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PRESS RELEASE

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Nonlethal Deer Sterilization Activities Completed Successfully

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Jan. 30, 2017 — The City of Ann Arbor's contractor, White Buffalo, successfully sterilized 54 female deer from Jan. 22 through Jan. 29. Deer sterilization activities took place in select neighborhoods in Wards 1 and 2 where lethal removal of deer could not occur, but darting and surgical sterilization of deer could take place per a special research permit obtained from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. White Buffalo reported zero mortalities or injuries as a result of sterilization activities.

Lethal Activities Begin Monday, Jan. 30

The White Buffalo contract also includes sharpshooters lethally removing up to 100 deer in designated City of Ann Arbor parks and natural areas in Wards 1 and 2. From Jan. 30 through Feb. 13, 2017, the below parks will be closed every day (including weekends) for all purposes from 3 p.m. to midnight.

- Bird Hills Nature Area
- Bluffs Nature Area
- Cedar Bend Nature Area
- Hilltop Nature Area
- Huron Hills Golf Course
- Huron Parkway Nature Area/Braun Nature Area
- Island Park
- Kuebler Langford Nature Area
- Leslie Park Golf Course
- Leslie Woods Nature Area

Jan. 30 through Feb. 2, three University of Michigan properties will be closed every day from 3 p.m. to midnight, including: Nichols Arboretum; acreage south of Glazier Way and east of Fuller Road; and acreage south of Hubbard and west of Huron Parkway.

To view a map of the closed parks, visit www.a2gov.org/deermanagement. For specific questions, please email deermanagement@a2gov.org or call the deer hotline at (734) 794-6295.

Deer Feeding Ban Reminder

Per the City of Ann Arbor Deer Feeding Ban Ordinance, it is illegal to feed deer on private property. The ordinance is not intended to ban the use of bird feeders on private property, but it is a civil infraction to feed deer.

Ann Arbor has 119,000 residents, spans 28.82 square miles and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, learn, work, thrive and visit. To keep up with <u>City of Ann Arbor</u> information, <u>subscribe</u> for email updates, follow us on <u>Twitter</u> or become a city fan on <u>Facebook</u>. The city's mission is to deliver exceptional services that sustain and enhance a vibrant, safe and diverse community.