



CITY OF CHESTERFIELD

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

December 7, 2022

5:30 PM

Conference Room 101

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes

October 17, 2022

4. Proposal for Satellite Office - St Louis Co. Prosecuting Attorney

Chief Johnson will share with the committee details of a proposal from St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney to establish a satellite office in Chesterfield City Hall.

5. Deer Sampling Survey

Chief Johnson will advise the committee on department plans to conduct an internal Deer Sampling Survey

6. Other

7. Next Meeting

8. Adjourn

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2022

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MINUTES

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman, Councilmember Aaron Wahl.

- II. Roll Call

Councilmember Aaron Wahl, Ward II (Chairman), Councilmember Mary Monachella, Ward I, Councilmember Dan Hurt, Ward III, Councilmember Merrell Hansen, Ward IV, Councilmember Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward II, Councilmember Gary Budoor, Ward IV, City Attorney Chris Graville, City Prosecuting Attorney Tim Engelmeyer, Attorney Ben Kloos, Captain Cheryl Funkhouser, and Chief Ray Johnson. Also in attendance were citizens (8 citizens from the subdivision of Fienup Farms, and 1 citizen from Country Lake subdivision).

- III. Minutes – August 22, 2022

Councilmember Hansen motioned and Councilmember Hurt seconded to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022 meeting. It was noted that the minutes reflected the request of Councilmember Dan Hurt to discuss the installation of a bullet proof glass safety barrier at the customer service representatives' front desk of City Hall and that item does not appear on the agenda for the meeting this evening. It was agreed that this will be discussed under the "other" category this evening. The minutes were approved 4-0.

The Committee members agreed to suspend the order of the agenda to allow City Prosecuting Attorney Tim Engelmeyer to present the status for a Special Circumstances Court.

- VII. Special Circumstances Court

At the August meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee, the Public Health & Safety Committee made a request for additional information regarding the possibility of starting a Special Circumstances Court, specifically the Committee requested a budget so that this new program could be discussed at the upcoming Finance & Administration Committee meetings.

City Prosecuting Attorney distributed copies of a proposed budget and he, along with Attorney Ben Kloos who runs the St. Louis County Veterans Court, described the planned workings for this Court. He stated that St. Louis County had previously had a Mental Health Court that was a referral source for municipal courts. This program is no longer available. He stated that the Chesterfield Municipal Court currently sees many defendants that are repeat offenders, many of them juveniles, people with mental health issues, and veterans with PTSD issues. Mr. Engelmeyer voiced the opinion that with proper referral services, these defendants could benefit from the proposed Special Circumstances Court which would serve as an early intervention to stop recidivism and assist these defendants to find a better place in society as a whole.

Councilmember Hurt questioned how the costs of this program could be offset. City Prosecuting Attorney Engelmeyer responded that many of the costs currently are already in the City Budget because these defendants currently are being handled by the Municipal Court. The ability to refer these clients to other social and/or treatment programs and to then track them through these programs would be the additional costs. The first year would be a time to test out the system and only deal with those defendants in the Chesterfield Court system. If successful, the Chesterfield Special Circumstance Court could be made available to other municipalities at a cost. The Court could possibly have a "net zero" cost with fees being covered by the current court costs charged to the participant. The other fees associated with treatments are listed with options that could be "no cost" considering those defendants that are veterans and have some free services.

Councilmember Hurt motioned and Councilmember Hansen seconded to forward the proposed program to City Council with a recommendation to include the costs in the upcoming City budget planning with a clarification of the cost to the City and a forecast number of cases in the year.

Discussion continued with City Prosecuting Attorney agreeing to provide additional information on costs. Councilmember Wahl also suggested that the name of the program be "Alternative Court".

Having no further discussion, the motioned carried 4-0.

The order of the agenda then resumed.

IV. Golf Carts

The Committee members began a discussion of the use on Golf Cart type vehicles on City Streets. City Attorney Chris Graville addressed the Committee describing the different types of vehicles that could be considered. The vehicles described are Low Speed Vehicles (LSV), Golf Carts, ATV's and UTV's. There was discussion regarding which would be allowed. There was agreement that ATV's and UTV's would not be considered.

Chief Johnson confirmed that right now, no unlicensed vehicles are allowed on City streets. The City can change the ordinance but there are many details to be considered including what types of vehicles, regulations for those vehicles including required safety equipment, and which specific streets and/or subdivisions to allow the vehicles. With these considerations, then the question becomes who will inspect the vehicles and check the vehicles to make sure they are street ready. He also noted that "over regulation" will not be successful, the ordinance would have to be City-wide and the regulations be reasonable for all residential areas within the City.

City Attorney Graville agreed to continue his work on a proposed ordinance that would allow these vehicles on City roadways including a limitation on a speed limit on the streets where they would be allowed.

Citizens present expressed their support for the allowance of these vehicles. Many noted that specific subdivisions are set upon large lots and support the usage of these vehicles to access amenities. Councilmembers voiced their opinion that once golf carts are legal on City streets, they should be legal on all City streets where supported by speed limits.

Two citizens who support the legalization of golf carts, voiced safety concerns especially where children are involved.

City Attorney Graville noted that the City can regulate the roadways where these vehicles can be utilized. Specifically, he noted that it could be that they are allowable on roadways where the speed limit is 25 MPH. He also reminded those present that there are also State and County regulations for these types of vehicles.

Chief Johnson noted that the Police Department is not opposed to golf carts. The Police Department enforces laws, and right now golf carts are illegal. The Police Department will support any change in the ordinance to allow golf carts on city streets with safety regulations, if so, decided by City Council.

City Attorney Graville reminded all present that this is a "City" issue, not just a subdivision issue. Councilmember Wahl noted that there will be no vote this evening but directed City Attorney Graville to develop a draft ordinance for review by the Public Health & Safety to allow and regulate the use of golf carts on City streets. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee.

V. Traffic Control for Road Construction and Tree Removal

Councilmember Wahl noted that he has observed traffic issues caused by contractors doing tree removal and road construction. He inquired about regulations for contractors during this type of work. Chief Johnson replied that permits are issued by the Public Works Department for road work and tree removal on City streets. Contractors are required to agree to traffic control regulations as specified in the Manual On Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) when issued a permit. Problems should be reported to the Police Department and/or Public Works.

VI. Repeal of Policy Statement

Chief Johnson requested the Committee repeal a Public Health & Safety Policy #7 (Toll Roads – Street Corner Solicitations). Last revised in 2017, this policy provided directions for toll road and street corner solicitations. Recently the City of Chesterfield enacted an ordinance which bans all street corner solicitation and/or toll roads. Therefore, this policy is no longer lawful and needs to be repealed. Councilmember Hansen motioned and Councilmember Monachella seconded to recommend to full City Council repeal of Public Health & Safety Policy #7. The motion carried 4-0.

VIII. Safety Barrier at City Hall Front Desk

Councilmember Hurt requested that the Public Health & Safety Committee consider a safety barrier of Plexiglass that would be bullet-proof around the City Hall front desk area to protect the customer service representatives that work in that area. Members of the Committee want the area to remain customer friendly and any barrier constructed should

take that into consideration. Councilmember Hurt motioned and Councilmember Wahl seconded to have a cost estimated done for the purchase and installation of a barrier around the Customer Service Desk at City Hall. The motion carried 4-0.

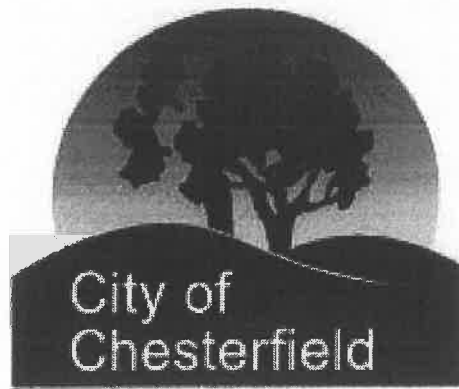
- IX. No date was set for the next meeting.
- X. Adjourn – the meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

From: Ray Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 3:52 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Mike Geisel; Executive Staff; tim@epfirm.com (tim@epfirm.com)
Subject: St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney proposal - Satellite Office

As has been discussed a number of times over the past year or so, the Chesterfield Police Department has been working with the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office to formalize the long awaited plan to establish County Prosecuting Attorney satellite offices for arrest and search warrant application. Specifically, the Prosecutor has agreed to provide resources and staffing to operate a satellite operation on a trial basis in both the City of Florissant and in Chesterfield. Under this proposal, they would assign an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney to be physically present at the Chesterfield City Hall two days per week. The services provided would be a tremendous asset to our police department, and to our community, in that, our officers and resident victims/witnesses to crimes would no longer have to travel to Clayton to apply or assist in warrant applications.

The County P.A. assigned would provide his/her own cell phone and laptop computer and printer, and would require nothing other than use of desk space and access to wifi. They would not have/require access to our computer network system. I have identified the space just outside the City Council Members office currently housing the Chesterfield Assistant Prosecuting Attorney's desk area, which is utilized only on Tuesdays, as suitable for this purpose. County Prosecutor Wesley Bell met here today and confirmed the location and facility would be ideally suited for their purpose and needs. Our Municipal Prosecuting Attorney Tim Englemeyer is aware of this proposal and is supportive of these tentative plans.

I advised County Prosecutor Bell this proposal must go before our City's PH&S Committee of Council for their consideration/approval and then be forwarded on to full Council for final approval. However, I did take the liberty of indicating to Mr. Bell that both City Administrator Geisel and I are very supportive of the proposal. Based on previous discussions relative to this matter, and while unable to speak for City Council, considering the benefits from having a prosecutor physically available to our City and Police Department, I did not anticipate any reluctance on our City's part. Mr. Bell is planning a public announcement of his program to establish the satellite offices and he would like to go public with that announcement on Tuesday, December 13th; fully understanding such proposal is contingent on final approval by City Council. I am currently reaching out to Council Member Wahl, Chair of PH&S, to establish a date for a PH&S Committee meeting to present this plan for their consideration. If there is further direction you might provide at this time to better facilitate the proposal and Mr. Bell's desire to make the public announcement on December 13th, please advise. Thanks!



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City of Chesterfield

Deer Distance Sampling

2019



Background

In January of 2018, the City of Chesterfield contracted with White Buffalo, Inc to conduct an estimate of the deer population in the City. White Buffalo personnel employed a technique called “distance sampling” to compile the data for their report. Distance Sampling consists of field observations made of deer in a specific identified transect. The main observations consist of the number of deer observed along this transect and their distance from the transect. The data collected can then be analyzed to determine approximate deer density within the given geographical location.

In January of 2019, the City of Chesterfield decided that a second distance sampling project would be completed to compare to that which was completed by White Buffalo in 2018 to determine changes, if any, to the deer population within the City. In the survey conducted in January 2019, City of Chesterfield employees were used to conduct the survey in place of White Buffalo, Inc personnel as a more cost effective measure to gather this information. The City of Chesterfield employees selected for this project were Officer Andrew Beckerman, Officer Tyler Lewis, Mr. Mike Acker (Parks Department) and Mr. Kyle Brown (Parks Department). These employees met with Erin Shank of the Missouri Department of Conservation and received training, resources, and guidance from her prior to undertaking this project. Ms. Shank has worked closely with both White Buffalo, Inc and other area agencies in the past on deer sampling projects and is very knowledgeable about the procedure of conducting such a project. All of the Chesterfield employees used in the project had backgrounds in deer harvesting and were very familiar with the patterns, behaviors and identification of deer. These attributes proved to be helpful when completing this assignment.

Methods

The City of Chesterfield employees employed the same techniques as were employed by the White Buffalo, Inc personnel when they conducted their survey. These techniques included traveling the same routes, using the same pattern of travel along those routes and dedicating the same amount of time traveled along those routes as were employed by the White Buffalo, Inc personnel in January of 2018. (See attached items 1-3 for maps of those routes) Their efforts mirrored every practice demonstrated by the White Buffalo, Inc personnel with two exceptions: Exception # 1, the White Buffalo, Inc personnel conducted their research over the course of four days, consisting of two 4-hour days and two 8-hour days, due to weather constraints at the time that their survey was conducted. The City of Chesterfield employees conducted their research over the course of three 8-hour days. The end result was the same amount of time spent by both groups, using a different amount of

days. Exception #2, the White Buffalo, Inc survey was conducted during the second week of January in 2018 and the City of Chesterfield survey was conducted during the fourth week of January in 2019.

The City of Chesterfield survey was conducted on January 28-January 30, 2019 between the hours of 10:00 pm – 6:00 am each evening. The survey was conducted using a marked City of Chesterfield Police vehicle, occupied by the four aforementioned City of Chesterfield employees. The employees served the roles of driver, front passenger operating a hand-held spotlight, rear driver's side passenger operating a hand-held spotlight, and rear passenger side occupant who acted in a data recorder / observer role. The driver's sole focus was safe operation of the vehicle and maintained a speed limit of approximately 10 m.p.h throughout the duration of this project. As the other employees observed deer, the vehicle was brought to a stop perpendicular to the deer to obtain a yardage measurement of the distance to the deer. The yardage was determined using a hand-held range finder. This distance, as well as the number of deer in the grouping, was then recorded.

The weather conditions during the 2019 survey dates were as follows:

- January 28, 2019, air temperature 10 degrees, passing clouds with wind out of West/Northwest at 15-20 m.p.h. A trace amount of snowfall did occur, but no accumulating snow.
- January 29, 2019, air temperature – 2 degrees, passing clouds with wind out of the West/Northwest at 18-20 m.p.h.
- January 30, 2019, air temperature 3 degrees, passing clouds with wind out of the North at 2-5 m.p.h.

Results

Over the course of the three days, 111 groups of deer were observed consisting of 252 total deer. The average number of deer per group were 2.27 deer and the average perpendicular distance to the deer observed was 52.85 yards.

Based on this most recent sampling, and applying the same survey distance, route, and techniques formula as in the previous White Buffalo sampling survey, we estimate that there are 428.9 deer v. the White Buffalo estimate of 460.8 total deer population. Further, utilizing the same 95% confidence interval; (14-40 deer/sq. mile) and program formula as White Buffalo in their previous sampling survey, we estimate there were 22.9 deer per sq. mile (428.9 deer divided by 18.73 mile sq. equals 22.9 deer per sq. mile.) This is slightly lower than the 24.6 deer/ sq. mile, based on the total count of 460.8 deer estimate of the White Buffalo Sampling Survey.

White Buffalo v. City - total count comparison:

White Buffalo total deer count: 460.8 divided by 18.73 miles equals = 24.6 deer/sq. mile

City total deer count: 428.9 divided by 18.73 miles equals = 22.9 deer/sq. mile

These results were very similar to the observations made by the White Buffalo, Inc. personnel during their survey in 2018. The only noticeable variance in the two surveys was the amount of deer observed in Zone 2. The number of deer observed by Chesterfield employees in that zone was 22 less deer overall than previously spotted by the White Buffalo, Inc employees. A complete comparison of the data, including detailed graphs can be found in the attachment labeled Item 4.

Appendix A contains additional detailed information that includes dates, zones, number of deer in each group, locations and other miscellaneous information regarding sex/age of deer observed.

ITEM #1

**Chesterfield Missouri
Deer Population Sampling Routes - Zone 1**

**Zone 1
Zone 2
Zone 3**



Sources: Esri, HERE, DeLorme, USGS, Imagery, Swisstopo, GEBCO, Esri, Japan, METI, Esri, China (Hong Kong), Esri, Korea, Esri (Thailand), NGCC, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

**Chesterfield Missouri
Deer Population Sampling Routes - Zone 2**

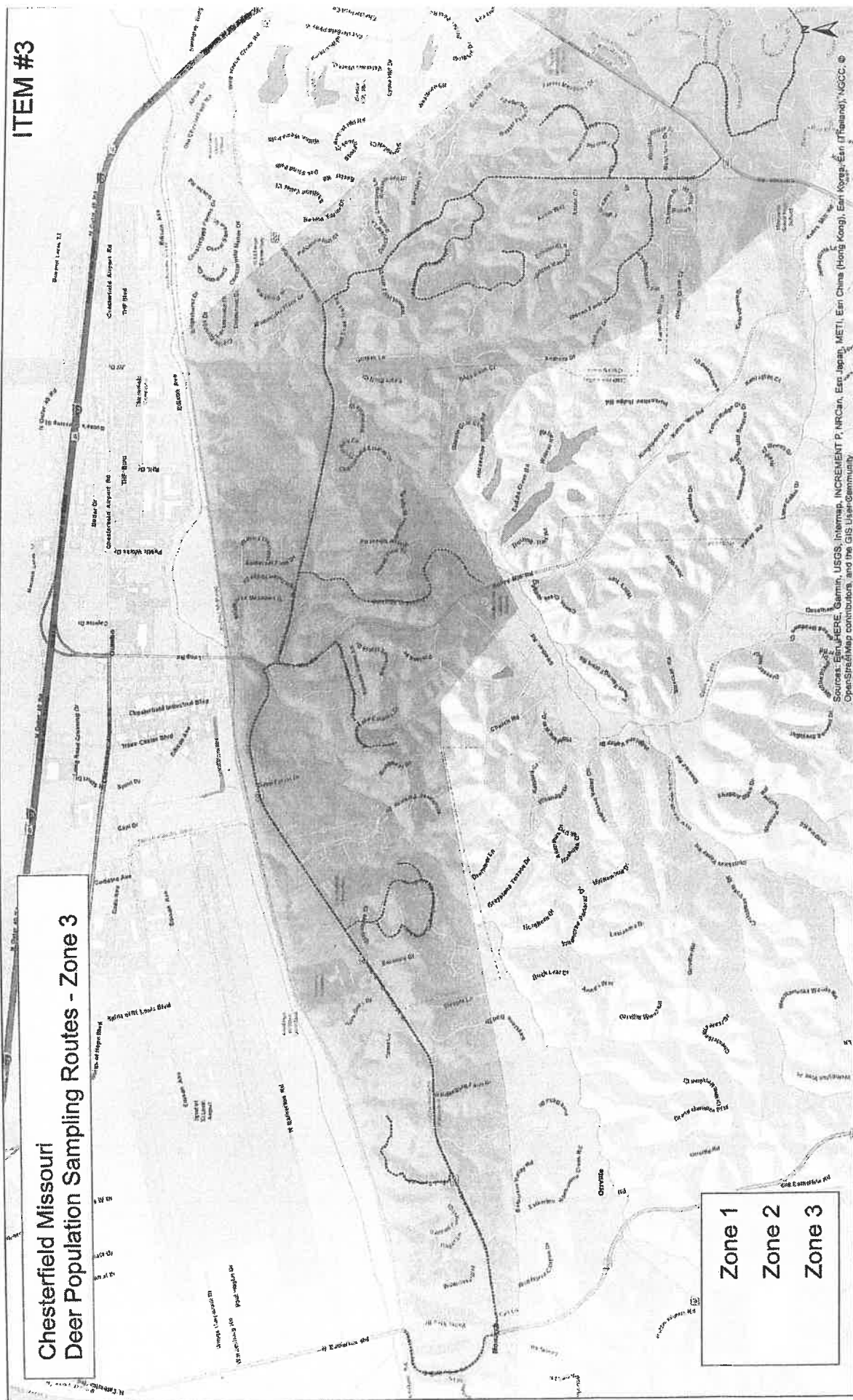
Zone 1
Zone 2
Zone 3



Chesterfield Missouri Deer Population Sampling Routes - Zone 3

Zone 1
Zone 2
Zone 3

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Item # 4

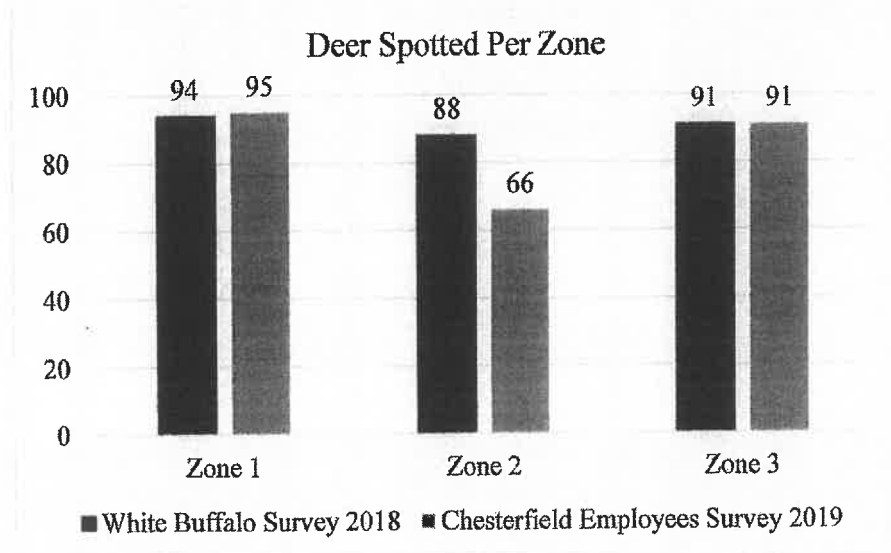
White Buffalo Survey 2018

1/12/2018*	47
1/13/2018	90
1/14/2018	91
1/15/2018*	45
Total	273

Chesterfield Employees Survey 2019

1/28/2019	79
1/29/2019	88
1/30/2019	85
Total	252

	White Buffalo Survey 2018	Chesterfield Employees Survey 2019
Total Deer	273	252
Average Deer Per Group	2.53	2.27
Average Perpendicular Distance	55.89 yards	52.85 yards



*partial survey completed on 1/12/18 and 1/15/18

APPENDIX A

Date	Zone	Number of Deer in Group	Perpendicular Distance	Miles	Street 1	Street 2	Unknown	Buck	Doe	Fawn
1/28/2019	1	3	28	0.1	Arrowhead	West			1	2
1/28/2019	1	1	86	0.2	Arrowhead		1			
1/28/2019	1	3	10	3.9	White	Rainy Lake			1	2
1/28/2019	1	1	53	3.9	White	Rainy Lake	1			
1/28/2019	1	3	10	3.9	White	Rainy Lake				3
1/28/2019	1	1	50	3.9	White	Rainy Lake			1	
1/28/2019	1	3	82	3.9	White	Rainy Lake	3			
1/28/2019	1	2	45	8	Glen Cove	Glen Valley			2	
1/28/2019	1	4	28	10.7	Glen Cove	Glen Valley			3	1
1/28/2019	1	3	60	11.3	Chateaugay	Glen Hollow	3			
1/28/2019	1	1	106	11.3	Chateaugay	Diplomat	1			
1/28/2019	1	2	105	11.6	Diplomat	Forest Crest			1	1
1/28/2019	1	3	15	11.6	Forest Crest	Diplomat			1	2
1/28/2019	1	2	70	11.8	Greentrails	Parliament			1	1
1/28/2019	1	1	75	12	Parliament			1		
1/28/2019	1	1	10	12.2	Crosstrails				1	
1/28/2019	1	2	67	12.2	Crosstrails		2			
1/28/2019	1	2	64	12.5	Crosstrails		2			
1/28/2019	1	1	27	13.3	Buxford				1	
1/28/2019	1	1	39	13.5	Buxford		1			
1/28/2019	1	2	22	13.5	Buxford				1	1
1/30/2019	1	4	68	1.8	Hidden Oaks	Appalachian Trail	4			
1/30/2019	1	3	8	2.2	Appalachian Trail	Beaver Creek			1	2
1/30/2019	1	5	10	2.2	Appalachian Trail	Beaver Creek			2	3
1/30/2019	1	4	42	2.4	Stillhouse Creek	Appalachian Trail	3			1
1/30/2019	1	6	75	4	Greenstrails	White	5		1	
1/30/2019	1	1	47	4.6	Tealcrest	Kaywin			1	
1/30/2019	1	3	21	5	Corallin	Dinsmoor			1	2
1/30/2019	1	1	51	5	Corallin	Dinsmoor	1			
1/30/2019	1	2	0	5	Dinsmoor	Dungate				2
1/30/2019	1	1	53	5.5	White Birch Valley	White			1	
1/30/2019	1	2	120	7.6	Stablestone	Marmont	2			
1/30/2019	1	2	30	9.1	Riverbend	Riverbend Court	2			
1/30/2019	1	3	22	9.8	Ridgetrail	Ridge Meadow	3			
1/30/2019	1	1	64	10.9	Glen Cove	Glen Valley				2
1/30/2019	1	3	72	10.9	Glen Cove	Spring Brook	3			
1/30/2019	1	2	118	11	Glen Cove	Spring Brook	2			
1/30/2019	1	2	42	11.8	Chateaugay	Glen Hollow	2			
1/30/2019	1	4	84	12.2	Parliament	Green Trails			2	2

1/30/2019	1	2	24	0	Crosstrails	Ladue	2		
1/30/2019	1	1	46	13.3	Saylesville	Buxford	1		
1/29/2019	2	1	73	0.4	Candish	Anstel	1		
1/29/2019	2	1	75	1.8	Candish	Yarmouth			1
1/29/2019	2	1	88	4.1	Brittania	Mannington	1		
1/29/2019	2	1	61	5.3	Chesterfield Trails	Big Timber		1	
1/29/2019	2	1	62	5.4	Chesterfield Trails	Big Timber		1	
1/29/2019	5	5	199	6.4	Schoettler	Greenleaf	5		
1/29/2019	3	3	15	9.3	Baxter	Summer Ridge			1
1/29/2019	2	1	80	10.7	Manor Creek	Manor Ridge	1		
1/29/2019	2	1	93	10.8	Manor Creek	Lake Manor			1
1/29/2019	2	3	22	14.6	Claymont Estates	Redondo			1
1/29/2019	2	2	47	14.8	Claymont Estates	Richley	1		
1/29/2019	2	5	117	15.1	Denwoods	Isleview	5		
1/29/2019	2	1	0	15.2	Strollways	Isleview		1	
1/29/2019	2	2	140	15.2	Strollways	Isleview		2	
1/29/2019	2	5	52	15.3	Strollways	Isleview	5		
1/29/2019	2	1	53	16.4	Country Ridge	Cedar Forest			1
1/30/2019	2	2	74	3	Schoettler	Hunters Point		2	
1/30/2019	2	2	53	5.1	Chesterfield Trails				2
1/30/2019	2	5	60	5.3	Chesterfield Trails				3
1/30/2019	2	3	10	5.9	Grantley	Cherry Glen			1
1/30/2019	2	1	0	5.9	Grantley	Cherry Glen			1
1/30/2019	2	1	50	7.2	Highcroft				1
1/30/2019	2	4	55	7.4	Highcroft	Heffington	3		
1/30/2019	2	2	15	8.2	Cedarmill	Summer Ridge			1
1/30/2019	2	1	22	8.2	Cedarmill	Summer Ridge			1
1/30/2019	2	1	38	8.3	Cedarmill	Summer Ridge			1
1/30/2019	2	2	0	13.1	Chesterton				2
1/30/2019	2	2	43	13.1	Chesterton				
1/30/2019	2	1	62	14.6	Dinwoods	Claymont Estates	1		
1/30/2019	2	1	92	15	Strollways	Isleview			1
1/30/2019	2	1	0	15.1	Strollways	Isleview			1
1/30/2019	2	3	47	15.2	Strollways	Silvewood		1	2
1/28/2019	3	1	0	1	Wilson Farm	Hickory			1
1/28/2019	3	1	94	1	Wilson Farm	Hickory		1	
1/28/2019	3	4	95	1.1	Wilson Farm	Andracs	1		1
1/28/2019	3	2	100	1.7	Wilson Farm	Hickory	2		
1/28/2019	3	2	30	4.5	Wilson Farm	Chamfers			
1/28/2019	3	1	112	10.9	Carriage Xing		1		2
1/28/2019	3	4	93	10.9	Carriage Xing		4		

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