

**CITY OF WOODLAND
COUNCIL POLICIES**

CHAPTER 4 – NATURAL RESOURCES

POLICY 4-1 – DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

LOCALITY AND HABITAT

The City is comprised of 0.8 square miles and has 5.9 miles of shoreline on the southern shore of Wayzata Bay. The functional habitat of the total deer population is contained by County Road 101 on the east and Minnetonka-Northome Boulevards to the south (including small portions of the cities of Minnetonka and Deephaven) with the north and west containment being Lake Minnetonka.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is:

1. To establish a program to manage the number of white-tailed deer that may be adequately supported by suitable habitat within the City of Woodland, while maintaining deer as an asset to the community.
2. To prevent starvation and disease from overpopulation of deer.
3. To reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents involving deer.
4. To preserve and protect the property of residents.

LONG TERM PLAN

Any management program must be comprehensive, deliberate, and a long term commitment, guided by a yearly determination of:

1. Deer sightings and deer population.
2. Evaluation of resident complaints regarding loss of plantings.
3. Number of auto/deer accidents in the City.

PROCEDURE

Any removal of deer will be carried out by a Department of Natural Resources approved service.

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