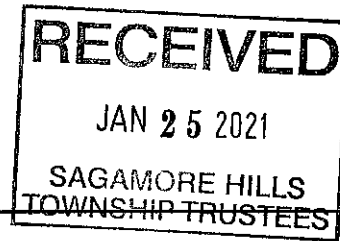




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January 15, 2021

Re: Cleveland Metroparks 2021 Deer Management Program

Dear Trustees:

I am writing to inform you that Cleveland Metroparks will be continuing our deer management program this winter to establish and maintain a balanced ecosystem. A portion of Bedford Reservation and Brecksville Reservation are within the municipal boundaries of Sagamore Hills Township, and management is planned for these reservations. From noon to 6 am the following morning, portions or all of each reservation will be closed to the public on several days from January 22 through March 21, 2021.

The safety protocol that has been successfully utilized by Cleveland Metroparks from the beginning of the program will continue. Safety remains the number one goal of our natural resource management team and our highly skilled and trained marksmen. Your police department will be notified prior to the initiation of management within Rocky River Reservation. The reservation will be posted/signed and closed completely during the management program. All shots will be fired from elevated positions using noise-suppressed rifles.

In addition to posted closure signs, residents who own property adjacent to Cleveland Metroparks property will be sent a letter informing them of the program. Specific closures will be posted on Cleveland Metroparks Alerts and Closures page (<https://clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/alerts-closures>) by 6 p.m. on the evening prior to an area's closure. When posted, the announcement will give details about reservations and sections of the parkway that will be closed between noon and 6 a.m. the following morning. As in past years, venison will be donated to a local food bank.

Cleveland Metroparks has worked hard to insure that the deer management program is safe, humane and effective. If you have questions, please contact me at (440) 253-2163.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Grieser  
Director of Natural Resources

cc: Chief Katherine Dolan, Cleveland Metroparks Police Department  
Chief David Hayes, Chief of Police, Village of Sagamore Hills