – City Owned Property, and compliance with safety set-back requirements.

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V. Participant Application and Selection Process

The participant application and selection process is designed to enlist proficient individuals that are capable of confidently and safely reducing the deer herd within the City of Batavia as humanely as possible. All participants in the City of Batavia Deer Management Program must complete the following requirements:

1. City of Batavia Deer Management Program Hunter Application- Submission to Batavia Police Department.
 - a. Proof of residency within the City of Batavia or Genesee County, and/or membership in a hunting club associated with the Genesee County Federation of Sportsmen, and/or City Employee status.
 - b. Submit authorization for the Batavia Police Department to conduct a local records/background check.
 - c. Provide a copy of his/her driver's license.
 - d. Provide a copy of current New York State hunting license and any applicable New York State tags.
 - e. Provide a copy of a current bow and/or cross bow hunting privilege.
 - f. Provide a completed Participant Agreement Waiver and Release Page, stating they have read and will abide by all rules and regulations.

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Participant applications will be reviewed and accepted or rejected by the City of Batavia Police Department and City Manager. Deer Damage Permit tag(s) or DMAP tags granted to the City of Batavia by NYSDEC will be issued to qualified participants by the City of Batavia Police Department and/or the City of Batavia City Manager. All applicants must complete a qualifying proficiency exam for archers as established by the Batavia Police Department and submit with the application.

Approved participants will be given a unique code that is to be written in permanent marker on the cock fletching (vane) of every participant's arrows or bolts, and will serve to provide an identifier between a deer and the participant as well as, in the unlikely event that this happens, to identify deer that are shot within the City by persons not permitted by this program.

Participants will agree to report any form of harassment to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC).

VI. Safety Considerations

1. There will be no hunting when school is closed, including days when school is not in session, holidays, weekends, and when schools are on Lock-down.
2. The top priority of all culling activities will be to protect the safety of participants, property owners, property, pets, other wildlife, and bystanders.
3. A tree stand must be utilized in the City of Batavia Deer Management Plan, participants are required to wear properly functioning safety harness and utilize a lifeline at any moment they leave the ground to prevent falls from tree stands while climbing, descending, or in the stands.
4. All shots must be in a downward trajectory and within the participant's comfort level.
5. Maximum shot distance is 25 yards.
6. Participants will not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The City has a zero-tolerance policy for individuals under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
7. Participants must follow motto of "when in doubt, don't shoot".
8. Possession of a loaded firearm or cocked crossbow in or on a motor vehicle, and shooting from a motor vehicle or across any part of a public roadway are prohibited unless exempted by Federal or State law.
9. Discharging a firearm within 500 feet, a crossbow within 250 feet, or a vertical bow within 150 feet of a school, playground, public structure, or occupied factory, church, or farm building is prohibited.

10. Discharging of a firearm in the City's deer management program is prohibited. For a crossbow, the participant must discharge a bow or crossbow within the allowable property, and be at least 250 feet (crossbow), 150 feet (vertical bow) from of any dwelling, unless the shooter owns or leases the dwelling or has the owner's or lessee's consent, and any adjoining properties do not have a dwelling within 250 feet (crossbow), or 150 feet (vertical bow) of the point of cross bow or vertical bow weapons discharge.
11. The Committee recommended the following in each unit if all or most landowners participated in the program.

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| Unit 1: | 3 Hunters |
| Unit 2: | 3 Hunters |
| Unit 3: | 3 Hunters |
| Unit 4: | 10 Hunters |
| Unit 5: | 2 Hunters |
12. The Batavia Police Department will coordinate the number of hunters in each participating unit after reviewing and landowner participation. The BPD will have final authority on hunter participation levels.

VII. Establishment of Bait Stations and Stand Locations

It is the right of each landowner to restrict the number of individuals on their property, the times and dates participants are allowed on properties, stand locations, baiting locations and access routes. The agreement to use properties can be terminated by landowners at any time by contacting the City Police Department.

VIII. Tracking, Field Dressing, and Processing of Deer

It is understood that despite all reasonable precautions and skill, deer may be wounded, may not expire immediately, may expire on neighboring properties or may not be found. Every effort possible will be made, possibly including the use of trained dogs, to recover all animals or assure that they sustained only a superficial wound that will quickly heal.

When possible, participants will have pre-authorization to retrieve deer from adjoining properties. In most instances landowners/neighbors will not notice activities or deer harvest because it happens quickly and quietly.

1. Participants may use flashlights to track deer after they are shot or when traveling to/from culling locations; therefore, property owners may notice slow moving lights. In very rare circumstances tracking operations may continue the following morning with better light. In the event a deer is wounded and mobile, or has expired on a property that the participant does not have pre-approved access onto, approval will be sought for recovery of the deer.

IX. Public Notification and Citizen Input

The development, implementation and review of this Deer Management Program is transparent and has involved citizen input. The views of local citizens about deer management are valuable and the public is encouraged to participate at public information meetings and City Council meetings. City residents will be notified of the upcoming deer management culling activities program via press releases that will be published in local newspapers and postings on the City website.

X. Program Review and Measures of Program Success

The City of Batavia Police Department, City Manager, and qualified program participants will meet as needed during the program to review activities and to gather data as to the program's success. The City Council will determine if the program should continue or be terminated. The City Manager and the Batavia Police Department will provide an annual update to the City Council and recommendations.

The initial term of this Deer Management Plan shall be 3 years, unless City Council shall determine otherwise and terminate earlier. After 3 years, City Council shall have an opportunity to review and extend the Plan for an additional period as it deems appropriate.

To determine if the goals of this plan are being met, the following measures will be documented on a regularly scheduled basis.

1. Roadside surveys of deer will be conducted each spring to:
 - a. establish a population baseline (year 1);
 - b. establish population trends (years 2 and out).
 - c. a sample survey form provided by DEC is attached as Appendix C.
2. Deer-vehicle collisions will be documented by the City of Batavia Bureau of Maintenance when staff arrive to clean up a deer after an accident.
 - a. Set a data baseline (year 1)
 - b. Establish trends (years 2 and out)
3. Reports of property damage by City residents will be documented and quantified annually.
4. The number of deer harvested during each phase of the plan will be documented by the City Manager.
5. Deer tick occurrences and cases of Lyme disease documented by local veterinarians or County Health Officials will be quantified to assess increases or decreases where data is voluntary available.

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Community Deer Management Guide prepared by the DEC in 2018:
http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/commdeermtgmtguide.pdf

There is also a resource library on Cornell's Deer Advisor website with a lot of essential reading and references for communities who are starting deer management programs.
<https://deeradvisor.dnr.cornell.edu/>

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Deer Management Contacts

| Name | Title | Phone | Email |
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| Shawn Heubusch | Police Chief | 585-345-6360 | sheubusch@batavianewyork.com |
| Batavia Police Department | Deer Program Coordinator | TBD | TBD |
| Robin Phenes Wildlife Biologist | NYS - DEC | 585 226-5461 | Robin.Phenes2@dec.ny.gov |
| John Canale | Council Member | 716-560-0588 | jcanale@batavianewyork.com |

Appendix A

November 2016 Deer Survey:

In total we received 211 responses. These results were a combination of online and paper responses.

- 89% of respondents live in the City and 11% do not.
- Ward 1 had the largest participation with 36% (76) and fewest from Ward 6 with 7% (15).
- 67% have lived in the City for 7 years or more.
- 82% own their residence, while 12% rent, and 6% don't live in the City.
- 59% have experienced landscape or garden damage from deer.
- With respect to categorizing the extent of damage:
 - 32% said they have “very significant damage” or “so significant that I have pretty much given up on landscaping and gardening”
 - 16% said they have “minor damage”
 - 13% said they have “somewhat significant damage”
 - 38% said “not applicable”
- The most popular method used to manage deer was fencing around yard/garden with 35%.
- If residents have found different methods effective:
 - 40% said not applicable
 - 31% said no
 - 29% said yes or somewhat
- 84% said they have not nor has anyone in their family hit a deer with a motor vehicle in the City.
 - Of those that answered yes:
 - 15% said they had no or minor damage or personal injury
 - 8% said they had major damage or personal injury
 - 77% said not applicable
- 53% said they were concerned about tick-borne diseases transmitted by deer. However, 97% said they do not have anyone or any pets in their household that have diagnosed with a tick-borne disease.
- 60% said there was a deer problem.

Below is a summary of the 125 statements made in response to question 14, “If you believe there is a problem, briefly describe how you would handle or manage the issue.”

1. The most common response was to allow hunting in the City (22 responses). This was almost always accompanied with only allowing bow hunting in the

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City. There were also references made to allow hunting in Williams Park. There were also 20 responses regarding hunting in general and/or bait and shoot initiatives but gave no specific references as to where they should be allowed (in the City or not).

2. The second most common response was to leave the deer alone, or address the issue in a humane manner, or not killing the deer (15 responses).
3. The following is a list of other common responses:
 - a. Birth Control (14 responses)
 - b. I don't know (14 responses)
 - c. Tranquilize/relocate (6 responses)
 - d. Fencing (3 responses)
 - e. Additional signage (2 responses)

Appendix B

Alternate Non-Lethal and Lethal Deer Management Options

Fencing

Fencing prohibits deer movement via physical barrier. To be effective, fencing must be a minimum of ten feet in height and not possess any openings. This option is not feasible due to the large geographic area of the City of Batavia on installation and maintenance costs. However, the installation of fencing can be effective in reducing deer problems on individual properties.

Habitat Alteration

The practice of habitat alteration as a method of white-tailed deer population control would involve altering the vegetative landscape within the City to reduce or eliminate species that deer use for forage and/or shelter. This option is not viable as the extensive habitat alteration and coordination of the City and property owners is not feasible. However, the changing the landscape plantings and other habitat characteristics can be effective in reducing deer problems on individual properties.

Capture and Relocate

The practice of capture and relocate as a method of white-tailed deer population control would involve reducing the deer herd within the City by capturing deer and moving them elsewhere. This option is not viable as the NYSDEC prohibits the trapping of deer except under special permit for scientific purposes.

Fertility Control

Immuno-contraception and surgical sterilization techniques have been employed by some townships in an effort to reduce white-tailed deer populations. When used solely this option is not viable as these techniques have not proven effective in controlling wild populations of deer (Bishop Et. al., 2007). In addition, a fertility control program would be cost-prohibitive for the City of Batavia.

Parasite or Disease Introduction

The risks and uncertainties associated with parasite or disease introduction make it an impractical option for deer population control (Bishop Et. al., 2007).

Poison

Currently there are no toxins, poisons or lethal baits registered for deer control (Bishop Et. al., 2007). Furthermore, there are no safe methods of delivering lethal doses within the City limits.

Capture and Kill

The Capture and kill management option falls under the same constraints as "capture and relocation" previously described. Furthermore, the level of effort and risk of injury to biologists eliminates this as a viable option.

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Appendix C

Baseline Roadside Deer Survey Results

| Location | Date | Time | Number of Adults | Number of Fawns | Total Deer | Name of Observer |
|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Unit 1 | March 2020 | Sundown | | | 10 | |
| Unit 2 | March 2020 | Sundown | | | 73 | |
| Unit 3 | March 2020 | Sundown | | | 20 | |
| Unit 4 | March 2020 | Sundown | | | 46 | |
| Unit 5 | March 2020 | Sundown | | | 18 | |

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Appendix D
Landowner Cooperation Agreement
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One Batavia City Centre I Batavia, NY 14020

Please check one of the following and return the completed form to the Batavia Police Department
10 West Main St., Batavia, NY 14020.

_____ In cooperation with the City of Batavia, I/we agree to allow hunting on my property for
participants of the City of Batavia Deer Management Plan. My property is in Unit
#_____.

_____ In cooperation with the City of Batavia, I/we agree to allow participants of the City of
Batavia Deer Management plan to track and retrieve deer that have been shot (see
conditions below).

_____ I/we do not agree to allow participants in the deer management program to track and
retrieve deer on my/our property.

Print Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Landowner signature _____ Date _____

Landowner signature _____ Date _____

Bow Hunters Name

Print Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Bow Hunter signature: _____

Date: _____

I hereby agree to defend, indemnity, and hold harmless the landowner, the NYS DEC, the City of Batavia, all officers, officials, and employees, committees with respect to any and all actions, claims, costs, expenses, liabilities, or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, whether for personal and/or bodily injury, arising out of or related to this agreement and any use of the licensed area or exercise thereof, except such as arises from the negligent acts or omissions to act of the landowner.

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This agreement will remain in effect from the date it is signed until the completion of the deer management program. The agreement can be terminated at any time by the landowner(s) upon notification of the City of Batavia. A new agreement is required upon sale of this property.

If this is a tracking/retrieval permission, the agreement does not give participants in the Deer Management Program permission to harvest deer on your property.

If you agree to allow tracking and retrieval of deer, please check any conditions you require:

- ☐ Call before tracking or retrieving deer on my property.
- ☐ Text before tracking or retrieving deer on my property.
- ☐ E-mail before tracking or retrieving deer on my property.
- ☐ E-mail after deer was tracked or retrieved on my property.
- ☐ No need to contact me.

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Appendix D
Landowner Cooperation Agreement- City Owned Property
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One Batavia City Centre I Batavia, NY 14020

Please check one of the following and return the completed form to the Office of the City Clerk
One Batavia City Centre, Batavia, NY 14020.

- _____ The City of Batavia, agrees to allow hunting on its property for City employee participants of the City of Batavia Deer Management Plan, subject to set-back requirements. The property is in Unit #_____.
- _____ The City agrees to allow participants of the City of Batavia Deer Management plan to track and retrieve deer that have been shot.

City Official Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Bow Hunter Name

Print Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Bow Hunters signature: _____

Date: _____

I hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the landowner, the NYS DEC, the City of Batavia, all officers, officials, and employees, committees with respect to any and all actions, claims, costs, expenses, liabilities, or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, whether for personal and/or bodily injury, arising out of or related to this agreement and any use of the licensed area or exercise thereof, except such as arises from the negligent acts or omissions to act of the landowner.

This agreement will remain in effect from the date it is signed until the completion of the deer management program. The agreement can be terminated at any time by the City of Batavia.

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Appendix E



Official Use Only:

City of Batavia
Batavia, New York 14020
(585) 345-6300

Application #:

Deer Management Program Application

Contact Information:

Primary contact:

Name

Address

Phone #

E-mail address

Check List for Applicants:

Proof of residency water bill or other utility bill

_____ City of Batavia _____ City of Batavia Employee

_____ Genesee County

_____ Membership in a hunting club associated with the Genesee County Federation of Sportsmen

_____ Copy of New York State driver's license

_____ Copy of current New York State hunting license and any applicable New York State tags

_____ Copy of a current bow and/or cross bow hunting privilege.

_____ Participant Agreement Waiver and Release Form

_____ Proficiency Test for Deer Management Program

Appendix F

**Participant Agreement Waiver and Release Form
City of Batavia Deer Management Program**

By my signature, I agree that I have read, understand, and will abide by all rules and regulations applicable to the City of Batavia Deer Management Program ("BDMP). I also understand that the City of Batavia and/or the NYS DEC reserves the right to revoke my permit to participate and take deer as a participant in the BDMP. Further, I agree to record my BDMP Participant ID Number, using permanent marker, on the cock vane/feather of every arrow/bolt I take into the field while participating in the BDMP. I agree that I will not share my BDMP Participant ID Number with any other individual and will not allow any other individual to use my arrow/bolt marked with my Participant ID Number. I agree to assist the BDMP by completing a Participant Reporting Form for each day that I participate in the BDMP and submit the form as required. I understand that failure to abide by these rules and regulations will result in the revocation of all BDMP participant privileges, as well as subject me to all appropriate civil and criminal charges that might be warranted by my misdeeds.

I hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the landowner, the NYS DEC, the City of Batavia, all officers, officials, and employees, committees and the City of Batavia Deer Management Committee with respect to any and all actions, claims, costs, expenses, liabilities, or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, whether for personal and/or bodily injury, arising out of or related to this agreement and any use of the licensed area or exercise thereof, except such as arises from the negligent acts or omissions to act of the landowner.

Applicant Name (Print): _____

Participant ID Number (Batavia Police Department Provides): _____

Type of Archery Equipment to be used: _____ Compound Bow _____ Crossbow

Make and Model of Each Implement to the Used:

Compound Bow(s): _____

Crossbow(s): _____

I attest that all the information provided is true and correct. Further, that I have read, understand and will abide by all rules and regulations of the City of Batavia's Deer Management Program.

Participant Signature Date

City Approval: _____ Date: _____

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Appendix G
City of Batavia
Proficiency Test for Deer Management Program

1. The proficiency test will be administered by the City of Batavia Police Department
2. All targets will be shot from a tree stand or elevated location.
3. Six (6) shots at a deer target 20 yards away.
4. Five (5) of six (6) arrows/bolts must be in the vital zone.
5. No practice shots are allowed prior to the test or use of range finding devices.
6. Test must be taken with the equipment to be used during the hunt season.
7. Applicants must possess a valid hunting license and antlerless tag for area.
8. Crossbow hunters must possess a crossbow certificate.
9. All hunters must have 5 years' experience with a bow.
10. City of Batavia's decision regarding proficiency is final.
11. Upon submission of the completed Deer Management Program application, the Batavia Police Department and/or the City Manager will review and approve the package prior to issuance of a Batavia Deer Management permit.

Print Name: _____

Sign Name: _____

Hunting License #: _____

Gun Club: _____

Crossbow: _____ Compound/Longbow: _____

By signing above, I agree that I have read, understand, and will abide by all rules and regulations applicable to the City of Batavia Deer Management Program. I also understand that the City of Batavia and or the NYSDEC reserve the right to revoke any permit. I will record my hunter ID number, write this number in permanent marker on the vane of every arrow/bolt I take into the field, and not share this information with anyone.

Pass: _____ Failed: _____

Batavia Police Department Officer Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature

Batavia Police Department Officer Approval: _____

Print Name

Document to be filed in the Batavia Police Department with the City of Batavia Deer Management Program Hunter Application.

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Appendix H
2020 City of Batavia Hunting/Culling Permit

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Unit #: _____

Carry this permit with you while in the City of Batavia hunting locations.

Valid October 1st 2020- end of deer season in December 2020

The above named is hereby granted permission to hunt deer during the appropriate season in the approved properties. Participants are required to hunt in the manner prescribed by the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the City of Batavia Deer Management Plan rules and regulations. This permit is not transferable. It confers no rights except as indicated above. It may be used only subject to all applicable provisions of the City of Batavia Deer Management Plan rules and regulations.

Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
Firearms of any kind are not permitted.
Trapping is not permitted.

Please note: You must send this form into the: City Manager's Office located at One Batavia City Centre, Batavia, New York 14020 at the end of the season with all harvest results.

Questions: City Manager: 585-345-6300 NYSDEC: 585-226-6706

Hunting Results

Number of Doe: _____ **Number of Bucks:** _____

Total Hours: _____ **Back Tag#:** _____

Unit # Deer harvested in: _____ **Bow or Crossbow:** _____

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This portion of the permit must be displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle while hunting in the City of Batavia

Unit # ____ Unit # ____ Unit # ____ Unit # ____ Unit # ____ Unit# ____ Unit# ____

City of Batavia Deer Management Permit Conditions

- This permit is valid only for the period of which it is issued shall not be transferred, and may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the City Manager, the Chief of Police or the Department of Environmental Conservation.
- Participants shall comply with all applicable sections of the Environmental Conservation Law and Historic Preservation Law and their implementing regulations and shall hunt in the manner prescribed the department of Environmental Conservation, except as modified by the dates, times and hunting styles specified in this permit. This permit confers only those rights indicated herein.
- Participants must carry their permit while hunting in the City of Batavia program and its units and produce it on request to any law enforcement officer or City employee. Any unauthorized alteration will void your permit.
- This permit is valid only in the hunting units indicated on the map.
- No person shall trespass in an area this is posted or otherwise identified as a “Restricted Area”.
- Cutting, placing nails or screws into or otherwise damaging trees or other vegetation is prohibited.
- Target and promiscuous shooting is prohibited.
- New York State Hunting and Regulations Guide can be found online at www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor.
- City of Batavia units are within WMU 8G.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited.
- Bow/Crossbow hunting is allowed.
- Permanent tree stands are not allowed. Portable tree stands are mandatory in the City of Batavia Deer Management Plan. Stands must not damage the trees and must be removed at the end of the City of Batavia program.
- There will be NO deer hunting when school is out of session or closed.

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- Deer hunting will only take place from sunrise until 2:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
- Deer are to be field dressed on the property where taken. If the landowner raises a concern, it shall be the hunter's responsibility to find a suitable alternative location.
- Harvested deer can go to the hunter, landowner and/or for donation.