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City of Ann Arbor Deer Cull Activities Completed Safely

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 1, 2016 — As of today, all City of Ann Arbor cull activities have been completed and all 14 designated parks and nature areas are re-opened to normal operating hours. As of March 1, 63 deer were removed by United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services (USDA-APHIS) marksmen. More than 1,000 pounds of venison has been donated to a local food bank. All cull activities were completed with zero safety incidences. In April, the city will launch an A2 Open City Hall survey to gather feedback from citizens about deer management efforts. An assessment of cull activities will be developed and included in a Deer Management Update Report to City Council in May.

On February 18, the city completed an aerial survey of the deer population, which resulted in 202 deer counted. The last survey conducted in March 2015, counted 168 deer. View the aerial deer survey map online at www.a2gov.org/deermanagement.

Similar to last year, the aerial survey was conducted by a three-person crew of city staff who visually counted deer via helicopter. The survey was conducted throughout the city.

Flyover deer-count results are not absolute or intended to be a comprehensive census of the entire deer population, but rather give insight into the minimum deer population in certain areas of the city at one point in time. Deer count numbers are useful as data points that can track trends over time.

Please continue to submit deer management feedback via email to deermanagement@a2gov.org.

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