CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOUGLAS, MICHIGAN
PUBLIC NOTICE
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RE: Managed Deer Harvest

Over the past few years, there has been a significant rise in the deer population within our city limits. While the presence of deer can be a charming aspect of our natural environment, it has come to our attention that this growth has begun to pose challenges to public safety and property. We understand the importance of maintaining a balance between human activities and wildlife, and we are committed to addressing this issue responsibly. After careful consideration and in consultation with experts in the field, we have decided to undertake a managed deer harvest (up to 15 deer) on the designated 17-acre open city-owned property (see map below) using only bows and arrows. This decision has been made in line with state standards and regulations. The City of the Village of Douglas City Council discussed this matter during the Monday, October 2nd, 2023, council meeting, and voted to move forward with the deer harvesting plan at the Monday, October 16th, 2023, council meeting. The harvesting will take place in early November of 2023, through the month of December 2023, and will be managed by West Michigan Wildlife Management.

The venison collected from this operation will be processed, inspected, and then donated to local charities and organizations that serve those in need. Thank you for your understanding and please feel free to contact city hall with any questions you may have at 269-857-1438.