



Village of Cayuga Heights

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To All Villagers from the Board of Trustees – an Important Request

As you are likely aware, the Village is now in a position to proceed with its program of sterilization and culling in order to reduce the number of deer that are causing motor vehicle and bicycle accidents, inflicting damage to property and endangering public health in Cayuga Heights. Your patience and strong support have brought the deer program through its prolonged adoption. Now it is up to our community to make it happen.

The first phase of the plan is hire White Buffalo, Inc., a non-profit wildlife management and research organization, to begin sterilizing a core population of does this winter along with an initial culling of up to 85 deer.

For the program to succeed, a sufficient number of property owners in different parts of the Village must agree to have sterilization and/or culling take place on their land. Once a property owner gives permission for a sterilization and/or culling site, the Village will need to obtain the permission of every property owner within a 500 feet radius of that site in order to proceed.

Enclosed please find the landowner consent form that explains the terms of participation and lists options that give permission for baiting deer on your property, their capture and removal for sterilization, and/or the discharge of a weapon to kill them and remove the carcasses. The deer culled will be processed and the venison given to the Food Bank of the Southern Tier for free food distribution. Indemnification of property owners by the Village is included in the program.

To make all decisions to participate confidential, please return the form directly to Cayuga Heights Police Chief James Steinmetz at Marcham Hall, 836 Hanshaw Road, Ithaca NY 14850. You may be in touch with him to ask any questions at 257-1011 or by email to jsteinmetz@cayuga-heights.ny.us.

Your prompt consideration, before October 15, is requested.

Extensive information about the Village's deer program, including the sterilization and culling permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, may be found on the Village web site at www.cayuga-heights.ny.us by clicking on Deer Population Control. Additional copies of the landowner permission form may be printed from the Police Department's page on the web site.

Police Dept. & Village Administration
OFFICE HOURS
9 AM – 4:30 PM

<http://www.cayuga-heights.ny.us>

Landowner Consent Agreement

This Agreement is made by and between _____, whose address is _____, (the "Landowner"), and the Village of Cayuga Heights, a New York municipal corporation having offices at 836 Hanshaw Rd, Ithaca, New York 14850 (the "Village"), acting through the Village's Police Department (the "CHPD").

- A. The Landowner is familiar with the Village's efforts to manage and reduce the population of deer within the Village, referred to in the Agreement as the Village's Deer Management Plan ("DMP").
B. The Landowner understands that the Village has engaged or will engage the services of an independent contractor to assist with the DMP (the "Contractor"), and that Contractor may be White Buffalo, Inc., a Connecticut nonprofit corporation with offices at 26 Davison Rd, Moodus, Connecticut 06469.
C. The Landowner is willing to allow the Village, including the CHPD, and the Contractor to use the Landowner's property in connection with the DMP as stated in this Agreement.

For the consideration set forth in this Agreement, the Landowner and the Village agree as follows:

- 1. The Landowner owns the property located at _____, in the Village of Cayuga Heights, Town of Ithaca, New York (the "Property").
2. The Landowner hereby consents and grants permission to the Village, including to the CHPD, and to the Contractor to use the Property to take the following action(s):

Table with 3 columns: Action, YES, NO. Rows include: Place or install bait sites for deer, Capture deer and remove captured deer, Discharge weapons within 500 feet of the residence on the Property, Kill deer and remove deer carcasses.

- 3. Any action taken on the Property will be in accordance with applicable Village law, New York State law, any permit required for such action issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the agreement between the Village and the Contractor.
4. The Village will arrange for the Contractor to remove from the Property all deer killed.
5. The Village agrees to indemnify the Landowner for, and save the Landowner harmless from and against, any and all losses, costs, damages, expenses, claims, liabilities and obligations (including reasonable attorneys fees) sustained or incurred by the Landowner as a result of the Village's or the Contractor's performance of the actions that the Landowner has consented to in Section 2 of this Agreement, except to any extent sustained or incurred as a result of any action of the Landowner.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Village of Cayuga Heights

Landowner(s)

Authorized Representative

Print Name

Signature

Print Name

Signature