

Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors,

The Whitpain Township Deer and Wildlife Management Committee held several virtual meetings in 2021 to research and discuss various methods of deer management. Research included, but was not limited to:

- What other local municipalities do regarding deer management (Abington and Upper Dublin both have management programs. Warrington is investigating the possibility).
- The success rates of various methods of deer management (management through hunting has proven to be more successful and economical than other methods). *
- Statistics relevant to vehicular accidents and nuisance calls to the Whitpain Police Department regarding deer (an average of 176 accidents/incidents per year for the last 5 years). *
- Best practices employed by Delaware Valley Wildlife Management and Wissahickon Trails. *

After careful consideration it is the position of the Deer and Wildlife Management Committee to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that Whitpain Township adapt a deer management pilot program consisting of the following:

The pilot program would take place on the Armentrout preserve, adjacent to the Wissahickon Trails property that already hosts a management program. This pilot program would be evaluated after a year to determine if the program should continue as is, be expanded or be discontinued.

The pilot program would be run in a manner consistent with how Wissahickon Trails manages their existing program. (see attached) and allow only for archery with a focus on managing the population of doe.

Also attached is a position paper from the Whitpain Township Shade Tree Commission which advocates for a deer management program within the township.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Any questions regarding the proposed deer management program can be addressed to Mike Richino, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation or Kurt Baker, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,

Whitpain Township Deer and Wildlife Management Committee

Kurt Baker, Director of Parks and Recreation

Mike Richino, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

Lt. William Armstrong, Whitpain Township Police Department

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* see attachments for more information on these topics