



DEER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025/2026 REPORT



October 12, 2026
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DMAC

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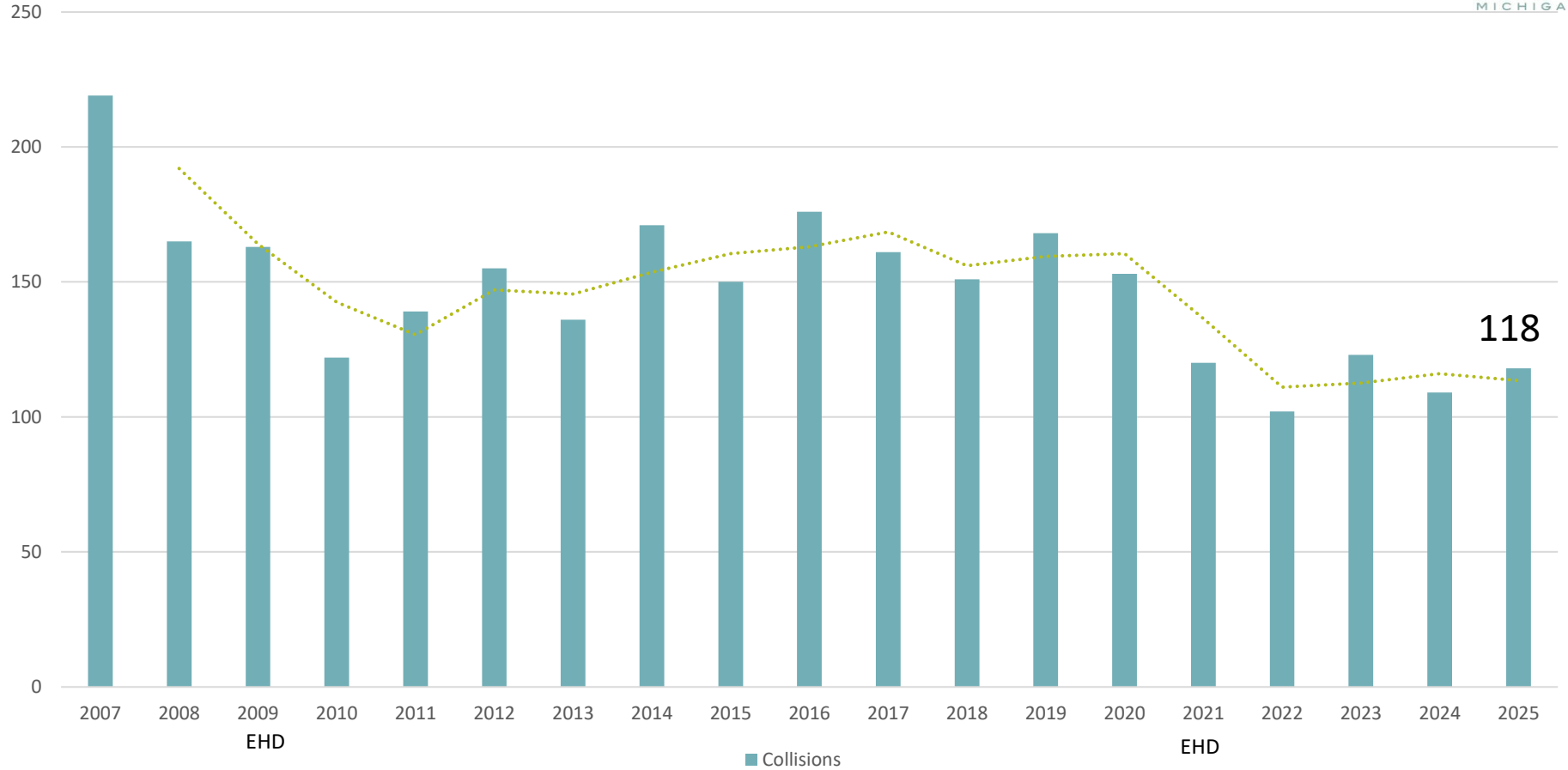
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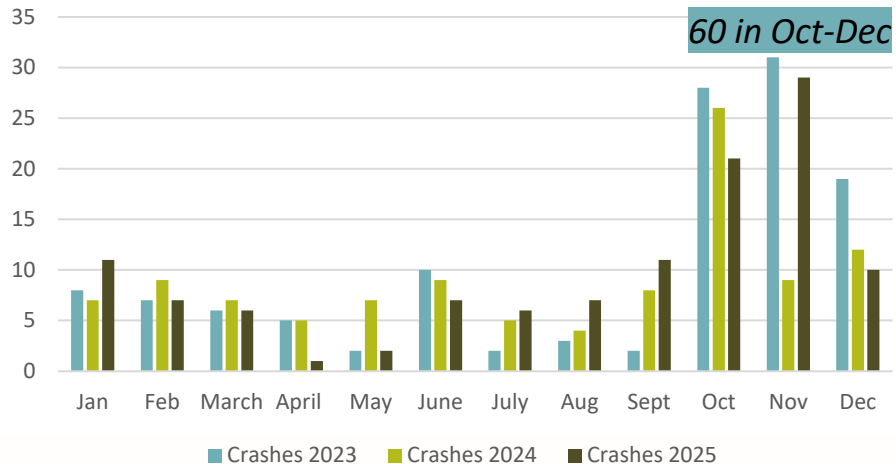
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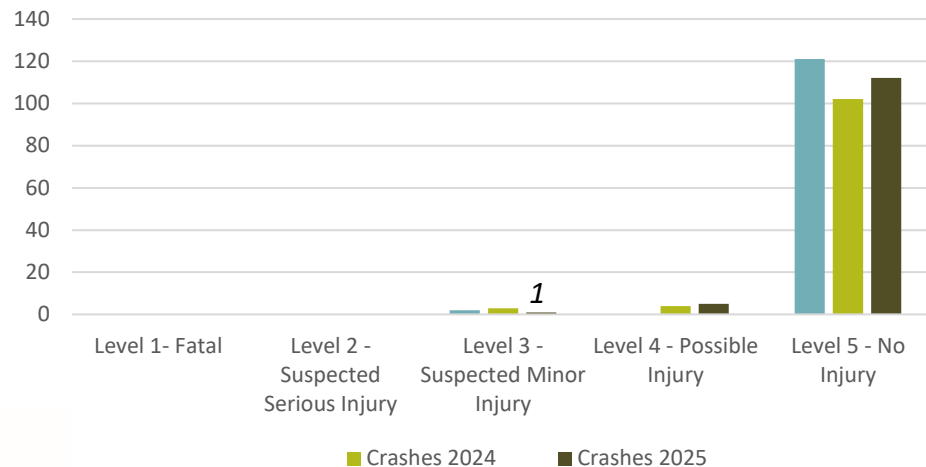
Deer/Vehicle Collisions



Deer Collisions by Month



Severity of Collisions

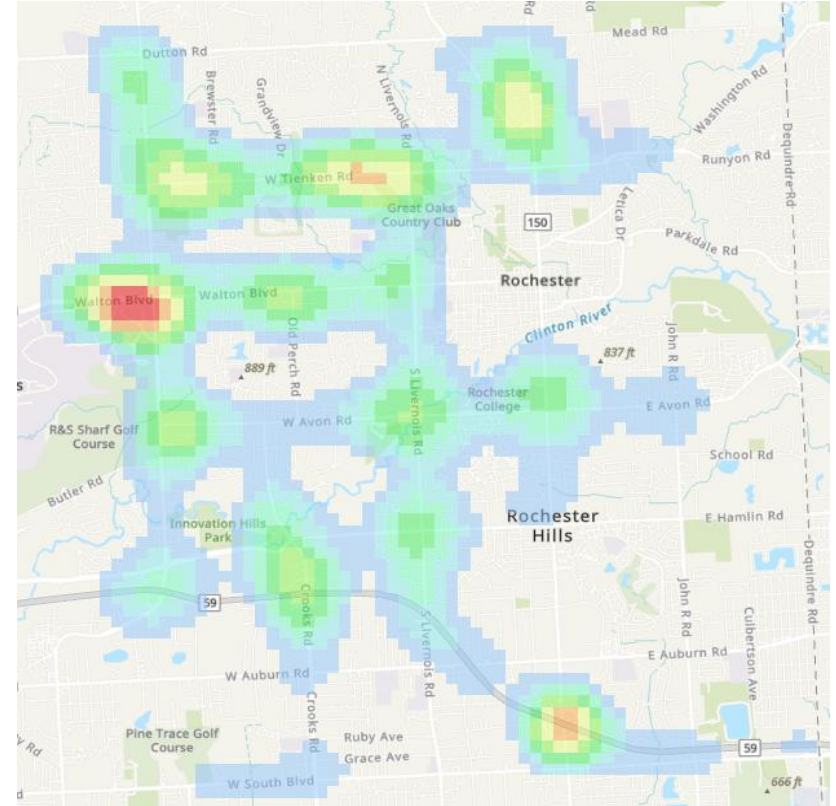


Deer/Vehicle Crash Locations

2025 DVC Locations

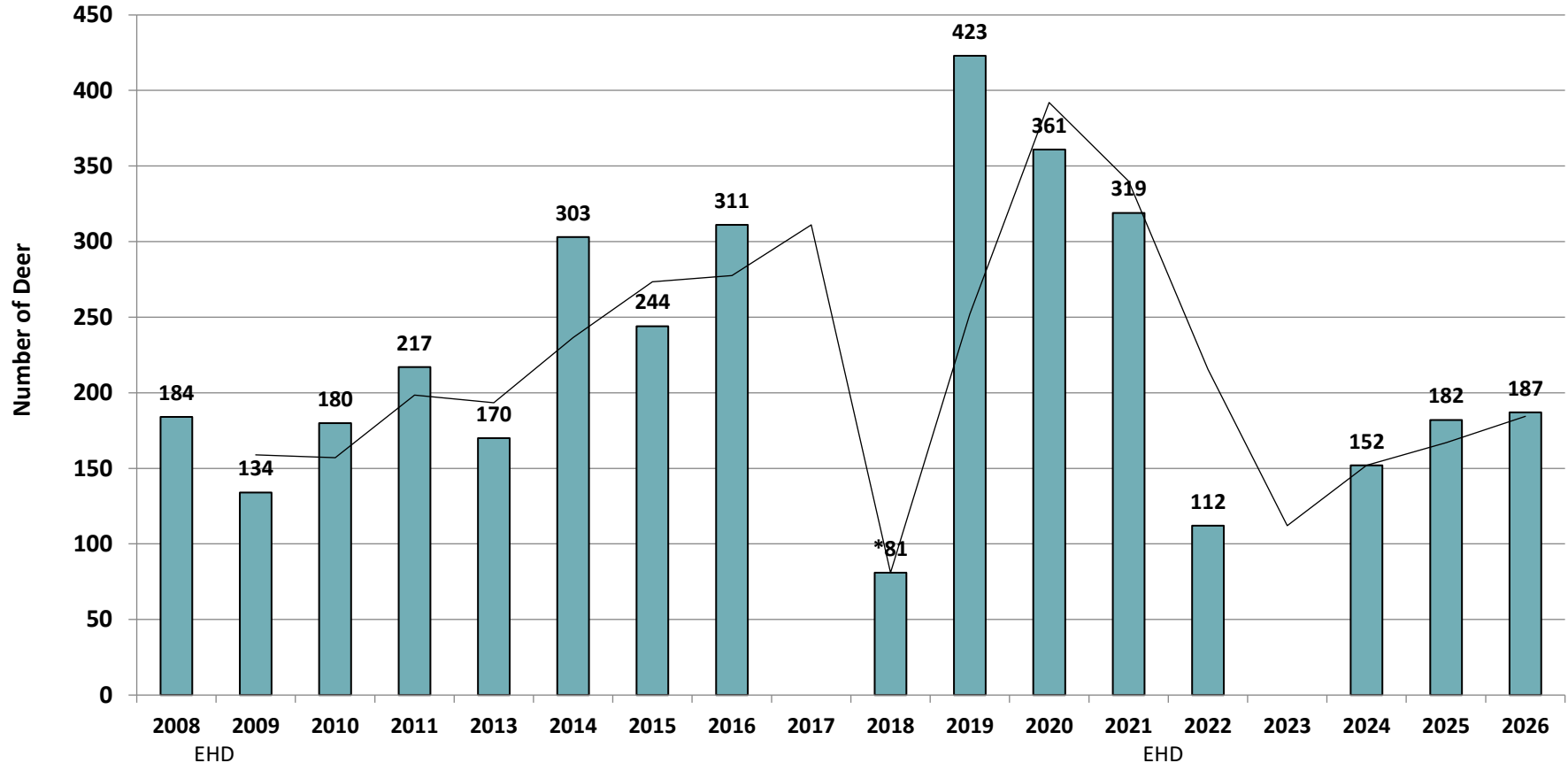


High Vehicle Deer Crash Areas (2020-2025)



Aerial Deer Survey Results - Rochester Hills

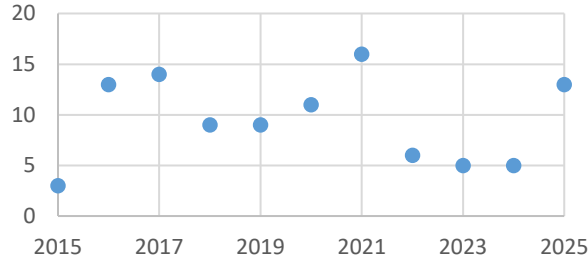
*(2018 results are not reflective of population/changes due to weather and visibility conditions at the time of the survey)
2023 – unable to complete Aerial Deer Survey due to unfavorable weather/snow condition



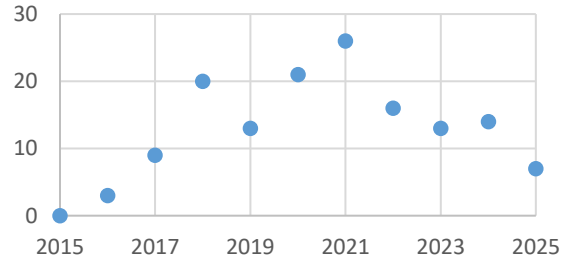
Deer Complaints 2015-2025

These #'s only include when a resident enters complaint into online reporting system or significant staff follow-up is needed

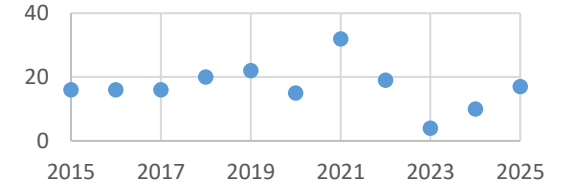
Feeding Deer



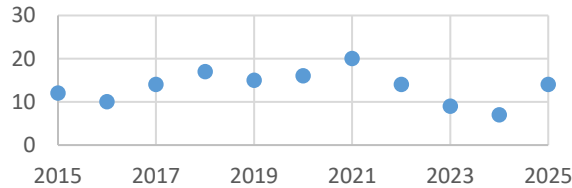
Nuisance-Wild Animal - Deer



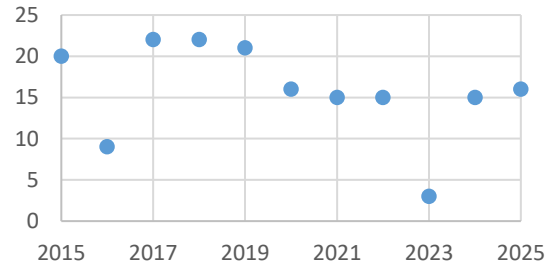
Roadkill-Deer, City ROW (Local Road)



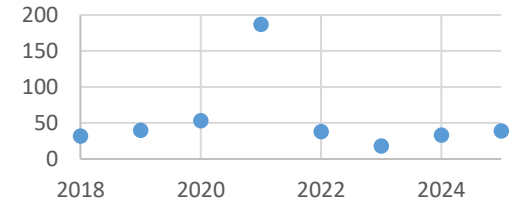
Roadkill-Deer, City ROW (Major Road)



Roadkill-Deer, RCOC/MDOT



Roadkill-Deer-Private Property



2026/2027 DMAC Recommendations

- Work with Youth Council for outreach to new drivers at the High Schools
- Work with other partners regarding outreach (OU and OPC)
- Continued outreach through spring and fall articles, etc.

October 2026 – Deer Awareness Month



Deer and Vehicles

Please keep in mind that there are two times a year when deer auto collisions increase dramatically: October through December, when deer are in rut, and May through June, when young from the previous year are out on their own and when does are with fawns and thus slower and less agile.

What you Can Do

- Stay aware, alert, and always use your safety belt. Reduce your speed, and watch for deer on the edge of the road, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Observe deer crossing signs and posted speed limits. Make a note of where you have seen deer before. Be careful when going around curves or when approaching favored deer crossings.
- If you see a deer cross safely in front of your car, slow down and expect more to come. Don't assume that a deer that is in the road will run off as you approach. Flashing your high-beam headlights or honking will not deter deer.

If a Crash is Unavoidable

- Don't swerve! Brake firmly, hold on to the steering wheel, stay in your lane and bring your vehicle to a controlled stop.
- Pull off the road, turn on your emergency flashers and be cautious of other traffic.
- Don't attempt to remove a deer from the roadway and report the crash to the nearest police agency.

Information and Assistance

For more information and assistance regarding suburban and overabundant deer issues, please contact:

City of Rochester Hills
Department of Parks and Natural Resources
Natural Resources Division Wildlife Unit
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309
248-656-4775
www.rochesterhills.org/deer

Coexisting with WHITE-TAILED DEER

in Rochester Hills



The white-tailed deer is one of the most recognizable species of wildlife in Michigan. They are an increasingly common animal in and around Rochester Hills, and in surrounding urban and suburban communities, leading to certain challenges.




2026/2027 DMAC Recommendations (cont.)

- Deer Brochures were included in the 2026 water bills (planned for every other year)
- Spring Deer and Gardening Program - 2027
- 2026 – Six changeable message boards in high DVC areas from Oct. 1 – Jan. 1
- Continue aerial deer count survey in January 2027



THANK YOU



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