

2018-2019

DEER MANAGEMENT REPORT

OGDEN DUNES

Previous reports, notes and related information are available for the historical context of the Ogden Dunes deer management efforts on this site.

Although donated funds were made available, no flyover occurred to assess deer population in our town as our contact was unable to assist, apparently due to previous commitments overseas. It is planned to use flyovers in the future to constantly assess any overpopulation trends and to reduce the need for culling to a very short period of time, if any.

National Park continued their culling efforts in the areas surrounding Ogden Dunes. No deer were culled in the West Beach area. Six (6) deer were culled in the area south of US 12. There were four (4) deer removed on the east side of town on NPS property. NPS will continue in the future to cull on their property surrounding Ogden Dunes.

The result of this cooperation has benefitted OD as plant damaging is almost non-existent and reports of new Lyme disease incidents have not been noted. Deer continue to be seen in OD but at a controllable and non-threatening or damaging way as in the past. They also appear to be healthy.

No cull for the fall of 2019 is anticipated. To minimize the need for a cull on town property it is again important to not feed or water wild animals such as deer and raccoons. Keep bird feeders 5-7 feet above ground if possible, use deer repellent sprays and other material on vulnerable planted vegetation. Wear protective clothing and use tick spray when gardening or caring for lawns and shrubbery.

The State of Indiana (IDNR) will continue to provide hunting opportunities on their property and in fact, hopes to increase same with a new CHAP program for parents and children together.