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DEER POPULATION MANAGEMENT TO TAKE PLACE IN FRIDLEY IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

During the months of January and February, the City of Fridley, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will be conducting deer population management.

In response to deer population surveys, an increase in deer-vehicle collisions, and resident feedback, the City has worked with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Fridley Public Safety Department to organize a safe and effective strategy to manage the deer population in Fridley.

A small team of trained wildlife managers will use sighted rifles in secure locations throughout Fridley, such as large public parks and corporate lots, to remove up to 30 deer from the City. No activity will take place directly on residential property and safety is our top priority during this process. Work will be conducted at night and with the use of sound-dampening technology to virtually eliminate any impact to our residents. Locations for this deer reduction may include Springbrook Nature Center, Locke Park, Innsbruck Nature Center, and City-owned lots east of Central Ave. NE and South of Rice Creek Rd. NE. All locations are within the City of Fridley.

The City values deer and all wildlife in Fridley and our goal is to limit, not eliminate, the deer population to the recommended level of 15-20 deer per square mile. Our deer management plan was initiated in 2018 as a response to public safety concerns and other concerns expressed by numerous residents. The full study and approved plan can be found on the City of Fridley's website at FridleyMN.gov/Wildlife.

For any questions about this program, please contact project coordinator Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director, at Mike.Maher@FridleyMN.Gov.

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