Deer Management Survey

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DEER MANGEMENT SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

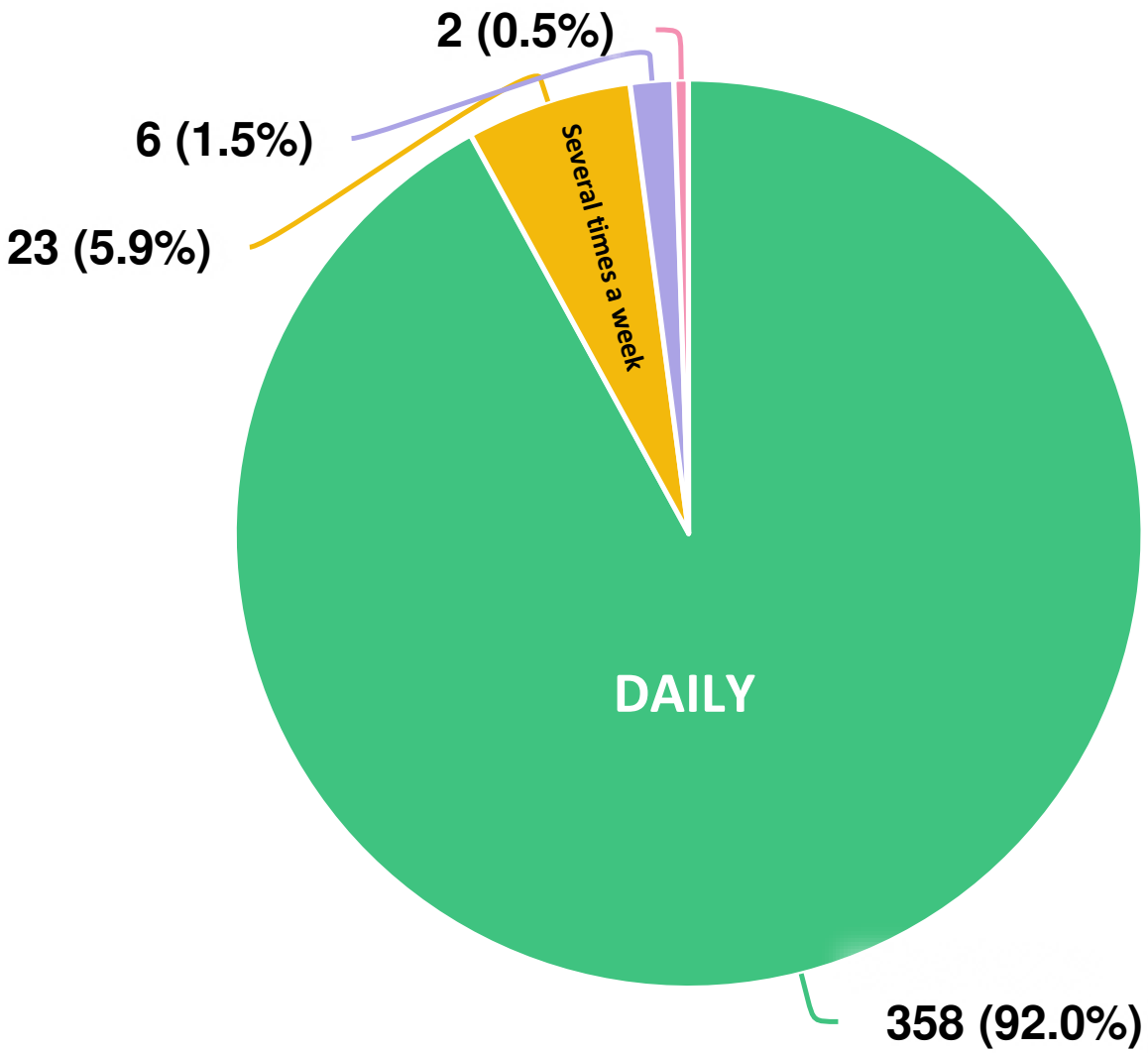


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SURVEY RESPONSES WITH GENERAL COMMENTS

A survey was offered to the public using the Town of Yarmouth's engagement website GetInvovledYarmouth.ca from February 22nd to March 24th, 2023. A paper version of the survey was also made available at town hall, and as a downloadable PDF. The intent of the survey was to receive input from the public to improve understanding of how the urban deer population affects the daily lives of residents, and to help make better decisions in the future as the group develops a management strategy. The following pages offer summary information from the survey, which received 389 total responses.

Q1 How frequently are you in Town?

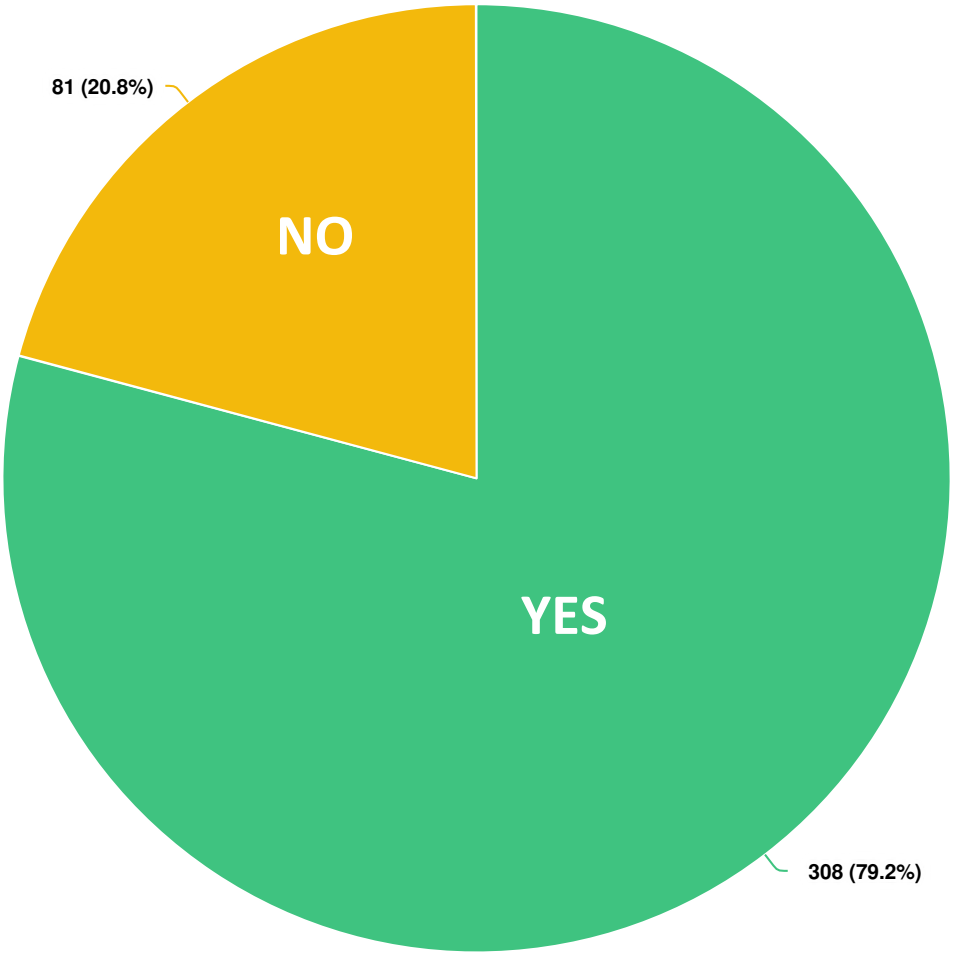


Question options

Daily | Several times a week | Several times a month | Less than once a month

Mandatory Question (389 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 Do you own property or reside in the Town of Yarmouth?

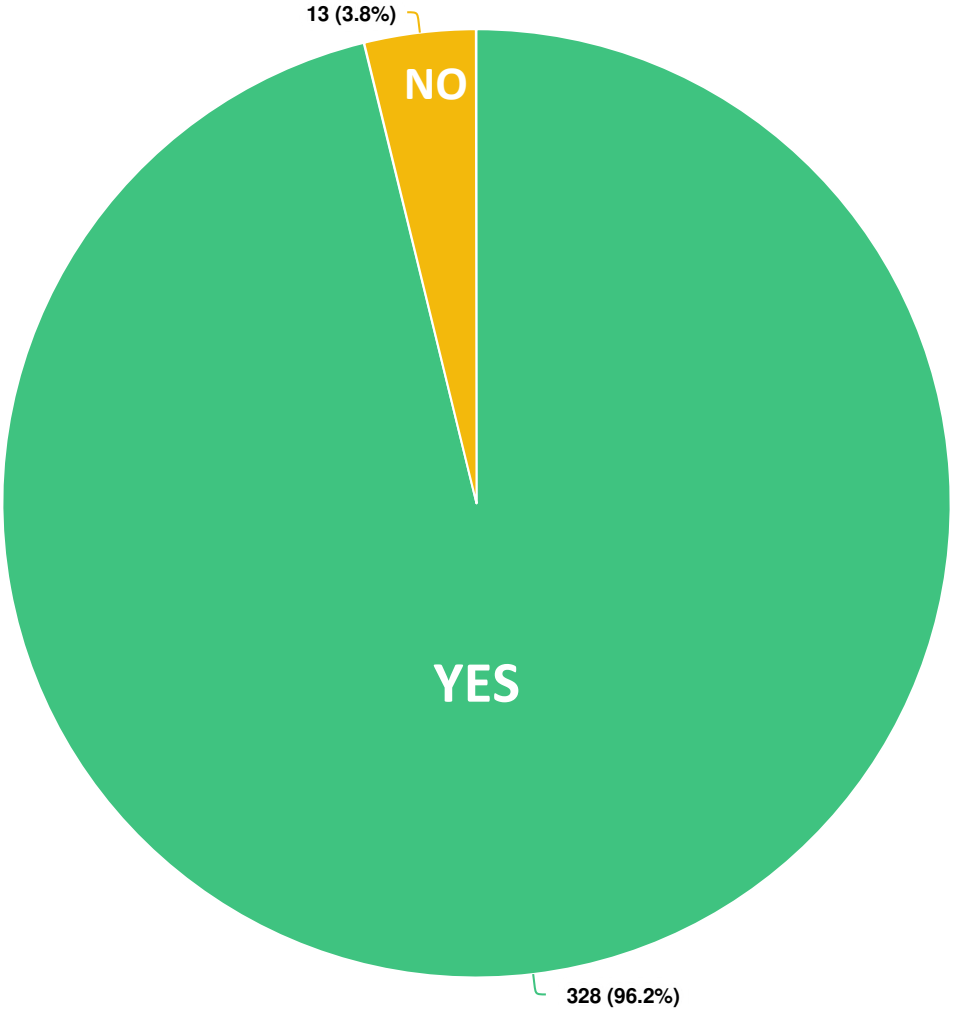


Question options

Yes No

Mandatory Question (389 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q3 Have you seen deer on your property?

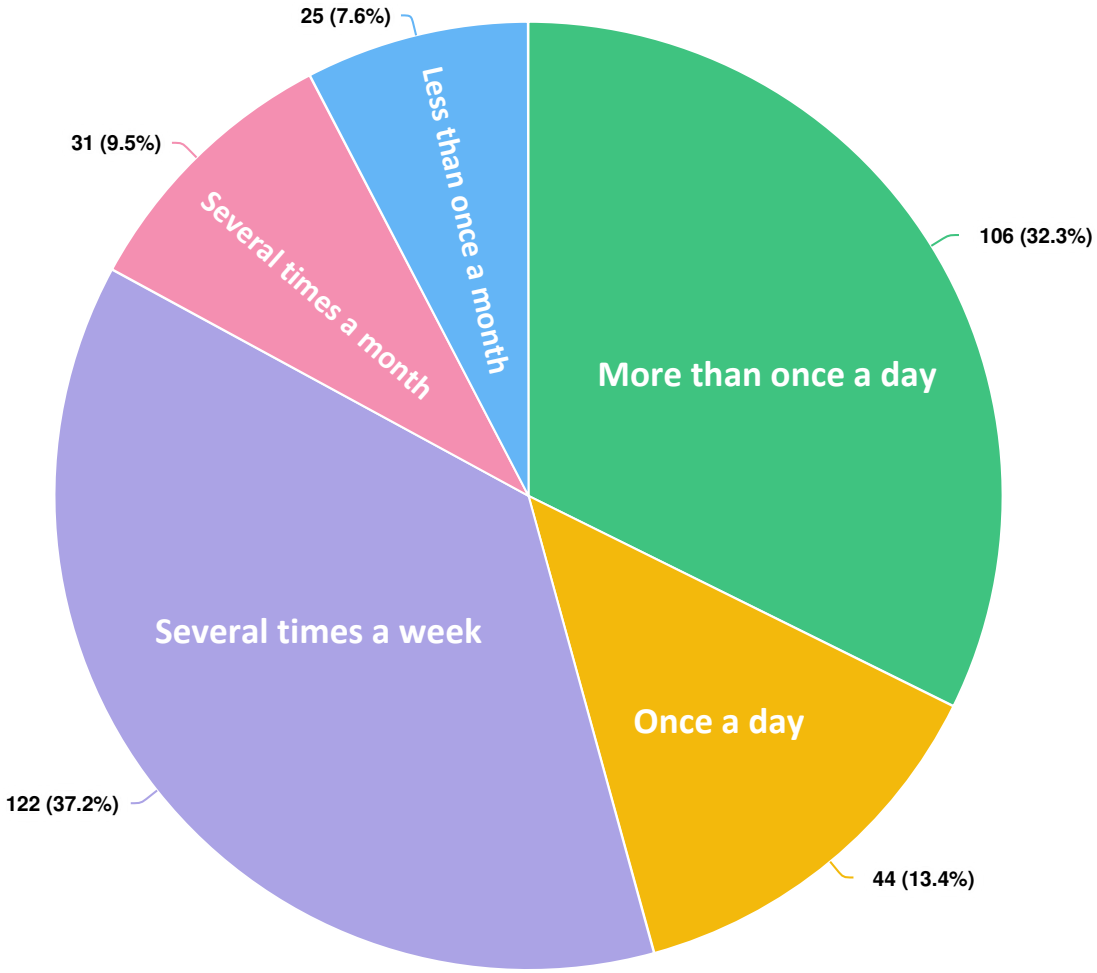


Question options

Yes No

Optional question (341 response(s), 48 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 How often do you see deer on your property/residence?

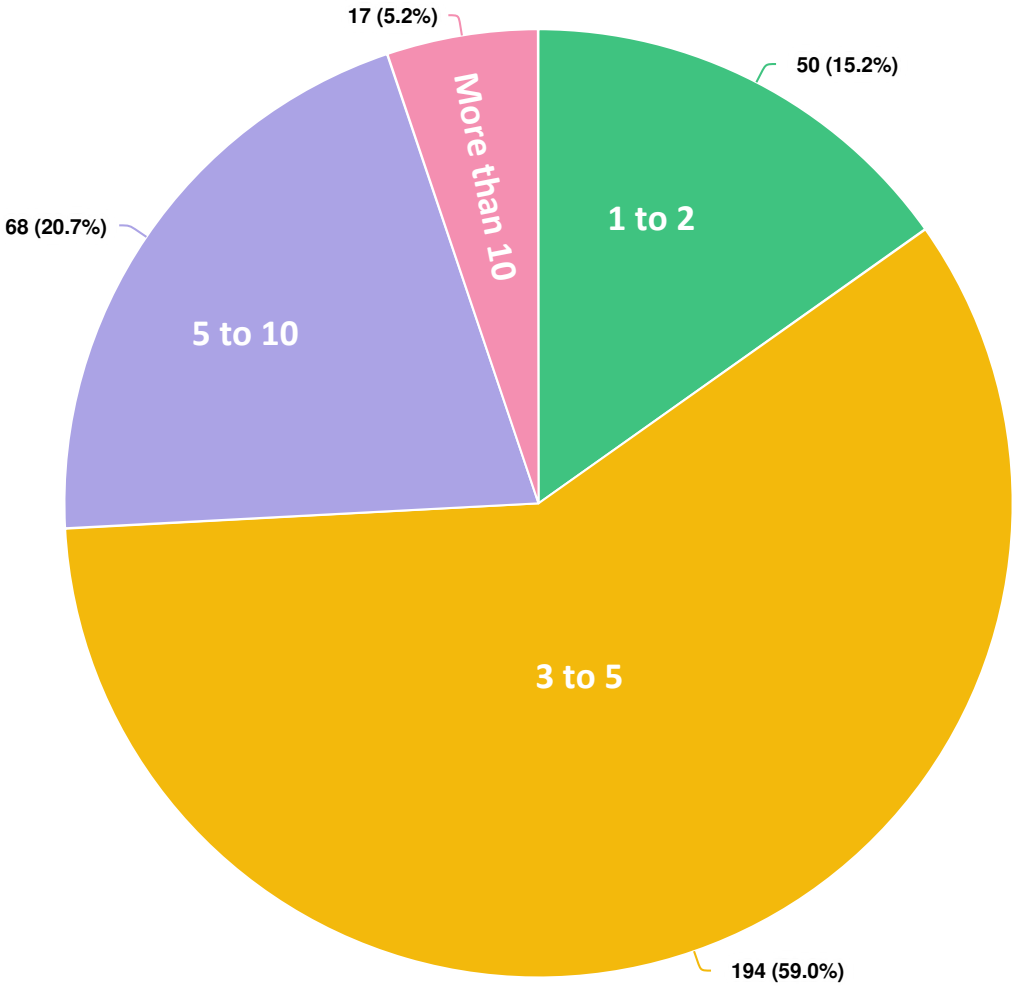


Question options

More than once a day · Once a day · Several times a week · Several times a month · Less than once a month

Optional question (328 response(s), 61 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 How many deer would you typically see on your property at a given time?

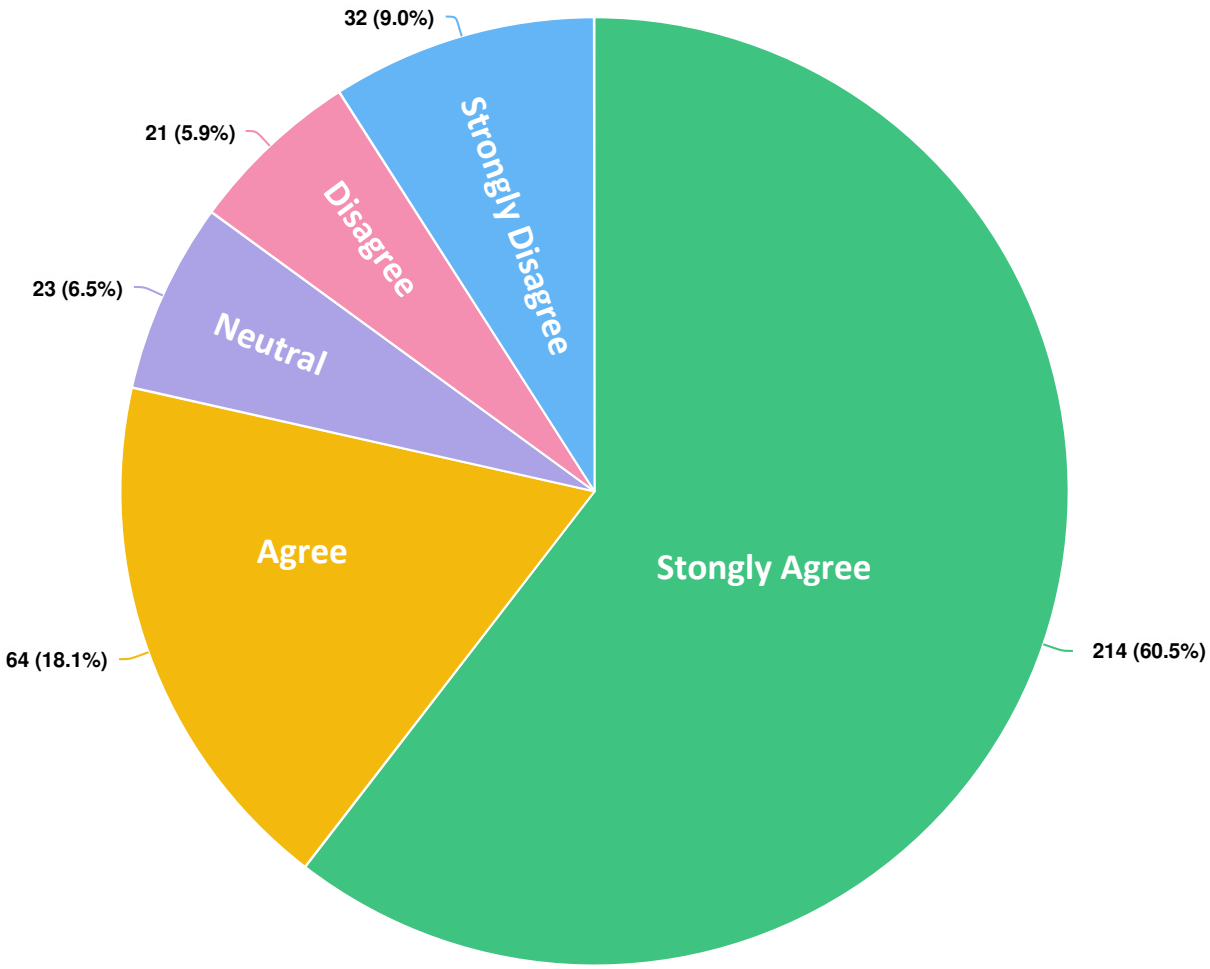


Question options

1 to 2 3 to 5 5 to 10 More than 10

Optional question (329 response(s), 60 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 Do you feel that the deer population in the Town is an issue requiring management from the Town of Yarmouth?

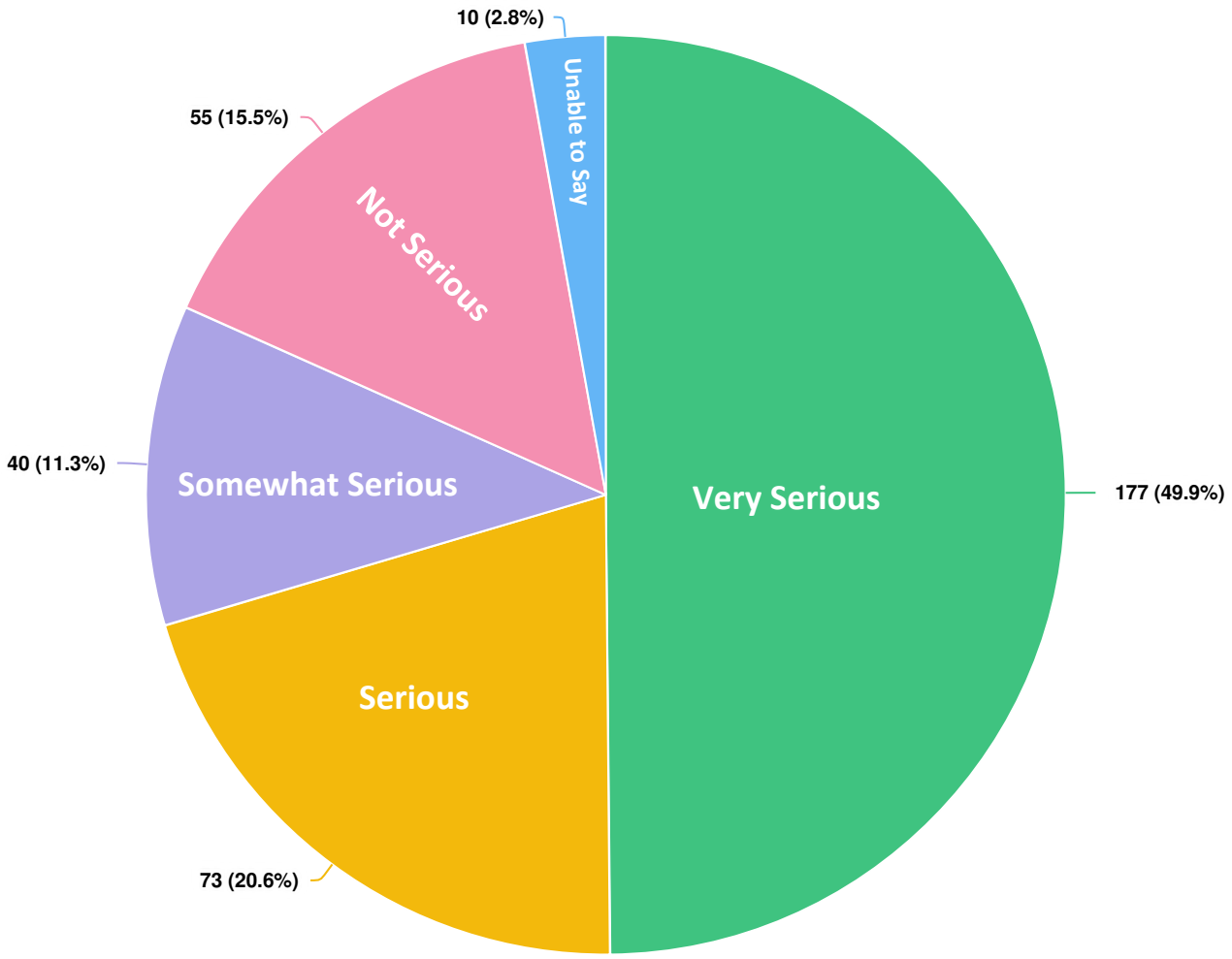


Question options

Strongly Agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly Disagree

Optional question (354 response(s), 35 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 Rate how serious of an issue the population level of deer is in the Town of Yarmouth.

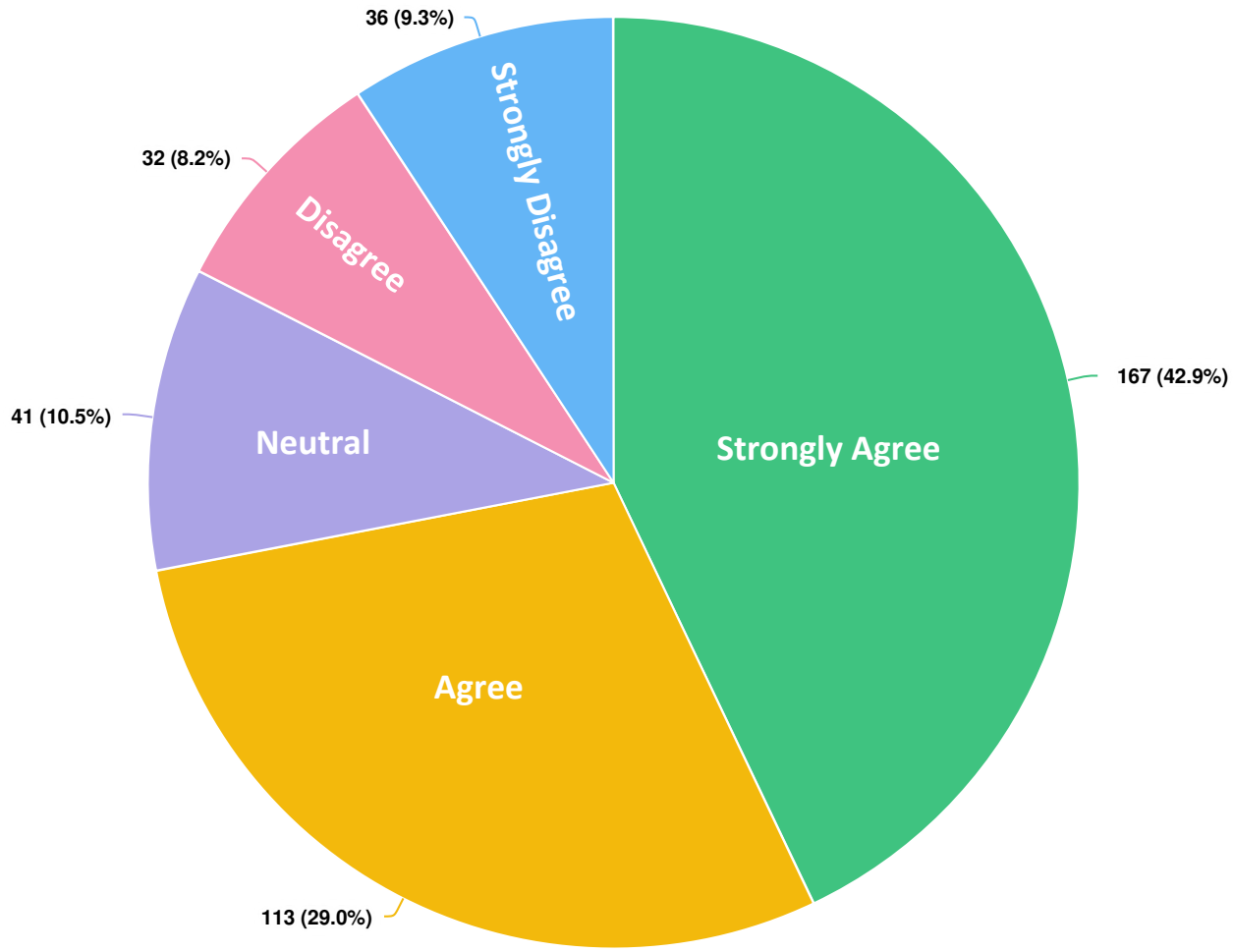


Question options

Very Serious · Serious · Somewhat Serious · Not Serious · I'm Unable to Say

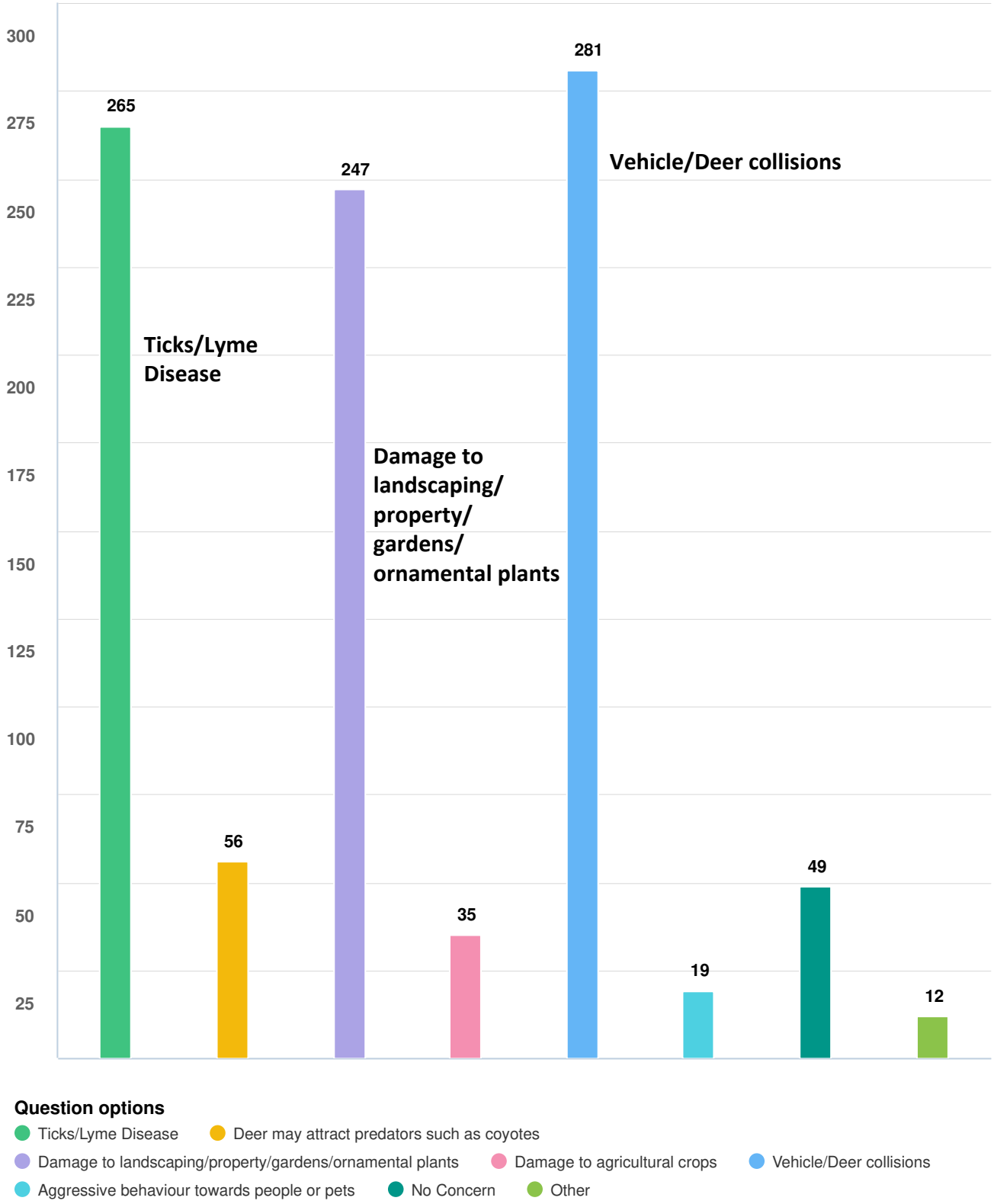
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Q8 Do you feel that deer population management should be a priority for the Town of Yarmouth when allocating budget funds and resources?



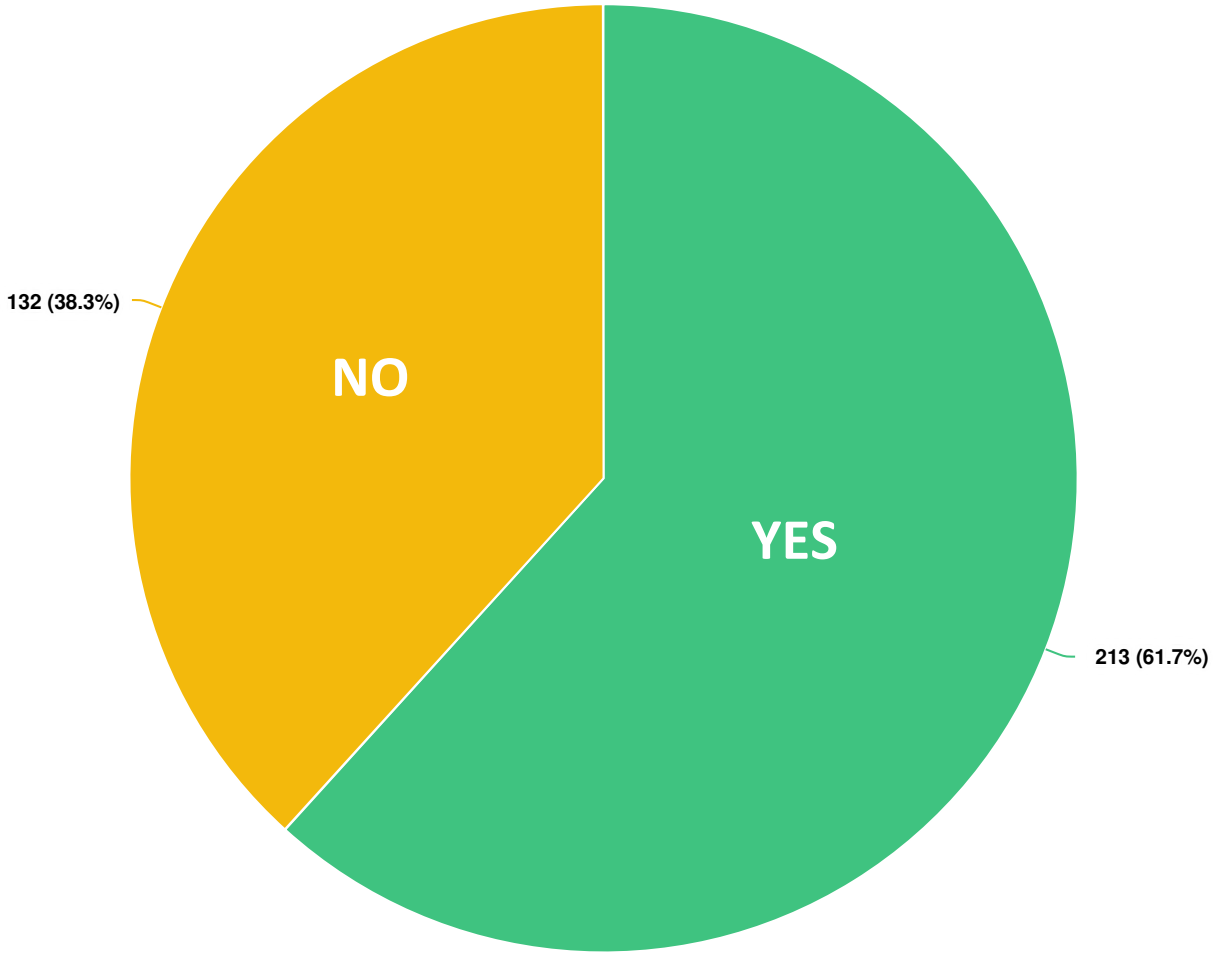
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Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 From the issues identified below, please choose your top 3 of concern.



Optional question (369 response(s), 20 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 Have deer ever caused damage to your property that has caused concern?

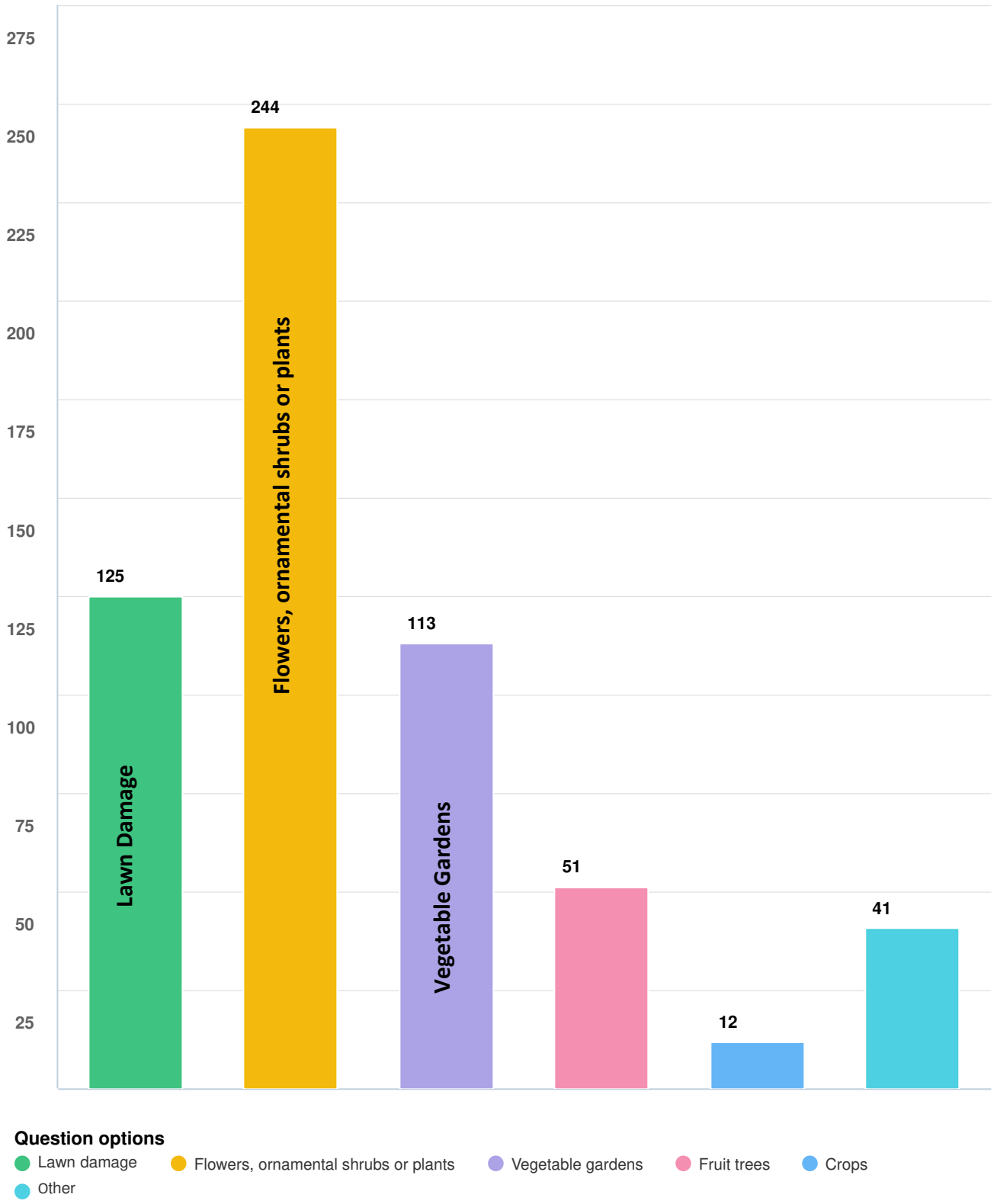


Question options

Yes No

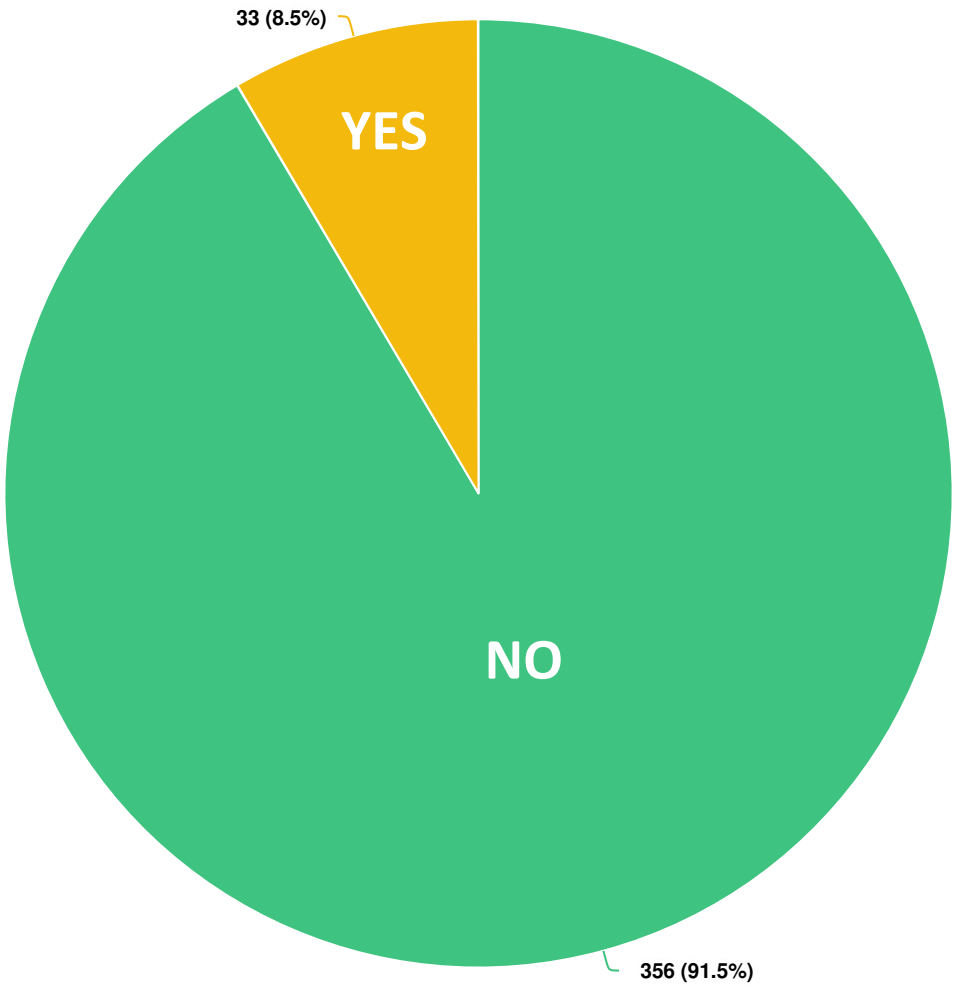
Optional question (345 response(s), 44 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 How have deer damaged your property? Please check all that apply to a concerning level:



Optional question (276 response(s), 113 skipped)
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q12 Have you been involved in a motor vehicle collision with a deer in the Town of Yarmouth in the past 3 years?

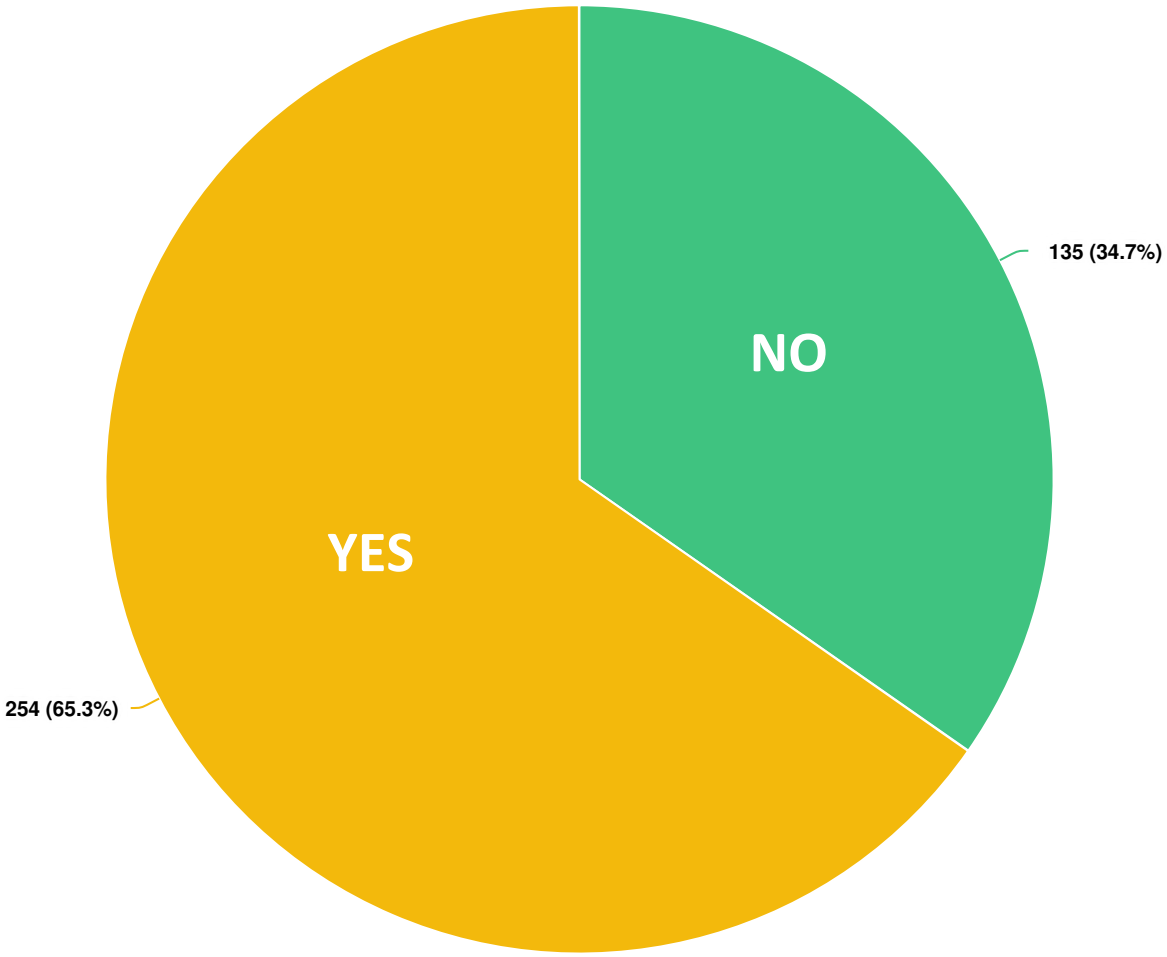


Question options

No Yes

Mandatory Question (389 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q13 Have you been involved in a near miss motor vehicle collision with a deer in the Town of Yarmouth in the past 3 years?



Question options

No Yes

Mandatory Question (389 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q14 We invite you to provide any constructive comments or feedback:

Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 08:31 AM	The over abundance of deer has taken away my enjoyment of my property. You can hardly walk on the lawn for deer droppings, I have lost hundreds of dollars in landscaping material. Every year they seem to eat something new so I cannot plan on what to buy. They are not afraid of people and don't leave if you open a door or window to scare them away. Something should really be done to decrease the population of the deer. I have certainly cut back on my purchases of landscaping material, as have others I know. That is a direct hit to businesses as well.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:07 AM	My biggest concern is ticks/lyme disease. I have had family members get quite sick in recent years with lyme, and last year my wife found a tick on her from our yard. I can only assume it came from deer frequenting our yard.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:32 AM	Get on this. It's overrun and people now trying to poison deer etc
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:37 AM	The population control should be done in a humane way. The meat and pelt should not just be thrown away as garbage.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:44 AM	Cull, cull and cull.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:45 AM	I think this is a very important initiative. Although damage to gardens is both frustrating and expensive, I am concerned about the tics that I'm sure come with the deer. Lyme disease seems to be very high in this area. It is also very sad to see so many deer in such an unnatural situation where they are happy in town, are not impacted by people or cars and are as likely to be seen in the day as at night!
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:47 AM	I feel grateful to wake up and watch deer in my yard some mornings while I sit my tea as the sun rises. We are really lucky.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:48 AM	Deer are beautiful but harmful and dangerous in town limits. I don't even wanna walk across my mowed lawns for fear of getting ticks on me.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 09:49 AM

I feel very strongly that ToY needs a deer management strategy. My lawn is constantly covered in deer droppings and I have limited vegetation left besides grass. I cannot enjoy my outdoor space anymore because there are too many black legged ticks around and the deer do not leave my yard even when I am outside. I just want to be able to safely enjoy my backyard again!

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 09:49 AM

My partner witnessed a deer being struck and killed by a motor vehicle on Brunswick St and wouldn't go near the spot for weeks.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 09:51 AM

there are other issues other than deer, pigeons and seagulls ,people etc,

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 09:52 AM

I have also completed a surgery for my property on 50 Albert St. This one is for our new property on Cottage Lane - it’s been very frustrating (and costly) trying to do landscaping - we have now completely changed our plans and will not “compete” with the deer!

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 09:54 AM

As much as they are beautiful animals to look at they are definitely a problem in the town of Yarmouth and most have no fear as they feel safe eating all our shrubs, vegetables, etc in our yards. We need to do something about the deer population. I’m not certain how successful it was but Truro had this issue as well and implemented a plan. A good place to start. And my yard is available if you need a place to put someone in a deer blind ;)

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 09:54 AM

I have no idea how to cull the number of deer in our town safely, but I do feel it's necessary! The north and south ends each have their own herds and center town as well. Traffic safety is of the upmost importance!!! The meat should not be wasted, but distributed somehow to those in need.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 09:55 AM

Hire professional bow hunters to thin the herd and distribute venison to food banks

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:03 AM

I think a cull would be appropriate. Is there a way we can feed the need with this initiative?

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:04 AM

I personally have no concerns with the deer. There are so many living just outside town limits that even if an effort was made to reduce the

population in town it would very likely recur.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:05 AM

While I agree that culling the deer population in the downtown core area and Starr's Road area is likely worthwhile, there are other areas where they are not a problem, and funds would be better spent FIXING THE ROADS !!

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:11 AM

Realize that this problem in my opinion can only be resolved by eliminating as many of the deer as possible. Most if not all of them are acclimatized to the town having been born here.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:12 AM

I applaud the efforts of the town to find a solution to the deer problem. A cull has been done in Truro and they are seeing results. It takes time, but I feel things are headed in the right direction.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:17 AM

They are an invasive species that needs to be culled. And people deliberately feeding them need to be fined.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:23 AM

I have had Lyme Disease and needed medical care as well as $200.00 vet bill for my dog. Feel it's past time that something was done .

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:25 AM

The town should be looking at options that have worked in other towns that involve the least amount of money/resources and death For the deer. No need to reinvent the wheel or spend excessive amounts of money on killing wildlife that has the right to live here, whether we like it or not.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:45 AM

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:46 AM

I know that other towns/municipalities have taken action so Yarmouth should be able to learn from their action plans and come up with a plan that will balance the wildlife concerns with safety.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:48 AM

The nature of the deer herd has changed over the years because young are now born within the town limits. This has changed their food habits as young ones develop a taste for plants and shrubs that are not in their normal diet. Each year they seem to expand the range of plants that they eat so finding deer resistant plants becomes more

problematic. Black legged ticks have now become common in our area and associated diseases create serious health risks.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 10:53 AM

Way too many ticks, get them out of here.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:06 AM

Just to be clear, I no longer live in Yarmouth, but lived on Belmont Crescent until December 31, 2022. I feel this is recent enough for me to still provide input.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:12 AM

While I am supportive of a cull in the town it also needs to happen on the borders of the town in MODY areas. I am also super concerned about how it would safely happen. I don't feel as though Truro solution is going to be the right solution for here, i think it needs to be professionals that do the hunting. I also think bylaws need to be put in place even if temporary that make it illegal to feed deer, that residents that have plants that attract deer should forced to remove them. I would also suggest that maybe we can plant species that repel deer in key areas as well. There isn't one solution to this problem.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:14 AM

I find this open winter there have been far less sightings of deer. They must be feeding in more secluded areas.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:15 AM

People feeding deer are not the problem. Council needs to stop off-loading the problem to property owners. ANYONE with knowledge of wildlife population dynamics understands that wildlife will continually spread out to lessen the strain on food, safety, and procreation parameters. So, deer will continually immigrate into the town. The only real answer is a YEARLY cull to partially mitigate the problem. All this survey and resident blaming stuff is just propaganda to make the town residents think that their imput is relevant, and to take pressure off the council in fulfilling it's responsibility to manage the town to be a safe place to reside.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:17 AM

I think they are absolutely beautiful creatures, but because people have fed them and encouraged them, they have become a menace. I can’t go into my yard at night without taking a flashlight. Deer have been aggressive at night when I have had my dogs on leashes because I have accidentally startled them.I have had near car collisions in town , when a deer has decided to double back after it has crossed the road.My lawn is full of deer poop which is a danger to my dog’s health. I became very sick last year because of a tick bite. I have put countless hours on my gardens and years to create

them and the deer have eaten everything. I will be tearing out one garden this year that my mother planted decades ago because the deer ate most and trampled the rest.The expensive deer sprays no longer work longer than a few days. I can live with the damage to the gardens I have worked so hard on, but the health risks of deer is what concerns me. Lyme disease has exploded here.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:18 AM

Don't go overboard. The deer have a right to live here too.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:19 AM

Perhaps fine people caught intentionally feed them. Also find a humane way to move them into the forest

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:51 AM

I like the deer but they eat our flowers and drop feces all over our lawn. If citizens would stop feeding them then there probably would be fewer of them around. Why can’t they be tranquillized and moved to a remote place?

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:55 AM

I think your committee has a great opportunity here. I believe that we should use the deer to our advantage. The mayor has said that Yarmouth is a tourist town. Please use the deer as a tourist attraction. People pay big money to vacation up north to see elk walk the streets. Let the deer help Yarmouth before another town thinks of this. Yarmouth will be known for one thing. Please make the proper choice. Do not let us been know as the town that had the opportunity for this. The town that decided to kill the deer. We are a tourist town. Thank you.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:57 AM

We drive very carefully, when entering or driving on our street, deers are almost always around.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 11:58 AM

I lived in Deerfield for many years but now live off the Milo stretch (but still in Municipality). I see 10 times (or more) deer living close to town, or while in town then I did when I lived in the woods. I'm not sure what the answer is but I am primarily concerned about accidents.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 12:05 PM

It's been getting worst over the last 3 years.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 12:06 PM

I don't think taxpayer money is needed to deal with the issue. People will take care of it for free if they can keep the meat.

Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 12:06 PM	I do notice an increase in deer in Yarmouth compared to even just a few years back. I think my biggest concern is the risk of motor vehicle accidents, as they sometimes run out in front of you at a close distance.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 12:10 PM	Fix the roads and leave the deer alone.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 12:50 PM	I nlo e the deer but there are just too many. nothing keeps them from v egetable gardens or shrubs
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 12:53 PM	I like the fact that deer are in town. I don't regard it as a noteworthy problem.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 01:09 PM	After the culling process I hope there will be an effective strategy put in place to keep the deer away from town limits. The deer that has been raised Yarmouth are smaller than those in the wild and not healthy. We are not doing them any favours by allowing them to browse on easy food sources and lose their natural survival skills. They are beautiful and I love to see them, but we are being selfish to keep them here.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 01:17 PM	More lighting needs to be on Water Street there is none by the old cotton mill. We lost a friend because of the Deer running rabid in town you say one life is too many to lose so do something about it. Contact Truro they cull the deer which is what needs to be done. Also, stiffer fines should be given to the people that are feeding them
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 01:20 PM	Love looking for deer at night
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 01:27 PM	Id hate to see them killed.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 01:28 PM	The deer are not the issue. The problem is unaware drivers trying to get around town as fast as they can. I walk Marsha Avenue every day and there are deer there ever day. Slow down the traffic that tries to drive 70k while texting! Put in speed bumps.

Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 02:06 PM	I wish I had the answer to our deer problem.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 02:09 PM	I support a cull program
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 02:17 PM	Deer do not belong in the town
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 02:51 PM	I would not like to see hunters within town limits.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 02:57 PM	Far to many people feeding the deer as they enjoy watching them but it will only add to the problem .Deer have learned that the town is somewhat of a safe haven . The numbers are great enough now it will be difficult to make any changes to the population .Most does will have twin fawns , and this starts at a relativly young age so it will be hard to reduce the numbers without doing a huge cull .
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 03:09 PM	Deer have eaten every tulip, hosta and shrub on my property. Last year they destroyed the ivy on my back fence and left piles of feces all over my lawn. It was so bad my kids couldn't go out and play. Often when I am leaving for work at 5am there are several walking down the street. I have come very close to hitting them with my car many times. It is only a matter of time before someone is hurt.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 03:18 PM	These poor animals are stuck in our town and so are the residents along with them. Please gather them and relocate them to any of the vastly unpopulated areas of our province where they will thrive and will no longer inconvenience any community. It should be as simple as that. It is not rocket science.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 03:36 PM	The deer population is much too great within town. They are beautiful to watch but are becoming much to great a nuisance and health risk to people and their pets!
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 03:37 PM	If you’re gonna kill them, hunt them and feed the hungry all the venison.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 03:43 PM	Ask people to quit feeding them for starters. Place high fencing around open compost piles.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 03:47 PM

I Already submitted this survey but want to share some thoughts about this subject. In rural Nova Scotia, where I live, it is normal to see wildlife around the property. That is how it should be, they belong here too. And it is the beauty of living in the country. It is another story in town, where they can be a a danger for traffic. In my yard they eat plants. If I don't want that, I can protect my plants. I think the cause of the overpopulation of deer the last couple of years is due to human intervention. The only predator they had were the coyotes. With people trapping and killing all the coyotes, you take away their natural controllers. If you have to do something in town to get rid of the deer, they could be trapped and brought into the wilderness, If they have to be killed, they shouldn't just be destroyed, but the meat should be used to feed the people who need it. It is good and healthy food. But I hope they can be replaced to the wilderness. Succes with the decisions, I hope you make the right ones.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 04:03 PM

People need to stop feeding .. maybe think of tranquilizers as a option perhaps move them to north kemp . We bike there often never see any and they would be happy

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 04:04 PM

I am more concern if we take away the deer will we not be disrupting the food chain ? If their are no deer will the coyotes not start looking at our house pets ?

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 04:11 PM

Fine people for feeding them or laying feed out on their property. Someone on Oak Drive has been doing it for years and constantly drawing deer to the street with no regard for neighbours or driver’s safety.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 04:23 PM

Good luck with your efforts!

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 04:35 PM

PEOPLE WHO FEED THE DEER ARE SIGNIFICANTLY RESPONSIBLE.

Screen Name Redacted
2/22/2023 04:40 PM

There must be a humane way to reduce or eliminate the deer population in town. Perhaps a fine for those who feed them or try to tame them? I would NOT support a cull by shooting or poisoning.

Screen Name Redacted

Citizens are feeding the deer, so they will reproduce into their food

2/22/2023 04:44 PM	source. There seem to be no natural predators in the town, so nothing to stop the growth of the herds. I live near the wetlands park so sightings of 6 or more are not uncommon. There are as many as 5-6 that come almost every morning and evening to graze on the hill in our area, and wander into our gardens, etc. We have replanted our flower garden last year to "deer resistant" flowers, but, they still visit and nibble the growth ends and buds off almost daily. We are trying some whirligigs this year and hope that our perennials make it through to produce again this year. Tomato plants seem to be a favourite. It is very disheartening not to be able to have a few flowers and veggies without having to spend hundreds of dollars to protect them.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 04:50 PM	Not only do they damage and eat our plants but we have also spent a lot of money on deterrents which might or might not work.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 04:57 PM	I would hate to see the deer harmed but there are so many running out into traffic it makes it very dangerous for driving especially at night.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 05:05 PM	we have had a herd of 14 deer in our back yard , we now have ticks since 2021
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 05:11 PM	Most nights driving around town we see them on the sidewalks. Many near misses all over the Milton area. They are unafraid and are likely being fed by some ones
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 06:14 PM	Deer in Yarmouth have already cost lives and their population here has only grown. Something needs to be done if it’s proving successful in Truro.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 06:45 PM	Do like the town of Truro did. Cull the deer and donate meat to local food bank. Donate the skin to Acadia First Nation.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 08:02 PM	They are the source of ticks and we are one area highest of Lyme disease....no surprise They are so in bred and not getting their usual diet that some of them look pretty unhealthy one has been allowed to hobble around on 3 legs
Screen Name Redacted	I love all animals and deer are great animals. We hunt outside of town

2/22/2023 09:00 PM	but they are overpopulated in the town. Even walking dog in the evening we have almost been hit
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:08 PM	An 8 foot high fence did not keep them out. An electric fence which they find hard to see has been the most successful deterrent. They seem to remember to avoid it but move closely.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:20 PM	Pets are impacted by the ticks dropped on lawn.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:26 PM	I am in full support of a ‘no kill’ option as it is proven to be more effective long term
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:34 PM	Harvest the deer in a safe way and make the meat available. Could Trevor Perry do the butchering?
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:43 PM	Please do something - we have an entire herd on our street
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:50 PM	Strongly encourage immediate action to commence a management plan. 1 human life taken or 1 incident involving a deer is too many.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 09:54 PM	Immediate solution required for this problem before it continues to worsen. Accidents / incidents are not a matter of “if”, it’s a matter of “when.
Screen Name Redacted 2/22/2023 11:55 PM	Perhaps the solution is to increase the number allowed to be harvested during hunting season
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 04:47 AM	Perhaps a cull with the meat being given to those who could use it. The deer are lovely to look at but very destructive.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 06:47 AM	We need to cull them as they do in Truro. This is a health hazard.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 07:56 AM	The town is full of deer... people feed them.

Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 10:43 AM	I believe a targeted cull is necessary. With that said we know that total culls have the opposite effect, however, with qualified bow hunters, a limited and specific cull could be carried out. The meat could be donated. Also, I know other places have put out feed with birth control medicine embedded in it, That could be costly with limited effect. I think other towns, such as Truro have successfully managed their deer population and they would be a good resource to your management team. I'm really happy the Town is addressing this issue. I'm a proponent of animal welfare and I believe this influx into urban areas is hazardous not only for the human population but also the deer herds. Thank you, Frieda Perry
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 11:10 AM	Possible fine for feeding the deer. We also have a raccoon problem in the town.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 11:50 AM	People not picking up after there pets causes more damage on our properties than deer. Cats being allowed do damage in digging in and destroying gardens that deer and the Town refuses to do anything about it.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 11:53 AM	Harvest and provide meat to local food banks.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 11:58 AM	May 2022, I contracted Lyme Disease and had to cancel our vacation. The side effects of the antibiotic treatment has continued until now. Deer visit our property daily and were most probably the source of the tick's presence here. The Town needs to recognize this significant threat to public health if the deer population is not reduced. The Town needs to make its "no feeding wildlife" bylaw more enforceable. Present wording, which requires a public complaint with proof of damage to property, will not work. Better to have the bylaw officer monitor areas with a large deer presence to identify problem residents. Individuals should be fined on first offence, with higher fines for repeat offences. This will be tax money well spent!
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 12:30 PM	Please have Bow Hunters cull the population. No cost involved.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 03:06 PM	I would either relocate the deer to the deep woods in the surrounding municipal units or do a cull using minimal municipal $. Neutering is an idea that I do not support since it would be expensive and would not avoid risk, damage or nuisance.

Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 03:16 PM	Have a community deer meat BBQ
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 03:36 PM	Thank you
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 04:26 PM	There should be a reduction of deer in town done in the most humane way possible.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 04:51 PM	The deer population seems to be multiplying every year. Needs to be a humane way to control the population.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 08:22 PM	I live just across the town line on the Dayton side of Prospect St. On a daily basis I see an average of 5 deer on my lawn (have seen as many as 11 at a time). They destroy plants, shrubs and trees and often come right onto my doorstep, knock plant pots over, pull out plants and toss them on the ground. Although mostly a nuisance, I am concerned about the way they contribute to the tick population and the potential for attracting dangerous animals such as coyotes. I believe we need a multi-pronged approach to reducing the deer population, but a very good start would be convincing people (such as my neighbours) to stop dumping large bags of carrots on their lawn.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 08:35 PM	Time to clear them out of the town. Stop people in town from feeding them.
Screen Name Redacted 2/23/2023 09:36 PM	I would like to see a bylaw where residents in town receive a fine for intentionally feeding deer. Possibly enable bow hunters a maximum number of deer.
Screen Name Redacted 2/24/2023 06:35 AM	The deer have been living in town for generations now, they literally don’t know they aren’t supposed to be there. Culling the herd is the only way to solve this problem.
Screen Name Redacted 2/24/2023 10:03 AM	I love wild life , hate to see harm done to them…but , deer do not belong in towns in herds. It’s a hugh danger, they are forrest creatures and action needs to be taken. They get quite aggressive if

you get between a mom and her fawn on the walking trails.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2023 10:27 AM

I have no problems with seeing Deer in town or on my property but I do find it very odd when they're running across the street at a busy intersection. They should not be there for the safety of others and themselves. Other than that I have no issues with them. Money needs to be spent elsewhere. Residents complaining about plants and crops being destroyed have ways to prevent it from happening. Deer is part of mother nature and this is all they know. I find it wrong to kill them just because they're living the life they're supposed to.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2023 10:28 AM

I guess the question is why does it seem like there is an over population? Have the deer just found a safer place to live away from natural predators?

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2023 11:26 AM

We have been seasonal residents on Cape Forchu for more than 30 years. We have a herd of deer there now, some have estimated more than 20. Our 60 year old heritage garden has, over the past 15 years, been destroyed, including shrubs, trees, flowers, herbs, and vegetables. The coyotes eventually arrived, bringing their own set of problems. Our woods are full of ticks which means we no longer venture into the woods very often. Several deer collisions have occurred on our road. We all expect a fatality any time. In town we see deer every time: Vancouver and Main, Pleasant, Brunswick, Chestnut, Elm... We understand that human habitation has reduced the deer habitat. But they are adapting in ways which are now hazardous to human health as well as their own. Delighted to know you are looking into this.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2023 12:56 PM

I am aware that some people put out food for them and in my opinion this should be discouraged either by education or a fine.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2023 02:48 PM

Perhaps the deer should be tranquilized and brought far out of town.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2023 04:38 PM

Deer cullings do no work. Do more research to find a better option.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2023 08:15 PM

The population needs to be managed and reduced. Possibly an early deer season or multiple tags could help thin the population

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2023 10:42 PM

If people didn’t develop the land that these animals have lived on forever maybe they wouldn’t be in town. They aren’t a nuisance and they aren’t hurting anyone.

Screen Name Redacted
2/24/2023 10:55 PM

There keeps to be development in areas where the deer used to be in, driving them out. The ones that are here are here because they feel safe from predators. And for the most part the people that hit them most likely are not paying attention or driving to fast. Knowing they are around people need to drive defensively. If you cull 50 the herd will have 75 to replace them. Once strain is put on them they do what is needed to maintain the size of the herd.

Screen Name Redacted
2/25/2023 08:28 AM

Focus on the benefits, eg food bank

Screen Name Redacted
2/25/2023 08:51 AM

People driving outside of town hit more deer nd at higher speeds than those hit in town , if you hit a deer at 50k, or on most streets less , I wonder what would have been the outcome with these same drivers if there were a child that came out into the street , sometimes it is simply poor driving skills . There was one hit on Herbert st clearly caused by the driver texting , she did not get a ticket .I see people on their cel phones every day or with a coffee in one hand and a cigarette in the other , or a dog that looks like it is doing the driving , maybe if the distracted driving laws were better informed , some of these deer vs car accidents wouldn't happen at all. These deer are wild animals that have as much right to live as we do and exterminating them like rats, just because they eat our flowers and get hit by poor drivers isn't something that I condone, nor is paying a committee with my tax dollars to justify what Pam Mood has wanted to do for years .Maybe we should have a committee to address the amount of rats caused by green bins and bird feeders .I personally have more concerns about trying to keep the rats at bay.

Screen Name Redacted
2/25/2023 10:05 AM

The deer are very destructive let alone the ticks they are carrying. They have no fear....go outside and they come to you like a pet. I have dug up and thrown away many plants/shrubs. Replant with deer resistant plants and they destroy them. I used to be pleased with my yard but now all I have is frustration. The yard is dug up as well and they have made paths around the property. They even sleep in the front and back yard. I have spent too much time and money trying to keep my yard neat and tidy. The deer have to be culled out in some way. Other than killing them what about relocating them back to the country in wooded areas..(such as around the old Tin Mine - Kempt area)

Screen Name Redacted 2/25/2023 12:35 PM	Glad the town is taking steps. It’s gotten completely out of hand to a point we have discussed moving.
Screen Name Redacted 2/25/2023 12:55 PM	Brunswick St. is quite dark at night, especially south of Starrs Rd. This makes it more difficult to spot deer crossing.
Screen Name Redacted 2/25/2023 01:50 PM	We have given up on ornamental plants and shrubs, we were proud of the look of our property and surrounding properties but see a definite change in the beauty of our area. Very discouraging.
Screen Name Redacted 2/25/2023 02:55 PM	Need to have open bow season in town or something. Please feed the deer meat to someone don't let it go to waste.
Screen Name Redacted 2/25/2023 05:06 PM	Use anything necessary to rid this town of them... I hear paintball guns and rubber bullets work great
Screen Name Redacted 2/26/2023 12:13 PM	I would like the deer issue to be resolved non-violently.
Screen Name Redacted 2/26/2023 06:48 PM	Big problem abd getting bigger
Screen Name Redacted 2/26/2023 08:29 PM	The Town of Yarmouth could be in dialogue with retail suppliers of garden plants in Yarmouth in order to encourage and promote more suitable selection of deer resistant plant varieties.
Screen Name Redacted 2/27/2023 09:01 AM	We have a double lot in town with the second lot being partly a fenced in vegetable garden but mostly grass. We frequently find deer pellets in the grass portion and are very concerned about the increase of Black-legged Ticks (brought by deer) on our property as we allow part of the grass to grow tall in order to provide a more natural environment for other insects, butterflies, and birds. In Question 5 above I answered that I see deer several times a week. I answered this way since we see EVIDENCE of deer several times a week particularly in winter when we see fresh deer tracks in the snow that often. One evening last year I did see EIGHT in my garden after dark one evening. I have walked down Alma Street and passed within fifteen feet of deer who seemed unconcerned. They have become completely used to human beings and are now unafraid of people which is not natural for deer. In order to decrease the large number of

	deer within the town limits we would support either moving them to their natural areas or taking some action which would reduce their ability to reproduce rather than simply shooting them.
Screen Name Redacted 2/27/2023 09:39 AM	Certainly something that should be on our radar, but not a huge priority.
Screen Name Redacted 2/27/2023 11:46 AM	TOY Needs to conduct a humane mass culling. Meat going to the food bank. These Deer are starving and sickly and therefore are aggressive and destructive. They are a real threat in the town limits. Their natural habitat off the 101 was all clear cut. Clear cutters need to be held accountable for this loss of wildlife habitat which forces the deer to come into Town.
Screen Name Redacted 2/27/2023 01:27 PM	Last year the deer ate our tomatoes, peas, lilies, a plant my granddaughter gave me, nibbling on the burning bush the daughters gave husband for Father's Day; five plants in the front of the house. If I have to put chicken wire all over our property, I will. The Mayor says to make the town beautiful.... WE TRIED. I saw a coyote between our house & neighbor... scared me to death. It looked down at bowling alley and then sniffed the air and took off towards Beacon. There are 7 plus.... we even had 13 walking single file down James. Wished I knew how to use a bow, it is that bad.
Screen Name Redacted 2/27/2023 06:28 PM	If some of the deer ie all male deer are neutered births will drop
Screen Name Redacted 2/28/2023 01:47 PM	I go swimming at mariners on main at 6am week days and always see them.
Screen Name Redacted 2/28/2023 01:49 PM	I'm an animal lover and have a hard time with the thought of an animal suffering or being killed, but this deer problem needs to be addressed. It's placing both the animals and people in harms way. I've seen a female deer around town who clearly had a broken leg at one point that never healed. Now she's limping around while taking care of her young ones. I know multiple people who have been involved in accidents, and I fear driving in certain areas. My in-laws have had their property completely destroyed by the deer no matter what they've tried doing to keep them out.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 09:40 AM	Cars and more noticeably trucks speed up and down Prescott St constantly every day. The deer are usually using Beacon Park to

	graze. I'm very concerned that they will be struck by the these drivers who have little concern of their speed.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 10:05 AM	This issue must be examined in light of potential outcomes, such a tame and extensive population in town creates significant problems; Landscaping costs, Ticks in parks endangering our children, Vehicular accidents and injuries to the driver and/or passengers. The longer this problem remains unaddressed the more accidents, illnesses and property damage will occur.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 11:06 AM	While the deer are a reasonably docile animal, there simply are too many of them running around.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 11:07 AM	Having deer on our property has not been an issue for us personally. They have eaten a few plants, but nothing serious here.. neighbors have complained about those issues as well... however we have friends and family that have hit deer and have done damage to their vehicles...and it's always a concern when driving.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 11:09 AM	As the Town and Municipality grows with new housing and commercial buildings the deer are being forced out of their natural habitat. So the deer have moved into the more populated areas in town and municipality. Instead of a cull maybe a relocation program to take the deer back to their natural habitat.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 11:13 AM	Exact addresses for survey applicants is not important. You're looking for information on dear inside of TOWN of Yarmouth as a whole not which houses they like better than others.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 11:14 AM	I feel that they should all be darted and moved out as killing off a few will not solve the issue, most Does are having twins, they need to be in the wooded areas for their own good and for the town , it has nothing to do with people feeding them as they eat whatever they can find in your yard, I know it would be very expensive to move them all but to me that is the only way as leave a few won`t stop them breeding
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 11:29 AM	I don't like the thought of killing them but if there were a way to relocate them and fence in the area...

Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 11:32 AM	Im glad you are looking into solutions.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 11:33 AM	Almost every time I drive my car I see deer. They are too friendly and frightening sometime. Too many people also feeding them.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 11:34 AM	My Dads an avid hunter. His opinion is this should be a coordinated effort with the Department of Natural Resource. There should be an extraordinary effort over weeks to tranquilized all that they can find and bring them back into the wild. Yearly. What happens to the deer there is natural selection. People I know are getting Lyme's disease at an alarming rate. Small children. This is a life long disease that young children are getting playing in the yard. This is bigger than not being able to grow vegetables. Which I have given up sadly. Or perennials. This is a public health emergency. We don't have the health capacity to deal with either.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 12:01 PM	The meat, if deer are killed, should be made available to those who could use it.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 12:06 PM	This is desperate situation that is increasing. deer population needs to be culled.possibly bow and arrow hunters(under guidelines). I believe Truro, N.S. Has an ongoing culling program.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 12:09 PM	My gardens are totally destroyed ,shrubs have been eaten until it killed them .They are right on my front door step and are running in ahead of 16;to 20 deer.Just impossible to keep any gardens
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 12:20 PM	Town if over populated with deer and it is making driving dangerous in specific areas especially, we need a bow hunting time to cut down on deer population or perhaps there is some food that could be provide that will make deer not capable to reproduce?
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 12:44 PM	I believe it is time to cull the herd. Residents and businesses need to practice proper waste disposal to cut off the food source. Those who are throwing out food waste to feed the deer need to stop. Residents selling deer carrots on the sidewalk in front of their homes need to stop. We need to change minds and attitudes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 12:45 PM	we live just outside town limits; we have 4-6 deer in our yard regularly, eating every bush and vegetables in the garden (until we

	put up protection to keep them out). I run in the mornings and have come across deer on the trail and many times they don't move out of the way. I had one jump in front of me and kick out with its back leg - - it missed my forehead by approx 4 inches! They are so used to seeing humans now they have little fear. I believe a serious cull would make sense at this point.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 12:58 PM	I think that that anyone feeding them should be fined and if there is already a fine in place for that maybe it should be higher,i used to be a hunter but gave it up about 20 years ago,i hear people talking about some kind of license for a bow season in town i think this would be very dangerous unless it is done by a member of depart of forestry or something like that,i have just as much concern for racoons down here then the deer,, good luck whatever you come with,because you wont be able to please everyone.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 12:59 PM	N/A
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 01:06 PM	Personally, I don’t believe there is a problem with the deer. The problem is with the humans that don’t have any respect for the environment/properties.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 01:07 PM	I hope not all of them will be killed but maybe fence off wooded area so they are contained around nature trail.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 01:12 PM	If determined that deer must be removed - the ministry should look at tranquilizing deer and moving them to one or more of our provincial parks
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 01:32 PM	There has been 3 deer hit by vehicles here on Pleasant Street. One survived, but the other two did not. We would like to have a vegetable garden but we can't. I put up a net barrier to try and redirect them, but they went through (not around or under) the net anyway.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 02:15 PM	The deer are a huge problem. I am glad the Town is trying to do something about it.
Screen Name Redacted 3/01/2023 02:22 PM	I don’t support the idea of deer culling as a solution

Screen Name Redacted
3/01/2023 04:32 PM

Take a example from Town of Truro. I believe they have A bow and arrow program to cull out the deer. Have the meat Butchered and given out to the needy at no charge. Thus doing Two good deeds at once.

Screen Name Redacted
3/01/2023 06:44 PM

I am fine with our daily visits from deer in the winter as they mow the lawn. However I am upset in the other seasons when they eat my flowers -and hostas and the blooms from flowering shrubs! I am conflicted when it comes to management.I feel that we are taking over their habitat rather than the reverse. We humans consider ourselves to be the most important of God's creatures. I am not sure of this and I hate the idea that we can kill other creatures simply because we want nice gardens!

Screen Name Redacted
3/01/2023 07:21 PM

We are in desperate need of immediate action. Health and Lyme disease are extremely scary.

Screen Name Redacted
3/01/2023 07:22 PM

Lyme disease is a major concern flowers I can replace but my health I cannot

Screen Name Redacted
3/01/2023 07:29 PM

Many instances of deer from dusk to after dark in north end of town.

Screen Name Redacted
3/01/2023 07:39 PM

I believe there are deer living behind my property and travel through my yard several times a day. I see fawn playing behind my house in the spring. The deer eat most of my perennials and some annuals. They even eat those plants that the local nursery says are deer resistant. They are not fussy!!! If I could attach a picture to this comment I would show you one of a deer looking into my basement window about a month ago while my husband and I were watching television. To say we are frustrated with the situation is an understatement!!!

Screen Name Redacted
3/01/2023 07:49 PM

I think the only solution is a major cull. The deer are in town because people feed them. I have spent significant dollars to prevent damage without success. The problem just grows every year with nothing done

Screen Name Redacted
3/01/2023 08:17 PM

While a resident for almost two years now, I have noticed lots of damage in beautiful gardens, precarious situations with deer on the road or near to the road . Should bylaw be charging those who

intentionally feed them? Absolutely! Lime disease is a serious illness that may cause long-term health and subsequently mental issues for those who suffer with it. The key is to reduce the population in ways which will not cause it to increase (for example, if hunts are used to reduce population density; studies have proven especially with wolves, the exact opposite actually happens). Best of luck

Screen Name Redacted
3/01/2023 11:14 PM

Nowhere in this survey have I been asked if I want the dear “managed by you “ more was I asked if I felt that there was even a problem with the dear being here. Perhaps I am more in favour of relocation, but nothing has indicated what possible actions I might want to be taken and if so who should be in charge of taking said actions. Have natural resources been consulted? Have nature conservancies been contacted? Wildlife protection perhaps. Your service has left me with a lot of questions. Including what makes you (the town council) think you have a right to take any action against the beautiful creatures that could very well be called a tourist attraction. How about a survey that asked people if they know how to drive in a region with large wild animals, or perhaps if they know how to cover their fall and spring gardens from dear habits and mice? NO LETS ALL JUST GO WITH GETTING RID OF THEM! SHAME ON YOU. I can see FOX, CBC and CTV having a lot of fun with this town

Screen Name Redacted
3/02/2023 08:43 AM

We have a large lawn and garden. For the past 25 years, We have spent hundreds of hours each summer and fall working on this to create an oasis within the town for our family and friends to enjoy, full of lush plants and fragrant flowers. We have added to our garden each year: species which thrive in the shady conditions under the canopy of trees, garden seating, play equipment for our grandchildren. . We have have hosted garden parties and weddings and looked forward each year to our Family Fun Day. That has all come to an end. Our garden is now covered in nets, surrounded by wire fencing, and full of deer droppings. Even with all these measures, the plants have been decimated and the deer remain; often sleeping in our vinca beds. They tear out any new plantings as they find ways to thwart all efforts we have made to make our property unattractive to them. We are not at a place in our lives where we want to start over. We feel like we are ready to give up. If all the gardeners in our town feel the level of discouragement that we do, then the beauty of our town will be severely diminished. One last thing: there are no deer resistant plants.

Screen Name Redacted
3/02/2023 09:18 AM

My dogs cause more damage then the deer

Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2023 10:48 AM	To many deer in town.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2023 11:29 AM	I'm hoping that DNR plays a huge part in removing these deer by relocating them, not by harming them. Could be a big opportunity for DNR to tag and release these Deer, and to record there whereabouts.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2023 11:32 AM	Would having the town monitored each night and have the deer chased away by some method that will discourage them from coming back. Shoot them with BBs or something that will sting them. Also clean the deer out of the woods that are within the town.
Screen Name Redacted 3/02/2023 05:33 PM	While they are a significant nuisance, I would prefer a solution that saw them relocated, or subject to birth control, rather than killing them which would be a cruel and heartbreaking solution.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 07:49 AM	Deer management intervention needs to happen sooner vs later. Mild winter so I expect the deer population to be substantially greater.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 07:55 AM	I think relocating the deer would help. Or put feeders for them in places out of town to attract them. They come to town to eat so if you give them food, they hopefully they will stay in the wooded areas. I have seen multiple injured deer and they cannot fend for themselves. I don't think killing them is a good management option, but relocating is much better.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 09:26 AM	It's when they dart across in front of cars, it's dangerous trying to avoid them, if hit then what? Who do we call first, town? Lands & Forest office?, it's discouraging when they chew off all the flower buds, and greenery buds because then your landscape looks like crap, and speaking of crap, they leave it everywhere.
Screen Name Redacted 3/03/2023 09:37 AM	I'm SO discouraged!! They've destroyed my gardens. Lyme disease is a major concern as well. I pray something can be done. It's so unfair to have to live this way.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 09:53 AM	Good luck solving this issue safely. Thanks!
Screen Name Redacted	Feel free to come to my property and see the damage done or check

3/04/2023 10:48 AM	when the deer are here. Recently I have had deer climb up my deck to feed on my rhododendrons. Unbelievable! I do not feed the deer. Somebody must be feeding the deer in neighborhood that they come here everyday.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 11:10 AM	As lovely as the deer are I feel they are creating a dangerous situation. I have witnessed too many near misses of the deer while walking. I have also had numerous occasions of deer running in front of my car. The damage to landscaping over the years is unacceptable.
Screen Name Redacted 3/04/2023 11:36 AM	Start charging people for feeding the deer. deer only need help if it is a bad winter with a lot of snow. female deer must be thinned out.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2023 08:08 AM	I watched the presentation which outlined the approach taken by Truro to address their challenges with deer population in their area. It seemed to be appropriate and effective. I would support Yarmouth taking a similar approach to address the issue. One area of concern is the section of Pleasant St. between the traffic lights and the All Out Property / Speedy Auto Glass buildings as that area seems to be a gathering or traversing spot for groups of deer between Marsha Ave. & Pleasant/ Maude Lewis trail - there should be a sign alerting people to the potential of deer in that area as people are accelerating from the intersection or turning out from businesses along that section or not following the speed limit- interestingly there is a sign alerting motorists about ducks but not deer.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2023 09:05 AM	People should Stop feeding the deer or fines will be issused
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2023 10:15 AM	People must be educated to stop feeding the deer. Fines should be levied. This seems to be a big contributing factor to their repeated visiting of properties in some cases.
Screen Name Redacted 3/06/2023 03:51 PM	On the street I live, I have seen 4 deer hit and killed by vehicles (3 were young) and many near misses. This is in the past few years. I feel bad for the deer and I think most people are cautious driving but if you're not expecting it and they dart out quickly, it's difficult to avoid them.
Screen Name Redacted 3/07/2023 09:35 AM	Ill hunt deer in town with a bow if you wanna get them under control

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2023 11:15 AM

We chase deer off of our property daily and our security cameras pick them up all night long roaming off main street and coming down our driveway to graze on all our plantings. Something has to be done about them, before more people get in car accidents and suffer more property damage than the townsfolk already have. Thank you for putting together this effort!

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2023 12:11 PM

Leave the deer alone they are Wild animal Just like any other animals that might come into town there is no hunting in the town you can't just change the law when you want

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2023 12:18 PM

I would not want to look out my window or be in my yard and witness the killing of deer

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2023 01:06 PM

as i said befor i cant see any harm the deer are causeing,some people around here selling drugs ,the people that go to these places cause more ,deer will be here in town limits as long as there is feed for them,such as chestnut trees,egghorns,beechnuts,and much more,they are also cutting down and ruining places where deer lives,are people going to cut down all the chestnuts ,agghorns,beechnut,treesi dont think so,there are many more bylaws in this town to worry about then the deer,i am a deer hunter and i use wild game for my winter meat,there are many more wild animals in town at night,raccoons skunks,coyote ,as long as there is feed mostly from these fast food places ,these animals will be around,so you cant put all the blame just on deer,

Screen Name Redacted
3/07/2023 07:29 PM

They have to be taken out of town limits they eat everything I plant and they have bowel movements all over my lawn and front walkway. As well they carry tics. I can’t even scare them away. They can be dangerous for small children.

Screen Name Redacted
3/08/2023 09:00 AM

Deer are here to stay with that in mind deer should be looked at as a as a natural Resource.and anyone that has Property should be able to manage the Deer on there own Property if they have a Natural Resource card issued by the Nova Scotia Goverment..Deer are a very healthy food better than anything that you can buy in a store. also there is no signs posted anywhere in town (SLOW DOWN DEER CROSSING) also the Town missed the Boat when they passed THE Thirty speed limit on main street in Yarmouth it should have been Forty anywhere in town (SLOW DOWN LESS ACCIDENTS) Hard Drugs in this town is unreal and there is more problems with the real

issue(Drugs) and(as far as one person getting killed about 15 years ago that area did not have any slow down signs. That area is know a 30 Zone and no more Accidents. In September October and November is when most Deer are in Town. all the Trees are bearing Deer Foods at that time and Deer form outside are comming in to town for the Harvest. A very Natural thing for Deer to do. And as far as Ticks Goes there is no Stopping them all anyone can do is Educate themselves on what you can do. and last Question that i would like to address is Coyotes are here to stay you cannot blame the deer for that Coyotes only kill the weak Deer and the Fawns.If there is Coyotes in town it is more because of all the Stray (CATS AND DOGS THAT ROAM LOOSE IN TOWN) I also know that once the Town makes up it.s mind they do not listen to any Surveys or for that matter the people. I am not going to sign this survey because of the Backlash from the Town.

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3/08/2023 12:12 PM

I strongly disagree with people feeding deer, just encourages them to return! There lovely animals, but I think they belong in the wild! Perhaps an informative article in a local paper, or a topic on the weekender would educate some people that it’s a bad idea to feed them!

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3/08/2023 04:26 PM

Something has to be done now before someone gets hurt , A lot of people especially children are seeming to have many more issues with Lyme disease

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I believe strongly, there are positive ways to address the concerns some residents have around the deer population without causing harm to any wildlife. In 2023 we should have learned how to coexist. Sharing our space is of the utmost importance. There are many residents who thoroughly enjoy seeing the deer and their opinions should be counted as well.

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3/08/2023 05:33 PM

Lived in town 23 years . The deer are only around my street in the winter. When I drive in town I am aware of the areas they are and drive with care. Being an intelligent person I am aware that when people give the deer a carrot or apple is not why the deer are in town. There is a lovely trail in Milton that the deer can just walk to town easily. Remember they were here first I am living on their land.

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3/09/2023 07:18 AM

On a recent morning walk from the Brooklyn road to the Scott road which is 1.6 kilometers each way, I counted 27 deer. There is seldom a morning that I see less than 5 or 6 deer.

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The deer are a pest, they ravage our plants and gardens that we spend hundreds of dollars on every year to make our properties look nice. We are then forced to buy products in an attempt to keep the deer away and to build barriers around our plants, shrubs and gardens which defeats our intended attempts at making our property look nice. Then there are e near collision's with deer which could cause damage to our vehicles, an accident with another vehicle or pedestrian. I have had several near misses within the town and municipality of Yarmouth. People feed the deer which adds to the problem, they are no longer fearful of humans as they once were. It's a big problem that must be dealt with Thank you Mark Setlakwe

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The amount of damage due to the surplus of deer has cost the residents huge amounts of money not to mention the costs to insurance companies for vehicle collisions as well as emotional stress to our community.

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Stop cloaking this issue in safety. The traffic speed in town is slow enough that any driver paying attention should not hit a deer, if they are the pedestrians are at risk too. The bump outs and instillations are a safety hazard. I personally have suffered damage to my vehicle and have heard of many incidents of damage and risk to pedestrians. Ask DNR to increase the bag limit for hunters in the county. Maybe even some safe structured hunting locations around the edges of town. I doubt that efforts will reduce the foraging issue measurably. Please use resources to fix the roads

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They are on unceded land leave them be, we are on their land

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3/09/2023 08:46 PM

Extremely biased survey. Leading questions to get the information the council wants to kill the deer.

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3/10/2023 06:58 AM

people have to stop feeding them we need a cull

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3/10/2023 08:32 AM

I have had Lyme disease twice. Wouldn't t have to spend time and money building cages ,if the population were lower. I invite a cull in the town limits.

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I have lived on Hibernia Street for over 17 years now....my main

3/10/2023 01:30 PM	concern in my flower gardens, they used to be beautiful and I have spent lots of money over the years, now I have hardly any perennials left due to the deer eating them every season. Very concerned.
Screen Name Redacted 3/10/2023 06:15 PM	I am nervous to drive in Yarmouth and Hebron at night. I frequently see deer on the side of the road and, typically, more than one. I picked up a tick on my property for the first time ever last summer. The deer are all over our property every night. They eat our berry bushes, ornamental bushes, feed on our trees and flowers. It's aggravating and discouraging. The Town/County was us to beautify our properties but we might as well put cash in the shredder. The darn things are tame. I walk on the trail and they often walk right by me. They wouldn't know how to survive in the wild but are dangerous living in town.
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2023 09:33 AM	Love to have a garden, but I can't afford a fence.
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2023 10:03 AM	Stop dragging this out and do SOMETHING about it.
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2023 11:12 AM	Very biased survey. I have never heard or seen aggressive behavior to pets. I walk the Milton trail and have seen deer walking and cats and dogs and no aggressive behavior from the deer lots from the dogs who are off leash. I would think there are more important issues for the town elected officials to work on. Maybe signs posted where the deer cross the street. Drivers obeying speed limits. .
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2023 01:49 PM	This survey should be in partnership with the surrounding municipal area. Arcadia deer and Dayton deer are Yarmouth deer. They are eating things they haven't traditionally eaten and soon will be suffering from the fallout of their own unchecked procreation. Property owners will just have to get rid of plants, trees, shrubs and go minimalist. A significant cull is required. If people don't have the constitution for that, municipal and town governments will have to provide residents with deer deterants or compensate taxpayers with reduced taxes since we can not do anything green to improve our properties.
Screen Name Redacted 3/11/2023 06:37 PM	The herd appears to be growing. Several young deer in the group.
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Learn to live with nature..

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we need a cull.

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3/13/2023 09:43 PM

Thank you for looking into this...we need a coordinated response

Screen Name Redacted
3/14/2023 12:45 PM

My children would be traumatized if they witness deer killing

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3/14/2023 01:29 PM

I think people should stop feeding deer as this attracts more deer. I believe eliminating the deer by killing them is wrong and illegal. It is animal abuse to even suggest. They should be looking as to why the deer are showing up more then they did before.

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3/15/2023 03:51 PM

I live just outside town near the hospital and visit the town every day either for work or retail therapy. I am constantly seeing deer in front yards as well as on the roads. The ONLY solution I think MAY help is if during the next (or next few) hunting season, the Ministry allows double the quantity per license. This will assist in both keeping some people's food costs down and relieving the community of a few extra deer. I know that the deer in my yard are destroying our gardens which we depend upon for survival.

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3/16/2023 08:51 AM

Something needs to change, damage to property, ticks, deer scat daily on the lawn. I suggest deer cams be placed around the town to get a true count.

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They are wild animals,overpopulated,very small sized, no fear of humans ,learning to survive on everyone's gardens and shrubs. They are no longer beautiful, bring ticks and coyotes to our yards. They are very destructive to our efforts to provide beauty and food from our yards. There needs to be fines for anyone feeding them "on purpose" . We need to start ,and continue yearly with culls. The meat should be used for community food banks, or given to those in need. A call for volunteers could be put out to deal with the cutting, packaging, and distribution of the meat. I live just outside town limits, so I see the deer crossing the line daily. The county should be included, with the help of DNR. Special licencing for the hunter needed. I would be

	happy to donate my property for culling purposes.
Screen Name Redacted 3/16/2023 12:49 PM	It’s worth noting that a deer was hit directly in front of our house and needed to be put down by a police officer ~2 years ago
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2023 10:48 AM	A cull needs to be done asap. Not only are they a traffic hazard, they are a nuisance for people that have any flowers on their property. Lyme disease is also running rampant from the ticks they carry.
Screen Name Redacted 3/17/2023 04:07 PM	Drivers need to slow down in town, deer aren't the only things crossing the road. Pedestrians get hit, even in crosswalks.
Screen Name Redacted 3/18/2023 04:42 PM	yet the deer be they aren't that many in town I travel town everyday and don't see that many here plus if they stop clearing the forest just outside the town limit the deer wouldn't move in town where they feel safe there is more important problems in this town the deer should be the least of your worries the town is more of a dump which isn't very beautiful here
Screen Name Redacted 3/18/2023 05:32 PM	Please leave the deer alone. There’s hardly any wildlife left and when the wildlife try to live in a safe place people say they are a problem…. why don’t you try lowering the speed limit everywhere, to me that makes more sense.
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2023 08:38 AM	Please cull as many deer as possible they are a huge nuisance
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2023 08:46 AM	Allow experienced archery hunters to kill them for food during daylight hours in city limits and nearby. I almost never see deer where I live or on the highway, but I see deer almost every time I’m in Yarmouth town.
Screen Name Redacted 3/19/2023 09:10 PM	There are too many deer. It is not healthy for the deer population, I can not grow much of my own food like I used to. They are vectors of disease especially carring ticks and are a hazard to navigation on the road
Screen Name Redacted 3/21/2023 08:41 AM	It should be a priority to fix the roads in town, the potholes are a disgrace. Pot holes have caused damage to my car, not the deer.

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3/21/2023 08:55 PM

I am strongly concerned about the increasing population of deer in our town and something needs to be done to manage them.

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3/22/2023 05:17 AM

in order to protect shrubs I have to spray regular with bobbex to deter costing 80- $100 per year. Works if your diligent. Some shrubs I have eliminated . Not worth the hassle. Garden have installed an electric fence for this year as deterrent. Results to be determined. No crops yet but no deer in that area since turning on the fence. Hopeful but the town deer population is strong and the deer will eat. Im seeing as some foods are eliminated they eat something else. Now eating plant species unheard of in the past. There is no easy solution to this problem.

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While I appreciate that some may have negative experiences with the deer in town, my experience is completely opposite and a positive one. Seeing the deer visit my yard, or while I'm out for a walk is something I look forward to. It improves my day. Humans have been ravaging the environment and killing anything that we find inconvenient. I urge you to seek out other means besides a cull, there has to be another, more humane way of dealing with this issue. Studies have shown that culls do not have a long term benefit. I have been impressed with how the town of Yarmouth deals with many issues, and seem to be open minded and flexible, so please be open minded and flexible while dealing with this too. One last note for question 9 is that there are many, many more pressing issues that should take priority when allocating budget funds and resources (for example: healthcare; the town has recently lost 2 veterinarians and many people are unable to find care for their pets (or are having to drive significant distances to do so); many potholes in local roads need to be fixed; there is so much beautiful space along the waterfront that could be developed into multi use trails/public space (Yarmouth is truly a beautiful gem that is underutilizing it's waterfront); restoration of buildings on Main Street; recreational services for residents; and so many others).

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3/24/2023 12:04 PM

The town needs to spend money fixing the roads. I just returned from Cuba, the roads in Cuba have less pot holes then Yarmouth.

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Leve them a lone it the old ones that are doing the compiling and then some others to if they are your property you should be able to feed them

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3/29/2023 08:44 AM

You need to do something to control the ever growing population of the deer.

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3/29/2023 09:07 AM

I live on Parade Street and there is continuous traffic day & night. Especially from 4pm to early am (often daily in spring/summer/fall) deer are roaming. They are in Mount View Cemetery. Also, in the early morning they are in the field on Parade St. (behind Mt. View Manor and High School). Starting to see 5-7 deer there (not daily yet). I have also met deer while walking this past fall on Parade St. (near the cemetery) on resident's lawns. Also, on 1 occasion in late afternoon walking down Forest St. - 3 deer crossing from Calvary Cemetery to the field by the high school. I know that this is a difficult issue. I don't want to hit a deer or damage my vehicle. Like many people I see a deer as a beautiful animal. In the past 2 months, I am out at night in town (4 nights/evenings a week). I try to avoid the side streets and use Main St. to avoid meeting deer. If possible, please do what you can. Thank you.

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3/29/2023 09:28 AM

Deer inside my fenced in yard, leaping over fence nearly missing a parked car. The deer problem is serious, especially bringing in more lyme disease, "poop" in yard that dogs eat making them sick is bad. I don't have a flower or vegetable garden but both neighbours who had a great garden had to have it completely barricaded up with boards!

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3/29/2023 10:08 AM

The deer problem was not a major problem 10 years ago. Now however, at so many levels it is turning into a disaster. To citizens (like myself) who take pride in their property (flower gardens, fruit trees, ornamental bushes, manicured lawns, etc.) it is very frustrating & discouraging. As well, this past fall I picked two black-legged ticks off my cat. I presume they originated from deer. A deer cull would seem to be the answer - if not the complete answer at least I would think a major part of the solution. There will be some disagreement (like in Truro) but I feel it has to be done (and led by someone who doesn't mind the criticism). I would presume most of the criticism would come from those who live in apartments or the few who own property but are not affected by deer (where would that be?). I strongly believe the majority of citizens who take pride in their property feel that SOMETHING has to be done that is effective and soon. I, along with many others, feel a cull would go a long way to fixing this problem. I know the deer are everywhere. I can give an example of how bad it is here on Seminary St.. In the evening the deer (usually 5 or 6) cross Pleasant St. & walk up through the wooded lot (which I own) across from Pleasant Supplies. They then jump my fence into my backyard. On their way through they eat plants and bushes as well as the ivy growing on the sides of my house. By

January, it is all eaten except the ivy around my deck that I cover with blankets for the winter. The deer then proceed down Alma St.. This happens every night from late November until the end of April (except for stormy weather). It is not unusual to get up in the morning to see 2 or 3 sleeping in my yard. Last year I mentioned to a councillor that I should get a license and open up a B&B for them! By the way, raccoons are another problem but can be controlled. In the past 10 years I have trapped about 80 in my backyard. Then released them in remote areas of the county. Anyone is invited to have a look at the damage done to my ivy.

Optional question (234 response(s), 155 skipped)
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