

To manage the current deer population and prevent future problems, an integrated deer management plan must focus on humane exclusion and deterrents. Specifically, we suggest that:

- A no-wildlife-feeding ordinance/rule be implemented and strictly enforced.
- Scare tactics/deterrents such as motion detector-triggered lights, scarecrows, and radios be employed to deter deer from browsing in unwanted areas. Strategically placed bars of soap (and even human hair) will deter deer; pepper spray on foliage works too.
- All sources of food for fawns (does will choose not to breed or will have fewer fawns when food for their young is scarce) be identified/managed—to start, focus efforts on restoration and riparian areas. Cover or wrap saplings shorter than six feet using corrugated plastic tubes/sleeves, deer netting, or mesh. Trim back low-hanging (less than 6') tree branches. Advise residents to plant native species and avoid exotic species (native plant species are more likely to have evolved to resist browsing whereas exotic species attract deer) and to cover ornamental plants with netting or mesh.
- Deer fencing (10' preferred) be installed to keep deer out of heavily landscaped areas and other areas where they are unwanted.

Again, we are more than happy to advise you further regarding effective deer-control measures. We hope you will call us!



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