City of Ann Arbor
Deer Management Plan
Public Meeting #2
February 5, 2015
Welcome . . .

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City of Ann Arbor
Desired Outcomes

- Update community on project progress
- Provide more detail on most common approaches - lethal/non-lethal
- Listen to public comment

*Meeting will be recorded by CTN and available on the project website.*
Tonight’s Agenda

- Desired Outcomes
- Team Introduction
- Facilitation Process and Norms
- Project Introduction and Progress Update
- Interview with Lance DeVoe, Rochester Hills Biologist
- Proposed Deer Management Plan (with lethal methods) - Chris Graham, WCEB Member
- Public Comment
Team Introduction

- Lisa Wondrash, City of Ann Arbor, Communication Director
- Charlie Fleetham, Project Innovations, Public Engagement Facilitator
Facilitation Process

1. Will take questions after interview/presentation.
2. Will use comment cards for questions.
3. Will maintain agenda time periods.
4. Will preserve an atmosphere of mutual respect between presenters and audience... and stakeholder organizations.
5. Will have extended public comment (3 minute limit per speaker).
## Project History

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<td>Residents report deer damaging landscape, causing vehicle accidents (Arbor Hills &amp; Green Road/Glazier Way)</td>
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<td>May 5, 2014</td>
<td>Council resolution to evaluate deer management options</td>
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<td>August 2014</td>
<td>Staff delivers report: <em>Deer Management Options</em></td>
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# Project History

## Nov. 2014: Interviewed stakeholders:

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## Dec. 10, 2014

Conducted Public Meeting #1

## Jan. 2, 2015

Closed A2 Open City Hall Survey (537 responses)

## Jan. 2015

Interviewed additional stakeholder - Citizens for Safe Ann Arbor
## Activities Planned

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<td>Deliver Deer Management Plan to City Council</td>
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Key Questions for Plan Development:

- What should be the goals of a deer management program?
- What would be the deer management area?
- What is the preferred deer management method(s)?
Key Messages

✓ The plan will not contain a recommendation.

✓ The plan will present data collected, including community/stakeholder input.

✓ The plan will present multiple options and costs.
Conducting Survey via A2 Open City Hall (Available on City of Ann Arbor website)

- Launched Nov. 25, 2014/Closed Jan 2, 2015
- 537 Responses
- 1,632 Views
537 Total Responses

- 72 Outside City
- Ward 1: 105 responses
- Ward 2: 147 responses
- Ward 3: 71 responses
- Ward 4: 56 responses
- Ward 5: 86 responses
In the past three years, have you seen a significant increase of deer in your neighborhood?

- Definitely: 48%
- Not sure: 15%
- No: 37%
Which of the following concerns do you have about deer in the City of Ann Arbor?

- **Decline in Deer Health Due to Overpopulation**: 40%
- **Transmission of Diseases**: 44%
- **Damage to Park Ecosystems**: 45%
- **Damage to Landscape/Garden Plants**: 47%
- **Deer/Vehicle Accidents**: 63%

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70%
Has someone in your household been involved in a car/deer accident within the City of Ann Arbor?

- Yes: 8%
- No: 92%
Have your garden plants or landscape been damaged by deer?

- **YES**: 48%
- **NO**: 52%
Please indicate your level of support for prohibiting supplemental feeding of deer by residents:

- **STRONGLY SUPPORT**: 65%
- **MODERATELY SUPPORT**: 19%
- **DO NOT SUPPORT**: 16%
Please indicate your level of support for using lethal methods such as hunting or sharpshooting to reduce the deer population:

- **STRONGLY SUPPORT** 44%
- **MODERATELY SUPPORT** 13%
- **DO NOT SUPPORT** 43%
What concerns would you have regarding a managed lethal removal of white-tailed deer within the City?

- Public Safety: 81%
- Proper Management of Hunters/Shooters: 75%
- Individual Welfare of Deer: 40%
- Hunter/Sharpshooters Damaging Property: 37%
- Cost of Administering a Deer Management Program: 33%
Thank you!