

Summary of East Lansing Community Deer Meeting – September 26th, 2019

Poll Everywhere Results:

1. Did you attend the previous East Lansing Deer Scoping Meeting in October 2014? [28 responses]
 - a. 25% Yes
 - b. 75% No

2. Which best describes where you live in East Lansing? [31]
 - a. 32% North of Saginaw / West of Abbot
 - b. 29% N of Saginaw / E of Abbot
 - c. 32% S of Saginaw / E of Abbot
 - d. 3% S of Saginaw / W of Abbot
 - e. 3% Not a resident of EL

3. How long have you been a resident of East Lansing (EL)? [32]
 - a. 6% Less than 1 year
 - b. 6% 1-5 years
 - c. 6% 6-10 years
 - d. 13% 11-20 years
 - e. 69% Greater than 20 years
 - f. 0% Not a resident of EL

4. Have you responded to the City of East Lansing's Deer Management Survey? [34]
 - a. 32% Yes
 - b. 65% No
 - c. 3% Not sure

5. Have you participated in a neighborhood meeting to discuss deer management? [33]
 - a. 24% Yes
 - b. 76% No
 - c. 0% Not sure

6. Within the last week, how many deer have you seen in / around the vicinity of your residence? [33]
 - a. 15% None
 - b. 36% 1-5 deer
 - c. 33% 6-10 deer
 - d. 6% 11-20 deer
 - e. 9% >20 deer

7. In what way do the deer in East Lansing most affect your quality of life (positive and/or negative)? [33]

a. [Open-ended]

They are beautiful, seem almost as common as squirrels, but they destroyed my garden until I wrapped the whole thing with plastic mesh like that used around construction sites.
they make EL feel less urban 🐇
Fecal matter, hostas and several other plants turned into celery
Expense to personally control deer. They would live in my yard if I didn't take measures to control their access.
Landscape damage and landscape protection--MAJOR cost to me! Constant concern I will hit one or more driving in the neighborhood.
Very Negative. Cleaning up poop, repairing grass from deer hoof damage, spraying and monitoring to retain garden.
The deer eat our garden plants and nestle in flower beds. Also appear from nowhere in the street. Scary!!
negative
Positive. Enjoy the view of wildlife.
Positive. Love seeing them and the fawns in the spring. Don't mind their grazing in my yard and shrubs.
Negative - have had to stop gardening
Negative; deer 🐇 droppings on sidewalks near where children play
Danger in the road, fear for their safety in a city environment
Enjoy seeing, but don't like feeding them birdseed and flowers.
Vegetation and vehicle danger
Eating vegetation!
Eat my landscaping.
Fun to watch
Negatively
Negative- safety and health issues
Destruction of property, garden
Positive. Bring joy
They eat our food out of the garden and destroy our hostas in the front yard
Destroy landscaping.
Neutral
Concern Re car crashes
No effect
Positive
Negative

Destruction of property
Neutral
Positive
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8. Which statement best describes your perspective on deer? [30]
- 23% I enjoy seeing deer
 - 57% I enjoy seeing deer but worry about the negative impacts they cause
 - 13% I do not enjoy seeing deer
 - 3% I am ambivalent /indifferent
 - 3% My perspective varies based on time of year
9. I believe the current number of deer in East Lansing is _____. [32]
- 72% Too high
 - 13% Just right
 - 6% Too low
 - 9% I don't know

Post-presentations (questions are numbered based on original plan of what to ask):

2. The following list shows current data being collected in East Lansing. Which do you think is MOST useful for decision-making? [18 responses]
- 22% Deer vehicle collisions
 - 6% Deer 'captures' on trail cameras
 - 6% Exclosures (habitat damage in parks)
 - 28% Resident survey data
 - 28% Resident calls/complaints
 - 0% City-wide community meetings
 - 11% Neighborhood community meetings
6. Would you be interested and/or willing to contribute to deer data collection ('citizen science')? [16]
- 63% Yes
 - 25% Maybe
 - 13% No
7. What might be the next steps for East Lansing deer management? For example, form a committee of neighborhood representatives, etc. to provide recommendations for city council. Consider the scale (neighborhood focused vs. city-wide). [13]
- [Open ended]

How about providing a resource to identify ornamental plants that deer don't like

identify an issue, get data
Managed hunting option for residents
Council must make a determination at next Council meeting to exercise their ability to harvest excessive deer population before there is are serious health and safety problems for citizens.
City staff gather what metrics other communities are using to control deer populations
A cull and soon
Let's do something.
Stop taking away their environment and food sources.
You need to significantly reduce the number of deer.
It is past time to take action and decrease the population
DO something! As the reporter said. Quit surveying and DO something.
Cull the herd