



**HUMANE SOCIETY OF JAMESTOWN**  
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# URGENT

## ATTENTION ALL JAMESTOWN RESIDENTS

It was recently reported that the Wildlife Committee has drafted recommendations for the Town Council regarding the culling of the island's deer population. The proposal includes the possibility of hunting access to town or watershed land. This would certainly limit or sever our access to walk safely in these areas without the fear of gunshot during hunting season. Do we not have the same rights as taxpayers as those who hunt do? Town owned land should **not** be regulated for hunting. It should remain available to the entire community, without having safety concerns because of hunting. Certainly others must feel this way particularly those that live within shooting range of the town owned lands. Where are our rights as taxpayers? Our town council has failed at recognizing the community as a whole if they allow hunting on town owned or watershed land(much of which has limited public access already). What about their constituents safety? Take action now and contact your elected Town Council to let them know that this is NOT OK.

In addition, as reported, this proposal states "after the initial culling, they will change the methodology to continue reducing the size of the herd gradually with a sensible management program". The Humane Society of Jamestown has repeatedly offered to provide to the Town Council, expert veterinary and population study experts that can attest that there are more effective, long-term solutions. And we don't have to kill anything to accomplish this. We have been trying to work cooperatively with the Town Council and Wildlife Committee to at least **listen** to other options, which would include the possibility of immuno-contraception. When the Wildlife Committee was formed, we gave them information on how other communities have successfully handled their deer overpopulation problems. Our Wildlife Committee member presented the group with the same opportunity to have field experts speak to them, the interest wasn't there. One of the goals of the Wildlife Committee was to obtain as much information as possible. They fell short of this goal. The Town Council stated that they were looking for a long-term solution. We've offered them information on the possibility of one, yet they've shown no interest. We guess their minds were already made up. It's up to the taxpayers to decide and let your Council Members know what you think. Contact them today and tell them not to open up the town owned land for hunting. It's not Jamestown's solution.

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