



Douglas Deer Survey

In response to concerns/complaints regarding the deer population in Douglas, City Council is requesting Douglas residents and business owners to provide input regarding deer within the City of Douglas.

City staff is seeking your assistance to document your thoughts, knowledge, and opinion of deer in the City. Our objective is to make the survey as simple as possible by providing an online link for you to complete. For those unable to complete the online survey, please stop in City Hall for a printed copy, however, if you would like to print your own, please visit www.douglasmi.gov under the announcements section at the bottom of the homepage.

The Deer Survey results will be presented to City Council in March 2023 for review and discussion.

- Digital option - Complete the survey online at:
[Tinyurl.com/douglasdeer](https://tinyurl.com/douglasdeer) or
by using the QR Code with your mobile phone camera
- Paper option – Pick up at:
City Hall - 86 W Center St., Douglas, MI 49406



Please submit/return one survey per household by **February 14, 2023**.

Should you have any questions, please contact: Jenny Pearson, Executive Assistant, 269-857-1438



Douglas Deer Survey

1. Please choose a category that best describes you. (Select all that apply)
 - My primary residence is in Douglas
 - My primary residence is not in Douglas
 - My workplace is in Douglas

2. How frequently have you seen live deer in Douglas in the past year?
 - Never
 - Rarely
 - Sometimes
 - Often
 - All the time

3. How many deer do you see in Douglas in a typical week?
 - No deer
 - 1-3 deer
 - 4-6 deer
 - 7-10 deer
 - 11 or more deer

4. Generally, which of the following best describes your feelings about deer in Douglas?
 - I enjoy seeing and having deer around
 - I enjoy seeing a few deer, but worry about the problems they cause
 - I generally regard deer as a nuisance
 - I have no particular feeling about deer

5. Which of the following concerns do you have about deer in Douglas? (Choose all that apply)
 - Deer-vehicle collisions
 - Damage to personal landscape and garden plants
 - Transmission of diseases from deer to people
 - Damage to park ecosystems by over-browsing of native forage plants
 - Decline in deer health due to overpopulation
 - No concern
 - Other: _____

6. Have you ever been involved in a car-deer accident in Douglas?
 Yes
 No
7. Have you ever been involved in a car-deer accident outside of Douglas?
 Yes
 No
8. Have you had a deer run in front of you, resulting in a near-miss while driving in Douglas?
 Yes
 No
9. Have you had a deer run in front of you, resulting in a near-miss while driving outside of Douglas?
 Yes
 No
10. Have your personal garden plants or landscaping been damaged by deer?
 Yes
 No
 Not applicable
11. Do you feed the deer with a feeding station/area?
 Yes
 No
12. If your garden plants or landscaping have been damaged by deer, do you use any of the following measures to prevent damage? Please rate the effectiveness of the measure(s) you use.
- | | Highly Effective | Somewhat Effective | Not at All | N/A |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Fencing | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Odor or taste repellants | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Frightening devices (light/noise) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| - Deer repellent plants | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
13. How concerned are you about the transmission of diseases, such as Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, from deer to people?
 Highly concerned
 Somewhat concerned
 Not concerned

14.

	Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Do Not Support
- Do nothing and let nature take its course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Educate residents on deer resistant landscape plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Install signs or reflectors at known deer crossings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Manage roadside vegetation to increase driver visibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Enforce State Regulation prohibiting supplemental feeding of deer by residents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Use non-lethal methods, like birth control, to slow the growth of the deer population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Use lethal methods such as hunting to reduce the deer population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. Are you aware that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is battling a highly contagious and always fatal disease among the deer herd called Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)?

Yes

No

16. Please provide your address so that we may identify levels of interest within specific areas of the City. Your response will be kept confidential, and your address will not be identified with any results.

Address: _____

17. Please provide your name. Your response will be kept confidential, and your name will not be identified with any results.

Name: _____