

History of Deer Management in Hamilton, NY

2013	Sept: Deer populations measured in Town of Hamilton, NY
	Nov: Colgate students present research on deer population density and management options in Hamilton, NY. Upstae Institute
2014	Deer task force created by Town of Hamilton
	Sept: Deer populations measured
	Oct: Deer Task Force meets with Bernd Blossey, Cornell University, to discuss management in Trumansburg & Ithaca, NY
2015	March: Panel on Hamilton deer management strategy including panelists from Hamilton, Colgate, and DEC communities Presentation by Dr. Prusinski on Ticks and their diseases.
	June-Aug: Deer cull proposed and approved by Village of Hamilton
	Sept: Deer measured in Town, Deer & ticks measured in Village
	Dec-March: First deer cull
2016	Spring: Colgate course focuses on community perceptions of deer cull
	Sept: Two week deer cull
	Sept: Deer measured in Town, Deer & ticks measured in Village
	Nov: Community Forum, Colgate Students & Upstate Institute.

Town Survey Results

- 61% of town residents think that the deer population is too large, and 58% think it should be reduced;
- 50% of resident town hunters think that there are barriers to hunting in the Town of Hamilton, with 52% attributing this to the lack of hunting lands

Town Deer Management

Note: Private landowners manage their own lands through in-season hunting and various permitting through the DEC. Culling cannot occur on private town lands.

Recommendations:

- Facilitate and encourage more hunting on town lands by landowners;
- Deer Management Permits (DMPs) for large geographic areas;
- Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) for individual properties.
- Deer Damage Permits (DDPs). Deer reduction permits while damage is occurring.

Own Land? Have a Deer Issue?

Consider opening your land to local hunters.

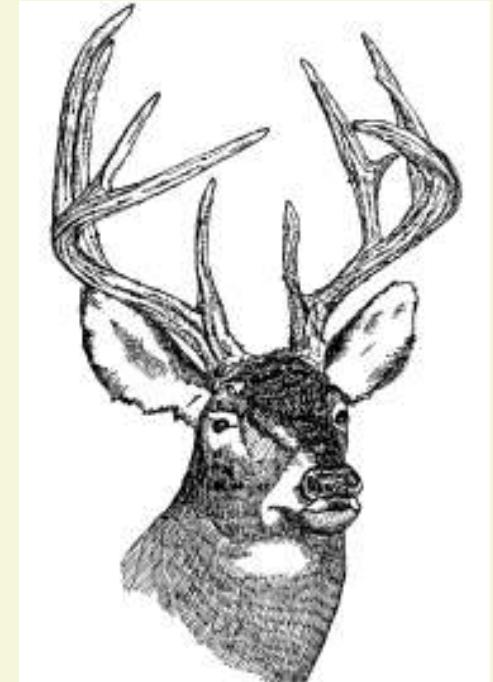
Contact the Town Office for details:

(315) 824-3380

For more information:

<http://hamilton-ny.gov/village-of-hamilton/deer-culling>

White-Tailed Deer Management in the Village of Hamilton, NY



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