

## Village of Granville – Deer Management Provisions

### **Public Education – Deer Management Techniques**

- The Village staff will work with Granville Township and the Denison University biology department to develop specific information for Granville-area residents on what can be done to make the Village habitat less attractive for the deer, to reduce the damage to landscaping and other plantings, and to minimize the other negative impacts of the deer. The information would be presented in a Deer Town Meeting, would be available on the Village and Township websites, and would be available in hard copy.
- Also included in the public information program may be periodic letters or newspaper articles about deer-vehicle accidents, the number of deer damage complaints and other relevant information.
- Residents should also be discouraged from feeding deer. Information will be developed that will demonstrate the disadvantage of supplemental feeding of the animals.
  - Deer warning signs will be posted and/or maintained along roadways where high numbers of deer-vehicle accidents occur (Newark-Granville Road, Burg Street, Jones Road and Fern Hill Subdivision). (These signs will not prevent accidents, but they will alert drivers to the areas of high incidents.)

### **Qualifications for Properties to be Made Available for Hunting**

- Hunting will generally be confined to areas of at least four (4) acres in size. Owners of parcels smaller than four (4) acres may join together, provided that properties to be joined are contiguous and not separated by a road and all such owners agree in writing that hunting may take place upon their combined properties. The Chief of Police or his designee may approve property less than four (4) acres if safety issues are not a factor.
- When properties have been selected as hunting sites for the bow-hunting portion of the deer management program, we will advise adjacent property owners who are not participating in the deer management program of the properties that have been selected and when hunting will begin on those adjacent properties. Notice will be mailed or hand-delivered to the adjacent property owners along with a map that shows the properties where hunting will occur. We will also publish the map on the Village website and provide a copy to Granville Sentinel.
- Adjacent property owners will be advised to call the Village offices if they have specific questions or encounter problems.

- If a public park is used as part of the hunting program, sections of the park may be closed, with proper public notice, during the limited times that hunting may take place within the park. Public notice would include publication in the Granville Sentinel, postings at the park site, and postings on the Village website.

### **Hunter Qualifications**

- The recruitment of hunters will emphasize that this is not a program for recreational hunting within the Village but is a program where bow-hunting will be authorized and managed to attain specific results. Therefore, the Village plans to select a finite number of hunters to participate in the program (estimated at approximately 35-50) and may give preference to hunting “teams” – groups of hunters who have experience working together and could effectively cover a “hunting zone” within the Village.
- Experienced urban bow hunters who desire to participate in the Village bow-hunting program would make application to the Village through the Granville Police Department.
- An applicant would have to meet the following qualifications:
  - Must possess or acquire all applicable Ohio hunting licenses and deer permits.
  - Must have attended a state-approved hunter safety course
  - Must pass an archery proficiency test
  - Must have documented bow-hunting experience, preferably in an urban area
  - Must successfully pass a background and criminal record check:
    - No felony convictions within the past 10 years
    - No convictions of violence within the past 5 years
    - No convictions for a game law violation within past 5 years
- Property owners within the Village who wish to hunt on their properties under the Deer Management Program must also satisfy the published requirements. Property owners who are not experienced archers will not be approved to participate in the program.

### **Hunter Selection**

- The Police Chief, Village Manager, and a Township Trustee would select the hunters to participate in the 2007 bow-hunting program.
- Selection would be based on total years of hunting experience, prior urban deer hunting participation, and/or a law enforcement background.
- Preference may be given to hunting “teams” – groups of hunters who have experience working together and could effectively cover a “hunting zone” within the Village.

- Hunters who are selected would be assigned to a specific Deer Management Zone and would be supplied with a parking permit.
- Names of hunters who qualify for participation in the Village program by meeting the published requirements (that is, possession of applicable hunting licenses, completion of a state-approved hunter safety course, passage of an archery proficiency test, documented bow-hunting experience, and satisfactory completion of a background and criminal record check), but who are not selected to participate in the Village program, will be provided to Township property owners who are interested in allowing hunting on their properties.

### **Hunter Procedures**

- The hunter must make an appointment with the landowner(s) for an inspection of the property, the identification of areas for possible stand placement, and a discussion of the property owner's expectations. The hunter must secure written permission from the property owner to hunt on the property and that permission must be carried by the hunter at all times while hunting on the property.
- The hunter must complete all necessary agreements with the landowner(s) on whose property he or she wishes to hunt. Those agreements shall cover:
  - Permission to hunt on the property
  - Where and when the hunting will occur
  - Where a tree stand may be located
  - Where the hunter will park while on the property, and
  - Any other specific expectations that the property owner may have for the use of his or her property.
- The hunter will be required to hunt from a tree stand, which would be a minimum of ten (10) feet above the ground, in those areas where houses or other occupied buildings are in sight. However, this requirement may be waived where the topography provides a natural backstop for errant shots. If using a tree stand, the hunter is required to use appropriate safety harness equipment.
- The hunter may take a harvested deer to a Village-designated processing facility and the meat will be processed at Village expense and donated to a food bank or other similar charity.

### **Hunting Regulations**

- The hunter would be required to comply with all state and local hunting regulations

- The use of firearms would be prohibited under the hunting program; only bow and arrow or crossbow may be used.
- The hunter would hunt only within the Management Zone designated by the Village of Granville
- The hunter will park his/her vehicle in the areas designated by the Property Owner and will place the parking permit on the windshield of the vehicle
- The hunter will not hunt within 100 feet of an occupied building or residence unless specifically authorized. In specific situations where it can be done in a safe manner, hunting may be authorized by the Police Chief and property owner to be within 100 feet of an occupied building or residence so long as the hunting is directed away from the structure.
- The hunter will not shoot an arrow across a highway, roadway, sidewalk, bikeway, or pedestrian pathway; or beyond the approved area.
- The hunter will not shoot an arrow from a motor vehicle.
- The hunter will not trespass on any property adjoining the hunting area.
- The hunter will not video, film, or photograph any portion of the hunt.
- The hunter will assume responsibility for liability for any injury or damage to property or persons while a guest on the property owner's land during the hunt. The hunter will agree to conduct himself/herself in a legal and ethical manner as a guest on the property owner's land. The hunter will agree to respect the property owner's land as if it were his/her property; not to litter and leave the property in the condition found.
- The hunter will remove any harvested deer in a discrete manner and will transport any deer so that it is not visible.
- The hunter will not consume any alcoholic beverages within eight hours prior to the start of the hunt; nor will the hunter consume any alcoholic beverages while on the property owner's property during the hunt
- The hunter will remove entrails from the property owner's land unless the property owner agrees to the burial of the entrails on the land.
- The hunter agrees to take two does before one buck is taken. A hunter participating in the 2007 hunt must harvest two antlerless deer in order to be eligible to hunt in the program in 2008.
- The hunter will call the police department at the time that he or she arrives at the hunting site and will also advise the police department when leaving the site.

- All deer harvested must be tagged and checked in accordance with state wildlife regulations. The hunter must call the police department to report the state tag number, the name of the hunter, the sex of the deer, and the date it was harvested.
- The hunter shall notify the police department immediately if a deer is wounded leaves the designated hunting zone. The hunter may only retrieve the deer on adjacent property after obtaining the adjacent property owner's consent. If the property owner cannot be reached, the hunter must be accompanied by a Granville police officer to go onto the adjacent property to retrieve a deer.
- The Chief of Police will have the right to revoke any hunting permits where a hunter fails to abide by the hunting regulations.

### **Modifications**

- The Chief of Police, with the approval of the Village Manager, may make reasonable modifications to these provisions so long as the modifications do not have a negative impact on the public health and safety.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation Program**

- Any complaints made to Village employees will be recorded on a call card and kept on file. Complaints will be evaluated to determine progress or whether a need exists for further action in a specific area.
- All deer harvested must be tagged and checked in accordance with state wildlife regulations. The hunter must call the police department to report the state tag number, the name of the hunter, the sex of the deer, and the date it was harvested.
- It may be beneficial to periodically conduct surveys regarding landscape, garden, and crop damage along with citizen concerns regarding safety and deer-vehicle accidents.
- The progress of the program will be measured by the number of deer that are removed, the number of deer-related complaints that the Village continues to receive, the number of deer-vehicle accidents that continue to occur, and the amount of landscaping or property damage that continues to occur.