

Town of Bethlehem deer and tick impact survey - Google Forms

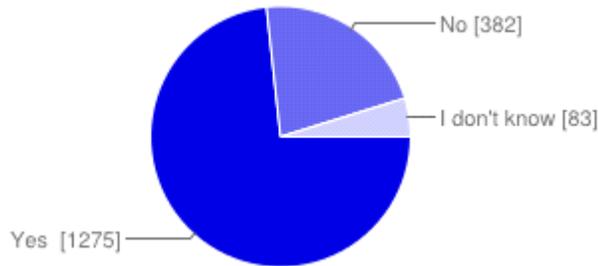
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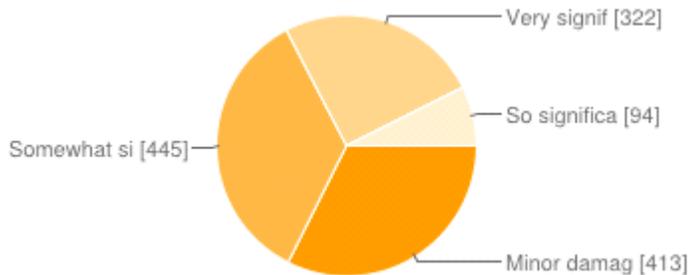
Summary

Have you experienced landscape or garden damage from deer? (select one)



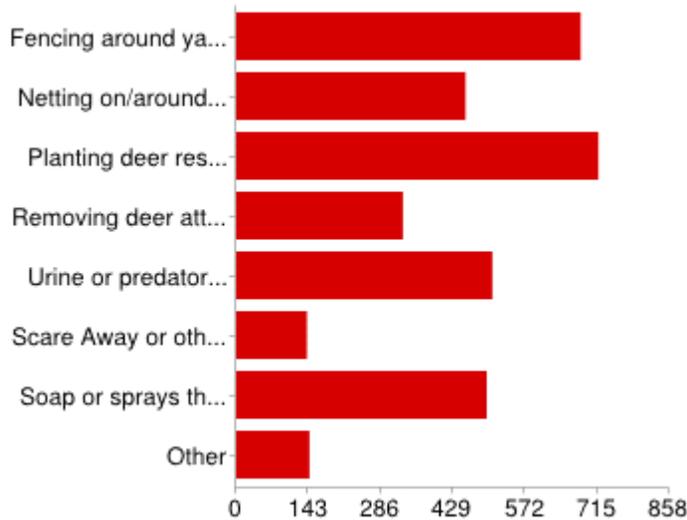
Yes	1275	73%
No	382	22%
I don't know	83	5%

If you have experienced landscape or garden damage from deer, how would you describe it? (select one)



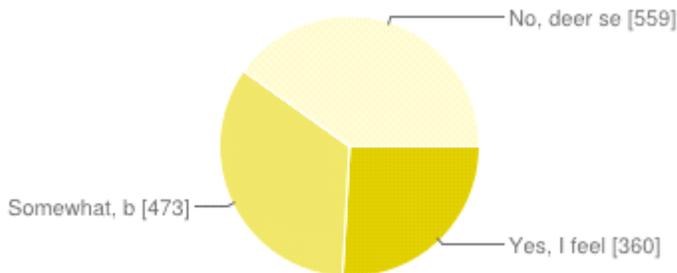
Minor damage, but I can live with it	413	24%
Somewhat significant damage; I have had to change how I landscape and garden to adjust to it	445	26%
Very significant damage; I have a hard time keeping my landscape and garden looking the way I want	322	19%
So significant I have pretty much given up on landscaping and gardening	94	5%

Have you tried any of the following deer management methods? (select all that apply)



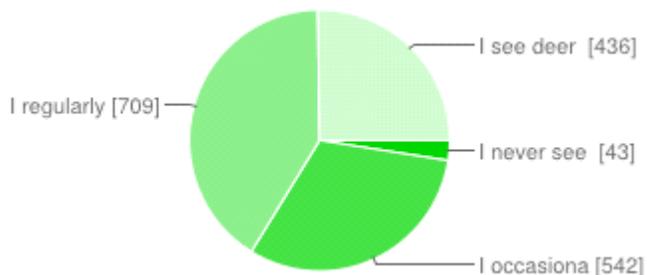
Method	Count	Percentage
Fencing around yard/garden	682	39%
Netting on/around plants	454	26%
Planting deer resistant plants	717	41%
Removing deer attracting plants	330	19%
Urine or predatory scent products	507	29%
Scare Away or other noise-based interventions	140	8%
Soap or sprays that deter deer	496	29%
Other	145	8%

Have you found the methods you've used to manage deer to be effective? (select one)



Response	Count	Percentage
Yes, I feel like I have a pretty good handle on managing deer	360	21%
Somewhat, but the methods aren't as effective as I want	473	27%
No, deer seem to come around no matter what I do	559	32%

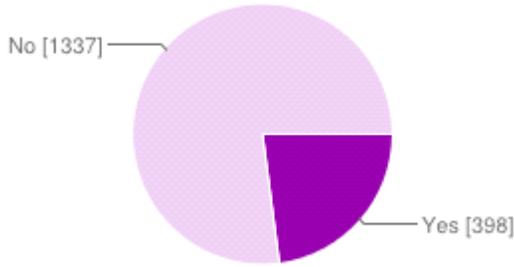
How would you describe your experience driving around town (thinking about your current/typical experience)?



Response	Count	Percentage
I never see deer near or on town roads	43	2%
I occasionally (1-2x month) see deer near or on town roads	542	31%

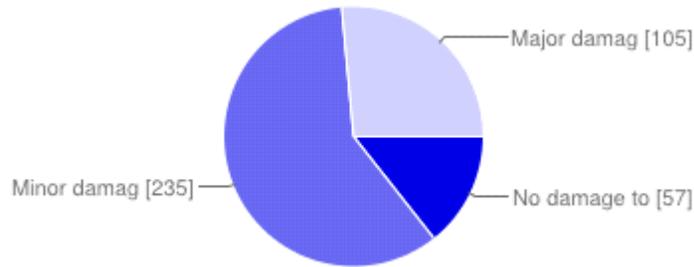
I regularly (1-2x week) see deer near or on town roads	709	41%
I see deer near or on town roads almost every day	436	25%

Have you or anyone in your immediate family hit a deer with your car in the Town of Bethlehem? (select one)



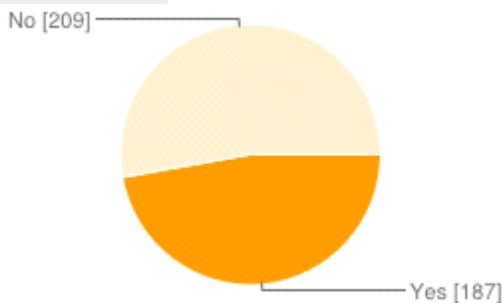
Yes	398	23%
No	1337	77%

How would you describe the accident? (select one)



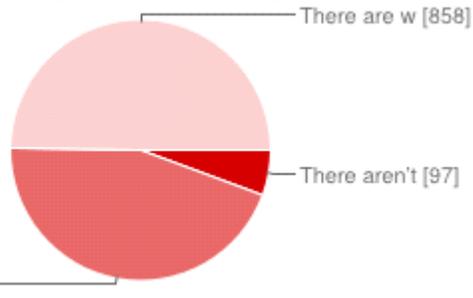
No damage to the car and no personal injury	57	3%
Minor damage to the car and/or minor personal injury	235	14%
Major damage to the car and/or major personal injury	105	6%

Did you report the accident to the Bethlehem Police Department?



Yes	187	11%
No	209	12%

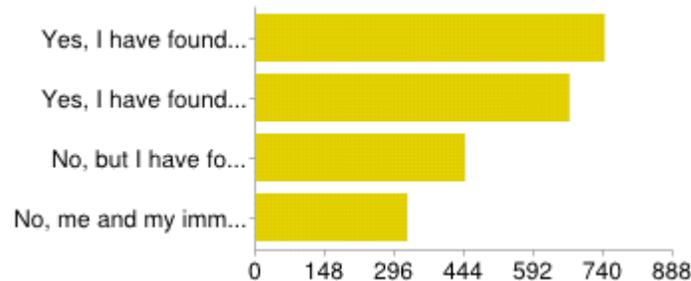
How would you describe the deer population in the Town of Bethlehem? (select one)



There aren't that many deer in Bethlehem	97	6%
There is a sizable population in Bethlehem, but I don't think it's a problem	770	44%
There are way too many deer in Bethlehem and it's a problem	858	49%

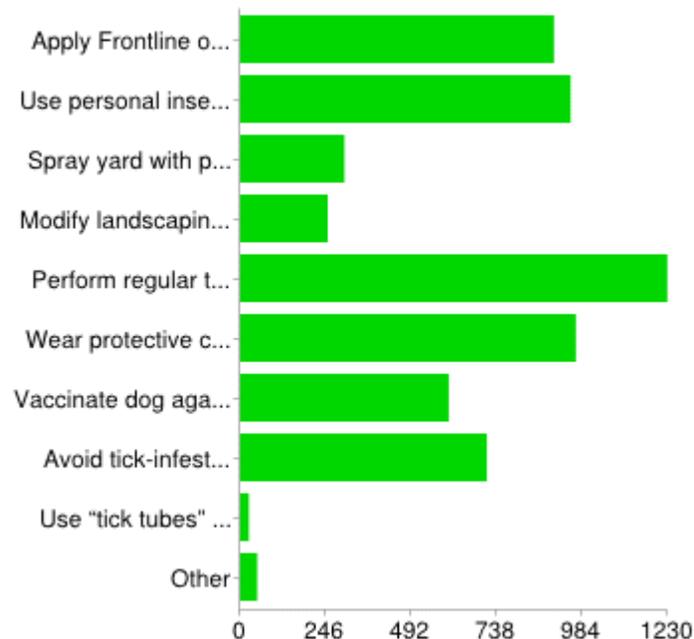
Now we are going to turn our attention to the tick population.

Have you ever found a tick on your body? (select all that apply)



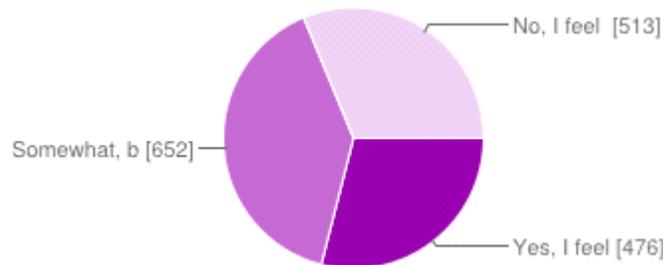
Yes, I have found a tick(s) crawling on my skin or clothing	742	43%
Yes, I have found a tick(s) embedded in my skin	667	38%
No, but I have found a tick(s) crawling and/or embedded on members of my immediate family	445	26%
No, me and my immediate family have been tick free to the best of my knowledge	322	19%

Have you tried any of the following tick control methods? (select all that apply)



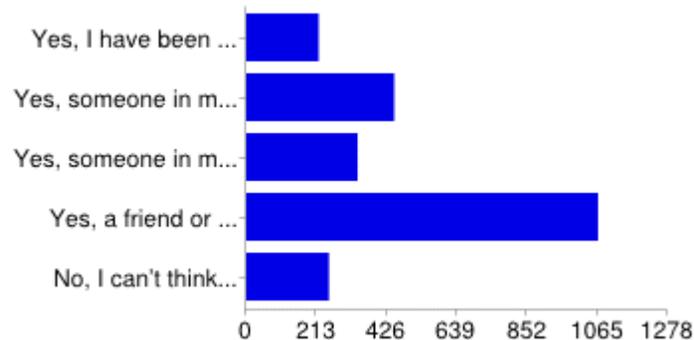
Apply Frontline or similar product on pet	903	52%
Use personal insect/tick repellent	951	55%
Spray yard with pesticides	300	17%
Modify landscaping to reduce ticks	252	14%
Perform regular tick checks	1229	71%
Wear protective clothing	966	56%
Vaccinate dog against Lyme disease	600	34%
Avoid tick-infested areas	710	41%
Use "tick tubes" (ie: Damminix) around house and yard	25	1%
Other	49	3%

Have you found the methods you've used to control ticks to be effective? (select one)



Yes, I feel like I have a pretty good handle on controlling ticks	476	27%
Somewhat, but the methods aren't as effective as I want	652	37%
No, I feel like ticks are around no matter what I do	513	29%

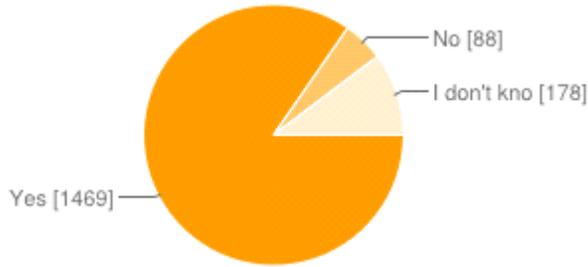
Have you or someone you know been diagnosed with a tick borne disease? (select all that apply)



Yes, I have been diagnosed	220	13%
Yes, someone in my immediate family has been diagnosed	449	26%
Yes, someone in my extended family has been diagnosed	338	19%
Yes, a friend or colleague has been diagnosed	1067	61%
No, I can't think of anyone who has been diagnosed	251	14%

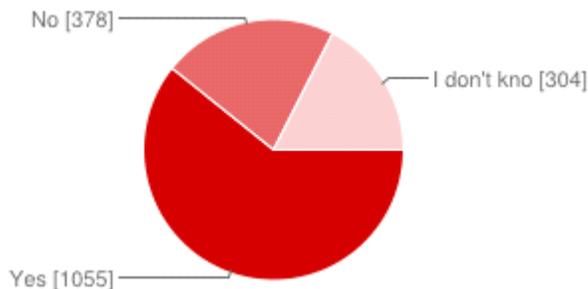
Just a couple of final questions.

Would you be in favor of the Town of Bethlehem looking at methods of reducing the tick population in town? (select one)



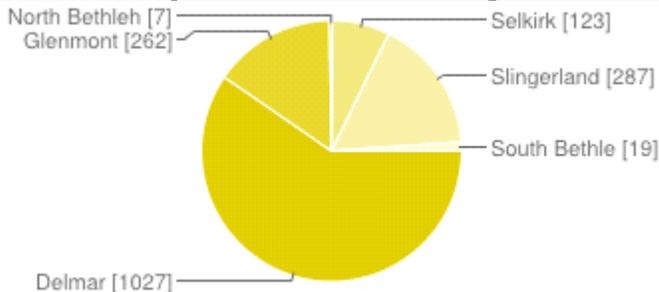
Yes	1469	84%
No	88	5%
I don't know	178	10%

Would you be in favor of the Town of Bethlehem looking at methods of reducing the deer population in town? (select one)



Yes	1055	61%
No	378	22%
I don't know	304	17%

In which part of town do you live? (select one)



Delmar	1027	59%
Glenmont	262	15%
North Bethlehem	7	0%
Selkirk	123	7%
Slingerlands	287	16%
South Bethlehem	19	1%

If you have any thoughts you'd like to share, here's your chance!

Having witnessed a few high-speed car/deer accidents on the Slingerlands and Delmar Bypass, it should be a priority to reduce these occurrences. I believe one of the main problems is the clover content in the grassy median and immediate DOT ROW. Not sure if there are any permissible herbicides to reduce the grass content that is particularly attractive to deer, but it might warrant a trial on a section of either Bypass between two intersecting streets or roundabouts. Alternatively, a trial of the roadside reflectors that deter deer might be an option. As a last resort, consider a porous rubberized fill material in the median - would

only be practical on the Slingerlands Bypass due to the narrower median width. Absent any of other solutions, the grass in the medians and ROW on these high speed roads should be cut more frequently - easier to spot deer when it is mowed. I believe the new sign ordinance has already helped tremendously - personally, it's much easier to spot a deer at night without all the roadside clutter. Thank you for soliciting these comments and being proactive to address this issue!

I would only be in favor of methods that reduce deer and tick populations that are non-toxic/non-pesticide methods.

Delmar appears to be a sanctuary for deer. The deer have been here long before people. If there is a problem it is that there is entirely too much building going on in the town and surrounding area. This has disrupted the deer population (as it has affected our quality of life - in that there is too much traffic and people are not careful in their driving habits, etc.). Getting rid of the deer is not the way to handle this situation. We need to learn how to coexist in our environment just as we need to get a handle on protecting our environment/ planet.

The deer have been here long before the people. Razing their habitats to build the roundabouts and more luxury homes in those very areas and then complaining about them eating the plants and roaming out into the roadways that were their natural runs for generations is the height of human arrogance. Responsible hunting to thin the population has also been restricted by those very people who are doing the complaining. Excessive speed and irresponsible driving habits (cell-phones, anybody?) are what I see 1-2x and more on a daily basis and would lay odds on that behavior being a good determining factor on raising the chances of hitting a deer. But let's blame the deer...so human.

It seems that Bethlehem is becoming a sanctuary for deer. As surrounding land is developed the deer are moving into the safe havens of our neighborhoods. There they find an abundant food source and are able to prosper with few checks and balances to their ability to propagate.

please do not apply poisons to the environment, either animal or physical

I have always enjoyed seeing deer occasionally but with all the new development, they just have no where to go. And no predators except our cars. I live a block from the town hall and fenced my garden last year and they still got in (under the fence). This year I have a fortress and we did ok. But they have eaten everything that hasn't been fenced in. Even the "deer resistant" plants. So no more gardening for me. And poop everywhere! There are just too many! Could we relocate some?

While i would like to see a significant reduction in deer population, I don't want hunters active in residential areas. If the town did have a proactive deer reduction program, would it lower auto insurance premiums?

Thank you for taking the time to ask for our input. Ticks are a serious concern for our family since our daughter was diagnosed with Lyme disease a few years ago. Our dog also has lyme disease.

I believe the deer population in Bethlehem is a significant problem. My main concern are the tick borne diseases spread by the deer. Some of the diseases are difficult to diagnose and treat. I see deer on a daily basis in my backyard. Although I use only plantings that are highly deer resistant the deer frequently damage the plants in my yard.

Birth control!

I live at 38 Font Grove Road (Cara Brousseau - carajbrousseau@Hotgmail.com) and the deer population is intolerable. So much so that a good-hearted but ill informed neighbor has been feeding a family of deer in her front yard. They are constantly on the street and I have personally observed several near-misses with cars. I called the Bethlehem animal control officer and DEC but she continues to feed the deer. I have to check and make sure there are no deer in my driveway each morning and evening. Its incredibly frustrating. We need a policy and better enforcement efforts for people like my neighbor.

Certain areas could use controled burns to reduce brush while giving the fire dept. valuable experience in fire control and access points for fire control

Please note that deer are not the only animal that are hosts for the deer tick or other ticks. This survey makes it look like the only reason there are ticks is because of the deer. This is not true and the public needs to receive better information that this from the Town.

Stop building large construction projects which move the deer population into areas where they are not familiar with. Let's keep Delmar a home town not a store town.

My dogs have had several ticks embedded.

Do a better job of keeping grass cut along areas that the Town maintains.

The abundance of deer is one of the things I enjoy most about our town!

It will be interesting to hear about any effective methods of discouraging deer from eating landscaping. Also, there may be certain roads where deer crossing "trails" are evident; are there deterrents or containment that could be used in those areas especially if site distance is limited or compromised(e.g. Orchard St.).

Allowing chickens could curb both ticks and fleas as well as other insects.

I know this may sound crazy because my neighbor thought I was crazy until she contracted Lyme ... But I feel very upset and angry about this tick problem. I feel it has stolen my freedom. I won't even walk across my front lawn any more unless i wear knee high boots thickly sprayed with toxic chemicals because I fear getting bitten again. My entire way of life has been altered and I am deeply resentful. Someone needs to do something. Please.

I believe the deer population is out of control and something needs to be done about it. Are we to stay

inside, cowed in fear of lyme and powhattan? Who is in charge here? Please look into sane management techniques, open up bowhunting year-round, allow hunters on public land, traqualize and put down the deer that infest our neighborhoods and roadways. Don't let the huggy huggies tell you that's being mean. Deer are rats with hooves. Treat them appropriately.

I live part time on Cape Cod where tic borne illnesses are rampant. I have attended seminars on the problem and learned that using DEET on the skin can help and using Permethrin on clothing is necessary (and lasts through @ 6 washings) Also using Permethrin on the perimeter of yards has shown to be helpful. Cape Cod Cooperative Ext. capecodextension.org MA Public health mass.gov/dph U of Rhode Island www.tickencounter.org Barnstable Cty Dept of Health & Environment barnstablecountyhealth.org Educating the public is CRITICAL Lab of Medical Zoology tick diseases.org (testing for ALL 3 diseases for a fee).

I would be interested in hearing what other communities are doing. I do think this is a problem. The population seems to increased in the past year. It is a very real traffic concern and is beginning to hamper the enjoyment of our yard.

In the last three years the deer population has dropped dramatically in Selkirk. Before that they were everywhere and now it is rare that we see one. We tried everything to keep them out of our garden and nothing seemed to work, but in the last three years we have not had any problem. The tick population has dropped accordingly. For many years we would get ticks every time we walked in the woods or the field and they would even show up around the house. This year we sprayed cedar oil around the house and we have not seen a tick all year. Even in the field and woods where we did not spray we did not find any ticks. We did a tick "drag" with a white sheet and still could not find any ticks.

Stop building. The deer have a right to a place to live too.

Delmar created this problem by allowing over development. These deer have no where to go. Why didn't our town government think ahead to all possible ramifications when permitting this extensive growth? This town has been forever changed in so many ways. Now we are going to kill the deer? Very sad. There are other ways.

I'd like to point out that while I know people who have been diagnosed with Lyme, they did not get the illness in our area. In almost every case, it was picked up in western NY. I'm also not in favor of any lethal deer control methods. That will not help the tick situation and culls have been proven to not be very effective. There's no need to kill them.

I live next to a nature preserve. I moved here because I enjoy nature and like to spot the critters in my yard. The deer can be a nuisance sometimes but that's something we have to live with after taking over their habitats. I don't however like the amount of deer ticks that have increased in my yard and found on my body and my child's. I grew up in this neighbor and have never found a single tick until this year. I have now found several. We have had to make tick checking a part of our routine with our 2 year old. I would like to hear more information on how to control ticks and things the town would consider doing. I would be utterly against something like blanket poisoning but would consider something more natural.

We have had 3 cases of Lyme in 4 years. Two of which were in our kids ages 5 and 10. We have also lost a car to a deer in the past 4 years. Please do whatever is possible to reduce the potential of getting Lyme disease in town. If it means drastically reducing the deer population do that. Thank you so much for this survey and interest in this issue.

I'd be interested in hearing about any plans to deal with the deer population, but mainly because I would oppose most any methods of sysematically culling them. We have grown and developed in the last 20 years, and this had caused our own problem--what exactly can we do now, since we haven't been concerned about it in the past? We've taken away all the land, forests, & space they naturally habitat, and since we obviously can't have too much hunting in the populated areas, we can't really effectively control their population. I hope we can come up with some kind of birth control or other humane way of finding a way to co-exist.

Keep the weeds trimmed back. Especially along the sides of the road. That way drivers have a betTer chance of seeing deer that may be about to cross the road and drivers will have a chance to slow down or stop if necessary. Soon it will be the rutting season and there are many areas where the tall weeds grow right up to the guardrail or the edge of the road and block visibility for drivers. Not much of a suggestion but if you are aware of what is there it sure helps.

The deer were here first. Perhaps we should control the amount of expansion and new construction that eliminates their natural habitat instead of looking to move or eliminate the deer.

How about a program such as they have in CT where hunters are given special permits to bow hunt deer near residences in cooperation with the homeowners.

The question pertaining to the deer population being a problem or not: I think there is a sizeable population, but I really don't know if that population is a problem or not.

There is the occasional deer that walks through my backyard, but I have never found it to be a problem.

I think NYS should open up the Deer Hunting Season to a minimum of 2 deer per hunting license
Overdevelopment of deer's habitat is really the problem.

Deer population in Albany County is out of control. Daily sighting / contact....every other year hunters should be able to harvest unlimited quantities to reduce population....not sure if even that would work.

We have a large group of deer living between our yard and the rear neighbors. They bed there and have done a great deal of damage to shrubs and gardens. We regularly see 2does and 4-6 fawns. This seems to

be a much larger group than we have seen in past years. In the past we would see 1-2 does which moved around more than our current group does. Central Delmar
Perhaps an urban growth boundary could be implemented so as development will not encroach on the deer habitat.

Are hunters aware of hunting opportunities in town.

I am nervous about any kind of pesticide spraying. I would not want any tick reduction methods to affect other beneficial insects such as butterflies and bees. I'd rather live with our current methods of tick control than harm pollinators.

There are many other animals that carry ticks that cause diseases. and the tick problem is not just in Bethlehem. As Bethlehem is developing all the property in and around town, it is going to see a movement of deer populations - they are seeking new places to live and are forced out of their natural habitats. Perhaps more deer crossing signs should be erected on roads. Residents should be fined if they are feeding the deer/other wild animals. Also, if people take the time to research natural tick control in their yards they will reduce the amount of ticks. We have approx. 6 acres of land and only find ticks on us if we are working out in the wooded/thick brush areas. Never in the grass yard. Mulching along wood lines, using fencing and environmentally friendly sprays around gardens will deter both deer, squirrels and other wildlife from getting into gardens/flower beds. Killing deer - if that is where this survey is really taking the town is not the solution. Glad you are taking a survey though.

i am wondering what you are suggesting with this survey. It sounds like you are suggesting we kill deer to deal with the tick problem. That would be horrifying and absurd. i am also wondering who is conducting this survey and i certainly hope that whomever is has a degree in wildlife management. The fact that you are suggesting that the deer population should be controlled because they are a nuisance to you is really offensive.

I think deer are part of the problem, but the survey is not addressing the small rodent...usually mice, that keep ticks in people's living space. It is not just a deer problem.

I am of the opinion that we have reduced the natural habitat of wild- life to such an extent the open space for them has caused deer to visit developed areas, not to mention the provision of food, i.e. Gardens....any actions need to take into consideration what we, man, has done to cause this problem. Ticks are a problem, solution is a vaccine for people...there was one but the drug company ceased production...as with production of drugs the companies need to make a profit.

I would prefer to see people take personal responsibility for managing deer damage and ticks before resorting to chemical tick control or herd culling for deer. Do tick checks regularly, drive slowly and carefully when deer are present and assume they will eat some of the vegetation - they live here too. Fence your veggies.

Tic are found not only on deer. Lyme disease education is a must! Lyme disease is not the only disease which comes from tics. I am 8 years chronic...unable to afford treatment

Disease carrying mosquitos along wet areas of the Albany water line are a concern.

I am very pleased that the town is taking the increase in Lyme Disease seriously. Yes, lyme disease (and other, sometimes more dangerous diseases) is transmitted by deer ticks which are carried by deer. But, rabbits and mice also carry these ticks. These types of animals are much harder to control. I support the town investigating deer population control options such as increased issuance of hunting permits. I DO NOT support the use of pesticides. It would be exchanging one health threat for another. One final thought, if the town is serious about controlling the deer population is has to bring back a moratorium on development. It is no mystery why deer are coming into peoples backyards. We have taken away their habitat in Bethlehem with the sharp increase in development.

Deer population has been allowed to get way out of control. We have them in our yard all the time and loud noises don't scare them off; they just look at you. The deer population needs to be thinned out, perhaps raising limit of number of deer killed during hunting season might help. They are a hazard to all of us and cause serous injuries or death if involved with a car. PLEASE do something.

I am strongly against the use of any pesticides. If a natural deterrent can be found, I would consider it, but I think pesticides pose a greater human health risk than ticks.

I looked into obtaining a deer nuisance permit from DEC but there are too many neighbors within the notification radius. May I suggest contraceptives for the deer. It would mean putting it into food. Otherwise I could go out and wrestle with them since they don't mind my getting within 5' of them.

Anything we can do to reduce the population of mice carrying the ticks and the general populace is great. I know Long Island does spraying for ticks and we do the anti-tick lawn treatment, but a town management spraying for ticks would be great. In light of the significant disease they cause, I will happily embrace chemicals.

This is a statewide problem and should be handled through state funds. I am being forced out of my home of more than 10 years by the unfair tax hikes in Bethlehem through the fiscally unsound practices of the power mad local democrats.

Deer in my yard almost every day. Ate my garden.

There is a HUGE tick problem in Bethlehem. Both my husband and I have had Lyme and the co-infections carried by ticks. We both had babesiosis, and bartonella and echinechea all tick borne infections. In addition

we have been re-infected more than once. My husband won't let my son do yard work because of this problem. My neighbor had four members of his family come down with Lyme and these co-infections. It should be noted that ticks are carried by more than just deer. Mice, other rodents and some even are claiming mosquitoes carry ticks. Therefore controlling the deer population does not eliminate ticks. Although I know many in Bethlehem are concerned about the deer population, I think these two topics should be dealt with separately. This is a committee I would like to be on if the physicians are Lyme literate. Sue Kilgallon 475-7816.

I moved here from a very rural area - we had a small group of deer (5-6) that worked our neighborhood. Yes a residential neighborhood. The tick population became worse with the increase in deer. And the deer tick is known for Lyme transmission. This part of NY is just north of areas that have high Lyme incidence. It would be to the best interests of the populace to deal with the deer. Although deer are wonderful to look at they can become a nuisance - between automotive accidents and landscaping destruction.

I would want the culling of the herd to be done in as humanely a way as possible and in keeping with the best practices that have been developed.

I think the questions on this survey could have been better designed. For instance, is there a way to reduce the tick population without killing the deer? If so, what are the options?

In the nine years I have lived on McMillen Place, near Four Corners, there have always been deer around. The increasing and continuous development along Delaware Ave seems to be connected to the increasingly larger numbers of deer in this neighborhood. It used to be that most of the deer were active at night and many nights I would have to wait for deer to move off my driveway to drive in or out. Now deer are present at all times of the day and night. On a recent afternoon I had four deer interested in my vegetable garden. I had to wait for them to move on before I could move in to pick tomatoes. The garden fencing, mesh coverings and Deer Off repellent do not prevent the deer from knocking through the fencing. For years I feed the birds using squirrel-proof feeders. This winter I had to stop feeding the birds as deer constantly emptied the feeders and I could not keep up with the cost of seed. Over the years I have learned what plants deer do not like as much but in bad winters the deer will eat what ever they can to survive.

Deer aren't the problem...it is the constant building that is supposed to reduce taxes but only seems to make them go up. I love seeing deer walking around our area.

Thanks for looking into this.

I have read that mice are just as likely, if not more likely, than deer to spread ticks.

Deer and ticks were here first, If you don't like it.... Leave.

I live along the woods between Kenaware and Borthwick. Deer live in my yard, a dozen or more at once. They sleep in my backyard. I've given up all gardening. My wife and dog both have Lyme disease. The deer are a nuisance - sometimes so bad I can't even get in my driveway.

Thanks for doing this survey - I do think it is an issue that should be addressed at the town level. The numerous deer in Slingerlands are not shy at all, and routinely munch on plants that are supposedly deer resistant! Also, walking on the rail trail in Slingerlands, my dog got 8 ticks in one day. Many of my neighbors have contracted Lyme disease, so this is a constant concern for my family.

If concerns about the deer population in the area are primarily driven by tick-borne disease concerns, I would urge you to consider research that suggests that tick populations are driven more by small mammal populations rather than deer. <http://www.caryinstitute.org/newsroom/study-questions-link-between-increases-lyme-disease-and-deer> While Lyme disease is found in deer ticks, deer ticks are not limited to living on deer. They are found in animals ranging from birds to small mammals to foxes and deer. It would be a disservice to the community to focus on the deer population just because the tick known for transmitting Lyme disease share a name.

The deer thrive in areas posted No Hunting. I spend much time outdoors in the Town. Based on observation of the local deer herd over the past 20 years I believe the local deer population is above average and growing ,

I find myself thinking about ticks when I plan a landscape for my yards. I wish I could have a wilder, natural habitat for nature - I'd love to have a "wilder" backyard similar to a forest and meadow, that would attract lots of wildlife - but fear that I'll attract too many ticks. My daughter was husband were bit and sickened, my husband recovered, but my daughter still does not feel well. I fear it's a matter of time before our whole family gets bitten and/or sickened. Makes me sad.

The deer are a nuisance-just like rabbits now-don't even move when you beep the horn or scream out the house window.

I have live through serious Lyme disease, serious problems, serious efforts to return to good health. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at dharder@mail.nysed.gov

We have deer in our neighborhood almost daily (KenawareAve). They aren't highly destructive, but we have certain perennial blooms that the deer can't resist. We have a dog - which does not deter the deer unless he's in the yard - so the tick population is the bigger concern. Lyme vaccines are not 100% effective, nor are tick repellants. In summation I have less concern with the deer than I do with the ticks. But since the deer carry the ticks with them, I understand that to control the insect population we must also control the animal-carrier population.

Do whatever is prudent to significantly reduce the number of deer in the Town of Bethlehem. This includes allowing bow and arrow hunting and sterilization techniques. No poisoning though.

Although I enjoy the deer population in my neighborhood and on my property, I am fearful of driving at times. I live off of Font Grove Road, "Deerfield" or Surrey Mall neighborhood.

let people have chickens;they eat ticks;leave the deer alone.;stop building so many houses,leave open space.

Just this week I saw 4 deer crossing Elm Ave right by the church across from Murray Ave all at one time. 4 deer!!

I walk every morning and always see at least one deer. Many times I see a mother with two fawns. We have deer sleep in our back yard frequently and if we try to make noise to get them to go away, they look at us like we're crazy!

Th problem has become intense in the winter, with as many as six deer regulaly late at night in my yard and neighbors yards in a residential neighborhood

It's true that the deer sometimes do eat my flowers and berries, but I love to see them hanging out in my backyard. One of the things I like most about where we live is all the wildlife we've seen right in our yard: Deer, Rabbits, Foxes, Otters, and Groundhogs. I'd probably be OK with fewer squirrels though.

The town has significantly more deer than it did ten years ago. I used to see deer once or twice a season. Now I see them once or twice a month on the roads and weekly in my yard.

I think that deer are a significant problem. We have them go through the yard every day. There are babies and yearlings and does. They have worn paths through the underbrush. They are a real nuisance.

I would really like the option of keeping some guinea hens at my residence to consume the ticks. This would be the preferred way to reduce their numbers and avoid exposing my family to more chemicals. Why will the town not adjust their regulations to allow limited chickens or guinea hens?

I would like any remedies to be healthy and humane. I appreciate you looking into it!

Thank you for looking into this issue!

I love the deer and sharing space and my yard with these gentle creatures

Some communities have allowed hunters to use bows to hunt deer in specified areas of town. If this can be done safely,it might be worth considering.

I think the cause and effect relationship between ticks and deer has been exaggerated. Ticks landing on deer are just a short part of the life cycle of the tick. If the deer were not here, the ticks would just land on another animal. Having said that, the deer are still a major problem. Not so much because of what they eat, but because of the hazard they cause on the road. Two years ago both my daughter and I had accidents involving deer. I hit one on the Delmar bypass - minor damage to my front end. She hit one on Slingerlands bypass - major damage to her car. The traffic circle area by the Shop Rite is always full of deer, especially at night. We have an entire family of deer that literally live in the forested area behind our house. There is a deer waiting for me in my driveway almost every day when I get home! It gets worse every year.

There has been so much construction in the last few years in and around our area that I feel we have given the deer little choice but to live among us. I am not sure if there has been a surge in the deer population in Bethlehem or if we just see more because the deer have been forced out of their habitats. As much as I would like to reduce the impact to my garden, my family and I enjoy living in an area where we see wildlife on a regular basis on our property.

The deer sighting sin our neighborhood (off upper Wemple) has been very high this year. They seem to have little fear and come within 30 feet of humans. I also noticed many on 9w between the bridge and Walmart.

Have lived on Pine St 27 years; have noticed significant increase in deer over past two years. Previously we never saw them in the yard, except occasionally in winter. Now they show up about twice a month. We saw fawns in May and another set in September this year. Because there are no predators, the population is becoming so dense that there is not enough food, so they are coming into yards to feed.

Thank you for your work on this committee!

Like rats, only bigger.

I have made numerous changes in the activities that I do outdoors and the protection in doing so, and several times per month I find a tick either on myself or my dogs. I come across several deer on a weekly basis while walking my dog in the Town of Bethlehem, and they seem to not have much fear of people or dogs. I have also come close several times in the past 6 months of hitting numerous deer. Eighteen months ago, my car received significant damage from a car/deer collision. Something must be done with the deer population in the Town of Bethlehem.

I see deer every night walking the dog, 9PM-11PM. It's nice to see deer... ticks are the problem. (I realize that's easier said than done). I don't know how wide spread the tick problem is in Bethlehem but my dad (lives in Delmar too) got lyme disease from a tick bite a couple years back and is still receiving on going medical treatment. Thank god for good health insurance through work, that's all I can say!!!

I feel the over population of deer that people are experiencing in their yards and landscaping are due to the over development of this town. We have completely taken away THEIR HABITAT !!! I have doe and yearlings in my yard every Summer !! This is the beauty of living in a rural area. People need to fence their landscaping, It's that simple. As for ticks you must check yourself and children after being outside ! People should be more concerned about the condos and housing developments that are popping up everywhere in our town ! Our so called GREEN space is being sucked up, even though we have a committee for that as

well. Our hunting season is just fine for our deer population / disease control. The problem are humans not willing to take the time to cover their landscaping ! I have been doing it for 17 years now, full length fences !! Is it work , yes. But don't whine that the deer have ate your shrubs and then blame it on over population. too many deer, too domesticated. driving hazard, health hazard. landscaping harm is significant I have had 2 children diagnosed and treated for Lyme. We have a large odd shaped yard with wood in the back so it would be costly and difficult to fence. The deer are comfortable with humans that they will stand still in the yard while we walk to the detached garage to go to our cars. The come up to our house and eat the roses. We love seeing the deer and other wildlife but the population has grown and continues to grow without any predators to balance it out. We have stopped even having a bird feeder because they would ransack it. We have reluctantly had to apply chemicals to the lawn to kill ticks and we are not happy about it but worry about the kids, or ourselves getting a tick borne illness. We consulted a Connecticut govt site or CCE site that recommended a mulch barrier 3-4 feet wide between the lawn and the woods and we may try that but it again would be costly given the size of our yard and woodline. Thanks for looking into this and we look forward to seeing the results.

I would not want to see any deer injured or killed in order to reduce the population.....

Lyme disease is a significant problem in our area. It impacts our lives daily by adding a big stressor between trying to get rid of ticks , tick checks and pulling ticks out.

Three out of four persons in my household have contracted lime disease

The deer pass through our yard almost daily, and they ate half of my garden. However, I think they are majestic and beautiful animals. I smile when I see them, and I bring my toddler to the window to look at them. If statistics show a substantial benefit for road safety, I would support culling. But, I would rather do a little extra work in the garden than see even one deer harmed.

It is an issue that has to be addressed--- my family has hit deer twice with much damage to the cars -- one night as I pulled into my driveway on Brookview Ave off Kenwood, a herd of deer were on my front lawn and several jumped over the hood of my car -- some mornings they can be seen walking down Kenwood toward the ball park --- we need to resolve this problem ASAP

Way too many deer in the area and on roads. A four foot high fence does not keep them out of yards. How about a bait that would sterilize deer, so they could not reproduce?

I am a teacher at Glenmont School. When the students go in the Big Backyard, they typically return with a tick(s) on them. Sometimes when the students are playing kickball in the field or playing in the areas surrounding the playground, they find ticks on them when they come back inside. I have avoided the Big Backyard because of this.

While I think it is tempting to "blame" the deer for the spread of tick borne illnesses I think this may be more about the nuisance factor as it relates to landscaping in our town. Isn't it the smaller animals like rabbiit and squirrel who deposit the ticks near people and our pets?

I live close to the Delaware Ave plaza. I rarely see the deer on my street during the daylight hours but they come around my property often at night and eat my hostas. My neighbors feed them and I welcome the wildlife. I worry less about the deer than about the ticks. I've had to treat my yard (my brother had a few ticks jump on him), and my neighbors said their daughter got a tick on her while walking along the rail trail nearby....

On many nights, when my white cat returns home, she will walk in the house with 4-6 ticks crawling on her back. We live in the Longmeadow Drive area, near the BC High School. Its really frightening to know that these ticks are so many in population. My family lived in Colonie for 15+ years before moving to Delmar and never saw a tick on any of our animals or family members. In addition, we have a summer home on a lake up north, in a very wooded area-my family has been there for 70+ years-and again I want to point out no ticks on pets or people there either- Why?Because there are not alot of deer in Colonie and no deer at our lake house-too many deer in Delmar. Thanks for the survey.

The deer are a real problem! Not sure what can be done, but they are everywhere.

It would be nice to be able to reduce the tick population but I would not want general spraying of insect ices in neighborhoods. Probably more effective to reduce tick habitat and deer population.

The problem is the freedom given to the builders in this town. How can a wooded wetland be considered appropriate for building ? I've seen wetland wooded area that wasn't considered wooded wetland because it was more than ONE parcel of land-- and each small parcel wasn't large enough to qualify as wooded wetland (but taken together,the small parcels would be an area large enough to qualify). Stop the greed !!!! "me and my immediate family" -- did I really see that in this questionnaire?

Recently I've been hearing more and more talk about wishes to reduce the deer population in Bethlehem, and I sincerely think that this line of thinking, along with the clearly leading questions in this survey, are backwards and unfair to the environment. More and more people complain that their immaculate gardens are being trampled by deer without considering the cause of the problem: our insatiable lust for huge houses and expansive property is making us invade swaths of land previously inhabited only by the wildlife, including deer. The perceived increase in their population is not a problem; it is a symptom of us blindly entering their territory without any consideration of the consequence. In short, my answer to the second to last question of this survey is a resounding "no". When examining the issue of deer from the perspective of humans moving into the forests of Bethlehem, the deer aren't a problem in our home, we're a problem in theirs.

We have a 1 yr old dog that already has Lyme disease.

Thanks for working on this complicated and serious issue.

I am in favor of looking at methods to contain deer ticks but I do not want further chemical use in the Town. It could be more damaging to humans, birds and pets than Lyme disease itself (I am also in favor of a Townwide ban on lawn companies that use anything except strictly organic products (no GMO and Nano products allowed either). As an alternative to chemicals, could DEC introduce birth control products, or have trained staff kill deer and provide the meat to food pantries in the Albany area? Due to major disruption in deer habitat because of over development the deer population has come into closer contact with humans to feed. Continued efforts by the Town to preserve open spaces might solve some of the problem but other more aggressive efforts will need to be undertaken to deal with the current numbers of deer.

As the new patient advocate at the stram center for integrative medicine in Delmar, I handle calls everyday from people who are suffering from Lyme disease and from people who have been bitten by ticks and looking for advise.

We see deer at Normanside all the time

The deer Need someplace to live too! We have developed so many lots, they have no place.

Live in Elsmere on Mason Road. Deer hang out in woods at end of my road and in woods in back of my house. Jump my fences and eat arbovite, tulips and hosta. Had to cut down arbovite in front of house due to damage. Only flowers can grow are daffodils.

I live in a rural area so although there are deer they are not much of a problem in our yard/roads. In Delmar I see them in yards and roads. Lyme disease has been a problem for many family members.

I live in Elsmere, my wife and I and my dog all were diagnosed with lyme in 2007. my wife and dog got better, but I'm still fighting the effects. It's a terrible disease!!

I strongly agree that the deer population in Delmar is a problem that is growing each year.

Guinea fowl are the only natural predators for deer ticks. Allowing residents to keep birds is the lowest-impact and most effective way to combat them. All insects develop resistance to pesticides which pose threats to local flora and groundwater. Please avoid poisoning our homes with harmful pesticides. Also: ticks exist without deer as hosts, so targeting the deer would have minimal success, if any.

the town is over populated with houses--thus driving the deer out of their natural homes--if there were less houses/developments the deer could stay where they belong--don't really think we need another committee---just a little common sense

pesticides would be a last resort

Allow more hunting to reduce the number of deers.

The deer wander down the middle of the road, along the sides, and run across the roads. We have a fenced in yard for our dog, our cats are indoor. They have all had ticks in the past...we use frontline.

Deer and ticks are not evil and obviously thrive near humans. It is unfortunate when this leads to negative interactions with us. Most of us can cope fine with a little wildlife disturbance now and then. I do support looking into this matter, however I believe any effective actions will be highly specific to small localized areas. A broad control method is currently not palatable to most communities and still in its infancy of development.

Deer population is out of control. There needs to be a concerted effort to remove or kill off a large number of deer.

I would like to see more information on the negative affects caused by this horrible disease, lyme disease. an educational forum would be a good thing.

Tick prevention on dogs is an absolute necessity for residents of Delmar.

I would like to know more about the type of methods that would be used for reducing tick and deer population before I answer the two questions above.

Let the deer be. The normal hunting is adequate in reducing the population. Stop destroying the vacant land by overtaxing owners and forcing them to sell so the land can be developed.

It is sad that this is the biggest issue that the town is surveying residents on. Why not survey the residents on town services, taxes or leadership.

There is certainly a huge population that is quite comfortable, but I would not want to find them shot or injured. My car accident w/ the deer was the deer running into my car- I saw them and stopped and it ran into me anyway.

I feel bad for the deer because we moved in on their land. I really like living together with them in the community and would not want to see them hunted, trapped, or killed. Of course, I would like a magical antidote to the tick/Lyme problem. But, ticks have a place in the animal kingdom, too, and I'm guessing that supporting the science/medical community towards a cure for Lyme disease is probably the place to put our resources.

Need to look into deer population management but, the Town should consider setting aside open spaces within the community to accommodate deer and provide for neighborhood parks. Concerned about the increased activity of residential/commercial development (e.g., space between cemetery and Marshall Plaza on Feura Bush) v. land preservation.

If you choose to reduce deer population, natural selection works best where a natural predator stalks the weakest, lamest deer. Of, course this is not an option, but a program that mimics it could work. Allowing

hunting has the exact opposite effect - hunters seek the "trophy", generally the large buck with a big rack. This creates a lame, weak, disease-prone herd. Not what you want in Bethlehem. Author has a BS in Environmental Science.

My family has become completely obsessed with ticks because of the ticks we have in town. Three members of our family have been treated for Lyme. We check ourselves every day for ticks. My 11 year old son is terrified of them because of his horrible experiences with them. He has been treated twice for Lyme because of finding engorged ticks on him. He has had fevers of 103 for days because of tick bites. It is so sad to us how our lives have changed because of those horrible creatures! We had family visit this summer from California and we had to explain to them how they had to check their children for them every night. They were disgusted, as are we! The deer are a problem because of landscaping and car accidents, but for us, the TICKS are the real public health issue that MUST be addressed, not just by our community but statewide. Get rid of deer, and it will lower the tick population. Hunt them, spray the town, whatever. We don't care. Just get rid of them!!!!

The fall season is when I see deer more often in my front yard, eating the acorns that have fallen on the grass. The deer droppings are a nuisance too.

I think it's irresponsible for the town to continue to green light overdevelopment within its borders (see Pines at Normanside; the Gables; ShopRite Plaza; Waldenmaier Subdivision at Kenwood Avenue/Rockefeller Road, to name a few off the top of my head since I've lived here). Watching these developments go in is sickening and an eyesore on the town. The continued destruction of animal habitat will undoubtedly increase the number of interactions that occur. It's time for the town to be more responsible. I'd love to see the number of available houses currently on the market in the town, as well as the average length of time they are on the market. I don't believe the need for this development exists at this point. Jamming these houses in to the lots they've carved out of green space is doing nothing but creating buzz from residents about leaving, as the quaintness of the town is slowly slipping away.

I live off Feura bush road and several years ago would see "private" signs posted to be aware of deer. I have not even seen a deer in my wooded back yard or on the nearby roads. I think the deers have disappeared.

I see a family of at least 8 deer that live and bed down behind my house on a daily basis. Each year there are 2 new fawns.

In our neighborhood, around our home, we see a family of deer several times a day who unabashedly come within several yards of people and cars. The deer population poses not only an inconvenience for those trying to upkeep their yards but they are a serious and constant threat to our safety and health.

There should be less development of the Bethlehem area, the deer have less land for a healthy living. The deer continue to overpopulate, have less land and food resources, thus creating larger herds for disease and other issues to negatively affect them. I feel hunters should have more opportunities to help control the deer population since there are less predators to deer, in addition to feeding their families. It seems the number of Lyme disease cases has increased and there are many undiagnosed cases that are affecting our residence. My biggest concern is the ticks and wanting to protect my family. Thank you for conducting this study.

Tough to balance wild life and suburban life--but I believe there will be some viable solutions

Specialized hunting as they do in towns in CT.

We need to remember that all this new building is replacing animal habitats.

we are in Feura Bush. Not on your list.

I think Lyme disease is a huge public health problem and am glad that the Town is looking into this.

Olde Delmar. I love the deer but we need to maintain a safe, healthy neighborhood. I would like experts to access the tick problem and foliage damage from deer in our neighborhood to see if it is more than minor overall and if it is, and if it will just get worse, then something should be done about it or at least a plan put in place to implement as needed.

I am 100% against any action that would harm our deer population. Remember - they were here first! We are living in their backyards, not vice versa!

There are way too many and the environment cannot sustain them. I would be in favor of controlled (regulated) harvesting. I would even pay for it. Have you seen the price of hamburger?

There are a lot of deer but I feel it's a complicated issue made worse by over-development which has disrupted the eco-system by turning forested areas into large lawns. From what I've read, culling the deer might appeal to homeowners who don't like having their plants eaten but it's not going to fix the Lyme disease epidemic. The Committee is probably already aware of Target Lyme Disease, Connecticut's Lyme disease prevention program, which takes a multi-pronged approach to educating the community about tick-borne illness prevention, deer-resistant planting and treating the hosts of ticks--deer and white footed mice--with a topical application of pesticide. Thanks to the Committee for embarking on this project!

I have seen more deer in drives around the community this year than ever before: a deer and fawn ran across yard at intersection of Wemple & Feura Bush about two weeks ago. Earlier, two deer ran in front of me on Elsmere Ave. (heading toward Feura Bush). Also, two crossed in front of me on By-pass near Murray Ave. I have also seen solo deer in Chadwick Square. I encourage the Committee to seek in-put from other communities that may have controlled a large deer population. We are not responsible animal caregivers if we don't reduce the number of deer in our community.

There are more important things to deal with.

I am a pest control company here in Delmar. Bug Bee Gone. I routinely go into and service areas of known Lyme disease. This is a high concern for many people and often an entire neighborhood is affected. This has been a growing problem for years now.

It's foolish to think that the Town can in any way reduce the deer population. You will simply push them in another direction and create the same problem for a neighboring community. Besides, it's our actions, our continued need for more development that is taking away their natural habitats. What would expect would happen? You cannot just simply keep taking the habitat away and not expect the animals to adapt to this new environment.

Just wondering what the methods would be to reduce the deer population.

As construction around town destroys the natural deer habitat, of course they are in our yards more often. We need to find a balance between killing the deer and destroying their habitats.

I would like to see less deer in my neighborhood

I generally see 5-6 deer in my yard, neighborhood

I jog in "Old Delmar" in the morning and have been almost hit by deer several times. There are several areas that the deer come out of the woods when I am running. I typically cough and make noise when I pass these areas. I see deer on many of my runs even when they are not running out from small patches of woods or yards. They are a nuisance at this point.

Thank you for your attention to these matters that are problematic in our community and hopefully finding a solution for them.

We regularly during all seasons have 2-5 deer walking thru our property- we back up to the waterline close to rte 32. We have a beautiful buck that roams around, As beautiful as the animal is I am very fearful of Lyme disease having had it once and also watching my sister being sick with it over 18 months. I fear for my neighbors who have small children that play in their back yards. We also have continual damage from the deer. No sense planting flowers etc. Also we all know that most MD's in our area have no clue about Lyme Disease. It's time for Bethlehem to take a stance and provide some sort of relief from the deer population. Don't let the "solution" become a bigger health hazard than the problem - i.e. pesticides.

Are there natural methods for reducing, like other insects that might eat them. I hate to do anything to harm the beautiful deer. On the other hand they are preventing us from enjoying our beautiful lands. I won't go in the woods until winter. My poor dog is very sick from tick disease. Tough stuff I am glad you are looking into. Control the deer population without killing them!

I live in Terramere and my dog died due to complications from Lyme. He was only 5. My entire development is manicured. He was never in grass more than 3 inches long. He was immunized etc.... The ticks are a huge problem. Thank you for asking.

I realize shooting guns in the village is not a viable option, but is it at all possible to allow more bow hunting to cut down the deer population? Perhaps residents could be surveyed if they would permit hunting on their property? I'm not a big hunter. I don't hunt every year, but it seems like the lack of hunting in the area allows the population to proliferate. Creative solutions to the problem are what is needed to abate deer. Lastly, residents need to be educated on the effects of feeding deer. There are residents who put out apples in the fall simply to watch deer in their backyard. This type of activity needs to be strongly discouraged. Thank you. Has it been shown in studies that by reducing the deer population, it will reduce the tick population ?

Delmar is an ideal location for white tail deer. Most roads aren't big issues for deer if you're following the speed limits. Ticks are an issue but mostly manageable and to a large extent the Lyme scare has been just that - a scare. The science supports that Lyme disease exists and is treatable - don't let this become another "don't put a cell tower on school property" panic which ends up with the tower closer to the elementary school (Eagle) and the school earns nothing from it due to fear and no science. Deer are manageable by choosing plantings better and will self manage much of their own population. Ticks are a manageable issue. Controlling tick populations starts with mice and chipmunks. The smallest hosts. There isn't a need to control the deer. As a hunter for 20+ years in a deer management area...I assure you that we don't have a deer population problem. The only problem is that people are upset their tomatoes and arborvitaes are being eaten.

THIS IS A HUGE PROBLEM. THANK YOU FOR GETTING COMMUNITY INPUT.

Ticks were very bad this year. I was able to partially control it with tick spray in my yard but it cost quite a bit to spray every few weeks.

While year-after-year there are certain areas of town where the deer are seen daily (along the roadside between the traffic circles in Slingerlands, in the yards along Darroch Rd and into Westchester Woods), the population seems to be significantly larger this year and there are a lot more fawns than I've ever seen in the 13 years we've resided in Delmar. Surprising, considering that we had the deepest snow last year of all the time we've lived here too. I would have thought that a tougher winter would have taken a greater toll but perhaps that is what pushed more deer into residential neighborhoods. Easy food. They used to steal from our bird feeders in the winter and broke one trying to get into it. I had to move my feeders up higher. We have three different sets of deer that travel through our residential yard and we see them several times a week 1) a doe with twins and another young doe that travels with them 2) two big does with a single fawn 3) a lone buck. I spray my landscaping two to three times a week with Deer Out and that works until it rains and

then they come through at night and mow everything down. I ended up installing a fence around my veggie garden, which kept them out, but looks less attractive. We are seeing deer more frequently during the daytime in our neighborhood than in years past. They are definitely a bigger nuisance this year. As for ticks, with all this deer activity in our yard so far we have not yet seen an increase in tick encounters at home. However, there has definitely been a rise in the number of times we've found ticks on ourselves at the Soccerplex, Elm Ave, and Eagle Elementary. Last year, Eagle was having the kids do tick checks when they came inside because several children in my daughter's class found ticks on themselves while out at recess or gym. We personally know six different families from Bethlehem who have at least one family member that tested positive for Lyme disease and most of them were children, some have been chronically sick. I would be interested in seeing proposals from Bethlehem on ways to better control ticks in our town. I appreciate the town looking into this matter and asking the public for input. I look forward to hearing the results of the study.

I think we definitely have a big problem with the deer in our area. We need an aggressive plan to cull the population.

Bethlehem is a very scary place to live because of the tick borne diseases and the co-infections associated with them. I wonder if our real estate value will go down because people don't want to live in Bethlehem. I've heard many horrible stories from tick borne diseases and coinfections. Again, very very scary.

I am much more concerned about the ticks and the tick-borne diseases than the deer. Birds and rodents can be bigger distributors of the ticks than the deer. However, the deer are a problem on the roads, and they have become much less wary of humans, cars and pets. While no one in my immediate family has yet hit one in Bethlehem, we have had several close calls.

A number of residents (adult and children) in my development (Cherryvale) have been diagnosed with Lyme disease. Any efforts to help curb the incidence of this disease would be appreciated.

I live in Elsmere on the Nornanside CC and deer are breeding grounds.. We have herds of deer on my front lawn. My concern is the managing of ticks. I hope there are limitations placed on the use of pesticides. I would hope for an alternative way. Thanks for this survey and for reaching out. This is an important topic to address in the town. I will check the webpage for more info.

I have found wood ticks on my dogs but not deer ticks. We have "dog sat" friends dogs from the Clifton Park area in February and found ticks on their dogs - even though it was winter time. Our vet now recommends keeping the dogs on Frontline all year rather than just the April to December months she used to recommend. Over this past summer/fall we have definitely seen more deer crossing the roads.

I think we should have an extended deer hunting season with extra deer kill being donated to the food pantry.

Lyme and associated tick borne illnesses are an epidemic in our community. They effect our families quality of life from attending schools to working. We must find a way to address this problem.

It would depend on the methods used to reduce the deer population

The deer population seems to be growing every year. We have them in the yard nearly every day, usually three to five.

Way to many Deer, Squirrels and Chipmunks. The deer, though cute, have become very friendly and don't scare easily.

I'm in favor of any non-chemical approaches to tick management.

The deer population needs to be drastically reduced. The herd is too large and fearless of humans. I have witnessed coyotes in my yard when fawns are born in early June. The town should consider allowing bow hunters to cull the heard by extending open season, and open up some no hunting areas.... I would welcome bow hunters on my property to harvest nuisance deer.

I like the deer, but not the ticks! I would really miss seeing the fawns in the spring if they were no longer around.

The deer are being forced out of their habitat by overdevelopment. I would not be in favor of killing deer because they are eating someones shrubs. And I would want more information.

History of car accidents with deer: Deer jumped into windshield on Feura Bush Road in 2004, damage to car but we were unharmed. Between Wemple and Jefferson. Deer died. 2007 Deer jumped onto hood of car on Rt 32 South near the old farm after Bender Lane before Elsmere Ave. Lots of damage. No people injured. Deer died. 2014 Deer bumped into front bumper scooted away, the circle near the new grocery store/Shop Rite? Slingerlands, the middle circle.

I feel the deer belong here just as much as us. If you don't want to see deer or have them in your yard, you should probably go move to NYC. We continue to build and build houses and shopping malls and continue to push the deer off the land. What do we expect?

I have had two close calls in recent months with a deer dashing across the road just ahead of my car. One was in Glenmont and I was able to swerve out of its way and the other incident was in Slingerlands with multiple deer in the road. I am glad to see the Town addressing this growing problem.

I think it's amazing that you are wasting time and money and this issue. Anyone who lives in this area knows we have to deal with these issues. Let's do surveys on things we have control over, like our government and services and ways to improve them. Only in Delmar would government study the wild animal populations.

as long as controlling tick population does not involve chemicals.

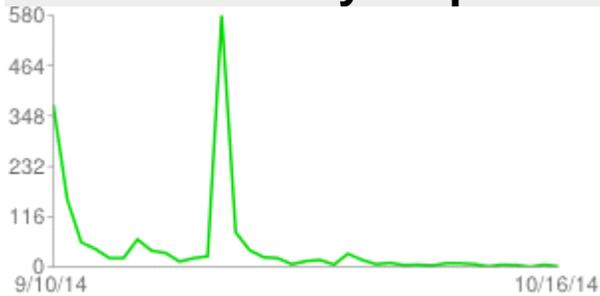
Besides myself, 2 other family members have had ticks imbedded in their skin.

Along with the tick problem, I wish someone would recognize the mosquito problem and the disease they spread as well.

I've had Lyme disease twice and was just released two weeks ago from a 5 day stay at St. Peter's for Ehrlichiosis (another tick-borne disease). I am sick of the ticks in Delmar. If you need help in this initiative you may email me at quinlan.mel@gmail.com

Thanks so much for your time. Please check out the Deer and Tick Borne Disease Committee webpage on (townofbethlehem.org) for information about the committee, upcoming meetings, and additional resources.

Number of daily responses



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