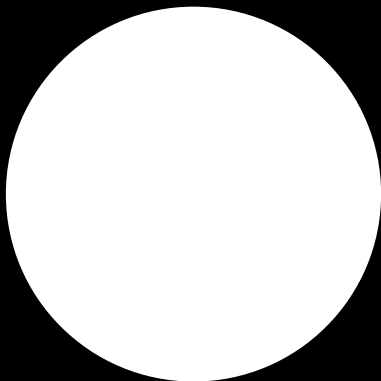




# ANN ARBOR IS WORRIED DEER EAT PLANTS.

Over \$250,000 of your taxpayer money will be used to close parks, study plants and shoot deer — instead of improving crosswalk and pedestrian safety, providing beds for the homeless this winter, or fixing traffic problems. This waste will happen for the next three years.

**Unless you say something.**



### **Special interest groups lobbied to have deer shot, and the City pay for it.**

Frustrated with deer eating their plants, some residents lobbied City Council to kill the deer. As landscaping complaints weren't enough, they argued there were other problems with deer.

### **Experts say we don't have too many deer.**

According to City data and wildlife experts, there are not too many deer in Ann Arbor. Even those who wanted deer killed say this is not an overpopulation problem. So why are we wasting time and resources on reducing the population?

### **The City is killing deer instead of reducing deer-vehicle collisions.**

Except for last winter—Ann Arbor's first deer cull—the rate of deer collisions in the City has been decreasing the past 5 years. A nearby city's cull ended in part because car crashes increased as deer fled the shooters. The rate of deer collisions in Washtenaw County decreased from 12% in 2010 to 9% in 2015.

If the City cared to reduce deer-car collisions further, they'd analyze hot spots (deer favor crossing in certain areas) and heed years of expert research proving the most effective methods are fencing, signage and education. The City has not yet designated monies for any of these.

### **Scientists say deer aren't responsible for Lyme.**

Up-to-date research says deer aren't to blame for Lyme disease, and Lyme disease foundations do not advocate for deer culls.

### **There are deer where some do not want them.**

Understanding landscape destruction is a concern for some, the Humane Society of Huron Valley advocates for affordable and easily implementable education, combined with non-violent problem-specific mitigation efforts, driven by clear data and specific goals. Other communities have done it; we can, too.

**Write [CityCouncil@A2gov.org](mailto:CityCouncil@A2gov.org).**

**Let them know shooting deer because they eat plants is a waste of your taxpayer money.**

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