A photograph of a white deer standing in a field of tall grass, looking directly at the camera. The image is semi-transparent and serves as a background for the text.

City of Ann Arbor Deer Management Work Session

July 13, 2015

Work Session Agenda



- Introductions
- Deer Management Project & Recommendations
- Presentation by Ms. Stephanie Boyles Griffin
- Q&A



Key Questions:

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





Community Engagement

- Engaging Stakeholders (Nov. 2014-April 2015)
- A2 Open City Hall Survey (Nov - Dec 2014)
- 3 Public Meetings
 - Dec 10, 2014
 - Feb 5, 2015
 - April 16, 2015

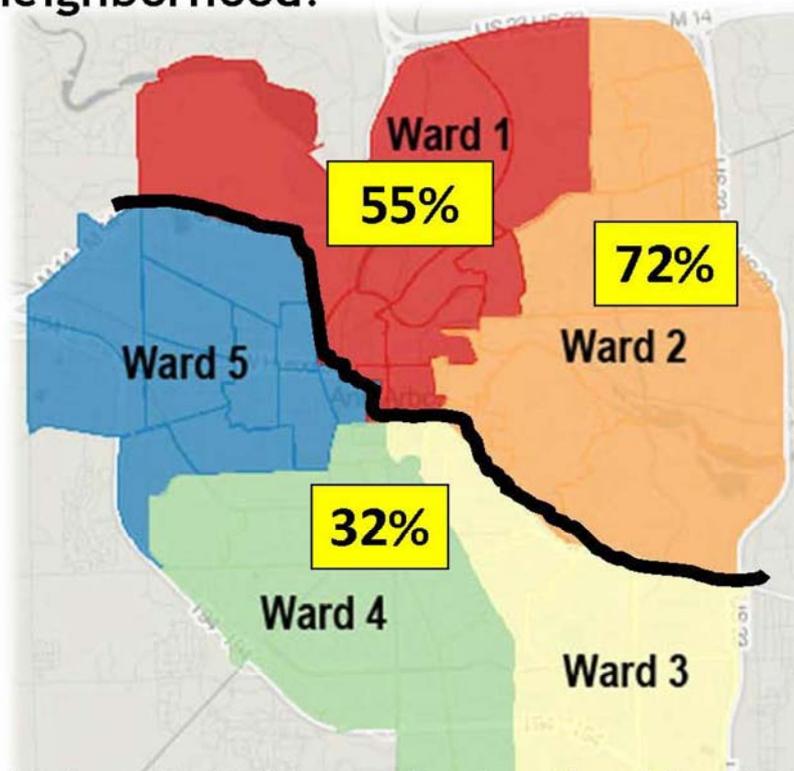


Data/Information Gathered

- Stakeholders' Interviews
- A2 Open City Hall Survey
- Three Public Meetings including Public Comment
- Dozens of Constituent Emails
- Two Flyovers
 - Feb. 10, 2015
 - Mar. 6, 2015



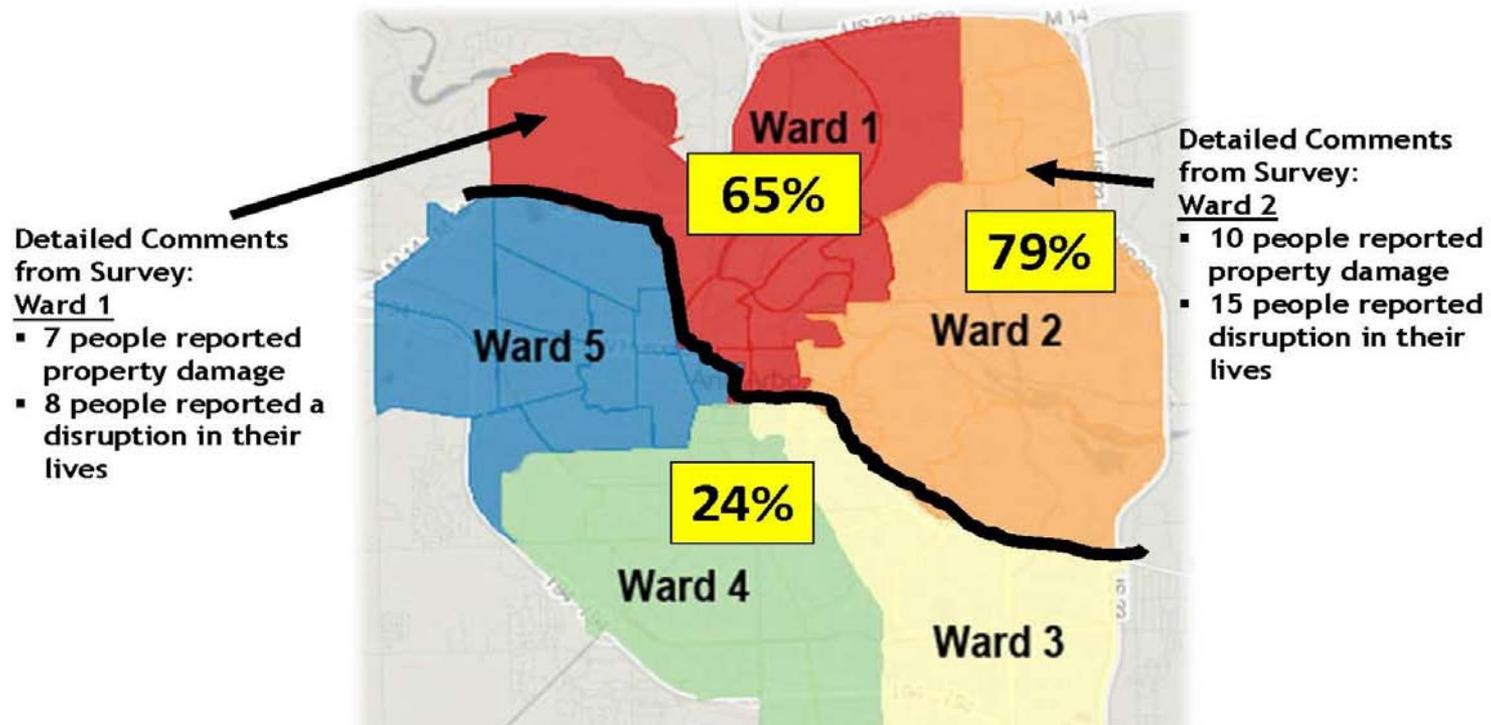
In the past 3 years, have you seen a significant increase of deer in your neighborhood?



A2 Open City Hall Survey Results - Closed Jan. 2, 2015



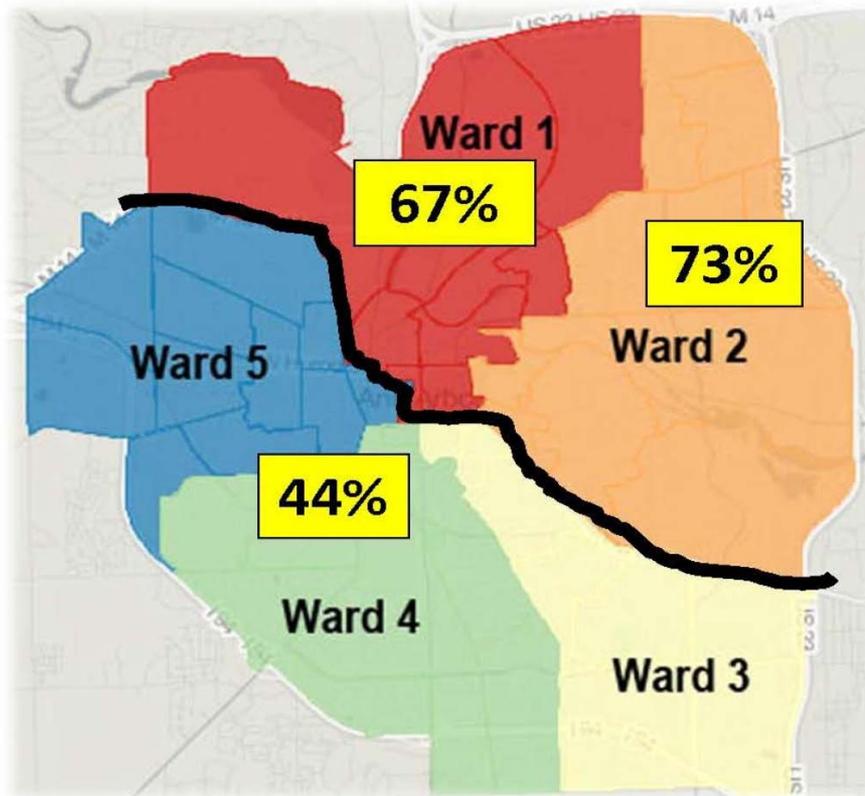
Has your garden plants or landscape been damaged by deer?



A2 Open City Hall Survey Results - Closed Jan. 2, 2015



Support of Lethal Methods to Reduce Deer Population



A2 Open City Hall Survey Results - Closed Jan. 2, 2015



Conclusions:

- Deer presence in Ann Arbor is Tale of Two Cities.
- Significant negative interaction in Wards 1 and 2 caused by overabundance of deer/not so in other wards.
- Significant degradation of residential property - including damages and loss of usability.
- Significant anxiety regarding deer lack of fear of humans and increasing reports of hostile encounters.
- According to the MDNR, a feeding ban will not reduce the population - food is too abundant in Ann Arbor.



What should be the goals of a deer management program?

1. Significantly reduce negative interactions between deer and humans in Wards 1 and 2.
2. Establish citywide monitoring processes regarding deer/human interactions.
3. Provide deer management materials and educational resources.





Recommendations

- Conduct multi year cull in Wards 1 and 2 to decrease the deer population and reduce deer-human negative interactions
- Implement City wide feeding ban Ordinance
- Provide deer management materials and educational resources
- Conduct annual flyovers
- Conduct annual survey via a2 Open City Hall
- Develop process to measure environmental impact on City's natural areas