

Common Techniques for Urban Deer Management						
<u>Mgmt. Techniques</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Humaneness</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Effectiveness</u>	<u>Major Pros</u>	<u>Major Cons</u>
Contraception (DNR does not allow in MI)	Allowing deer to eat fertility control products to limit the number of deer fawns born each year	Very humane; deer feels no pain or discomfort of any kind.	Very expensive; most communities cannot afford this method.	Not very effective; researchers have not had very good results in testing this method.	Very humane and deer are not hurt	Is not a reliable method of removing deer; very expensive
Bow Hunting-Professional	Deer are removed from the population by professional archers	Humane; deer is killed quickly. Can become inhumane if a poor shot is taken.	Fairly expensive; archers may charge up to \$200 per deer.	Fairly effective; deer can become wary and it may be time consuming to remove enough deer.	Very safe for human residents	Can be expensive and take a long time
Bow Hunting-Recreational	Deer are removed from the population by recreational bowhunters (members of the public) that put in for tags.	Humane; deer is killed quickly. Can become inhumane if a poor shot is taken.	Very cheap; local residents pay the city for tags to remove deer instead of the city paying archers.	Fairly effective; deer can become wary and it may be time consuming to remove enough deer.	Safe for human residents and the cheapest method	May take a long time
Rifle Hunting	Deer are removed from the population by professional sharpshooters.	Very humane; deer is dispatched quickly and without pain.	Fairly expensive; sharpshooters may charge up to \$200 per deer.	Very effective; several deer can be removed in a very short time	Removes the most deer in the smallest amount of time	Can be expensive
Trapping & Relocation (DNR does not allow in Michigan)	Deer are trapped in the city and then released in rural areas.	Not very humane; deer suffer from stress of relocation and many die anyways.	Very expensive; relocating deer takes a serious effort to transport a live deer.	Not very effective; most deer either die from stress or move back to the spot where they were originally trapped.	Deer may live happily somewhere else	Many deer die anyway or return; very expensive
Trapping & Euthanasia	Deer are trapped in the city and euthanized at the site of the trap.	Fairly humane; deer suffers some stress in the trap but is dispatched of quickly and painlessly.	Fairly expensive; trappers may charge up to \$200 per deer.	Fairly effective; traps can be used where other methods cannot, however it is not always easy to get deer to enter traps.	Can be used much closer to homes than other methods; can be used 24 hours a day/7 days a week	May not always be able to lure deer into traps