



The City of Medina Deer Management Process

1. Monitor Trend Data

Annual deer population assessments will be conducted in order to monitor any spikes in complaints, accidents, damage, or population growth. The following data will be collected:

- a. **Deer Vehicle Accidents-** The police department will record accidents throughout the year and report to the parks department annually.
- b. **Carcass pick up-** The street department will record deceased deer carcasses that are picked up throughout the city and report to the parks department annually.
- c. **Community Surveys-** Surveys will be available to the public on the city website. They will also be available using an online survey link on the city website. Surveys will be collected and filed annually.
- d. **Deer damage complaints-** The parks department will address complaints regarding deer damage on an individual basis. Complaints will be collected and filed annually.
- e. **Visual Deer Survey-** The parks department will conduct visual deer surveys every fall at several predetermined locations in all four wards. This survey will be conducted four times using spotlights between the hours of 5am-7am. Data will be collected, averaged, and recorded annually.

2. Public relations

- a. **Provide resources on the City of Medina website-** Technical guidance on deterring deer will be posted on the city website. Techniques are non-lethal alternatives.
- b. **Utility bill information-** Include an insert in utility bills discouraging deer feeding.

3. Implement a five step process for property owners:

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- (1) **Recognize you have a deer problem** -Landscape damage, trees rubbed, garden damage, etc.
- (2) **Visit the City of Medina website-** Receive technical guidance on ways to address the problem with Deer deterrents. Select the best method to implement in your yard.
- (3) **Contact the City of Medina Parks Department-**file a Deer Damage Complaint.
- (4) **Contact the Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE** Technical guidance over the phone
- (5) **Schedule a site visit with the Division of Wildlife**