



## Village of Sagaponack

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RE: Wild Life Management Program

Dear Property Owner:

Last year the Village of Sagaponack established a Wild Life Management Program to address the explosive population of deer within the Village. Our program is a multi-year program which is designed to reduce the deer population to a healthy level for both the deer and the residents of Sagaponack. It is anticipated that after three years, a manageable population will be achieved and the program will revert to a yearly maintenance program.

Our program is managed by Woods & Waves Management Inc. who trains and monitors the 160 volunteer hunters that are involved in their program. At any given time, Woods & Waves can identify the location, name and vehicle of the hunter who is hunting under our program within the Village. The hunting season begins in October and ends in January. However, given the size of the deer population in the Village, we have been given approval by the NYS DEC to extend our season into April.

After research by Woods & Waves, it has been determined that Sagaponack has one of the highest number of deer sitings per hour when compared to other east end deer programs. In our first year, even though we only had access to limited properties, 123 deer were harvested through our program. As a result, there are approximately 315 less deer in this area given a white tail deer birth rate.

The measurement of success for our program would be the reduction in the deer population which will result in

- less tick borne disease infections
- native vegetation re-growth
- less damage to ornamental bushes, trees and gardens
- reduction in damage to Sagaponack farms and crops

- reduced car vs deer accidents.

On October 1 we will begin the second year of our program. Many of your neighbors currently allow for hunting on their properties and we have received no complaints or had any issues with the hunters placed on these properties. As we enter our second year of the program, we are looking to expand the number of properties to offer greater success of our program.

Woods & Waves continues to assess and evaluate the migration and havens of the deer population within the Village to determine what areas would afford us the greatest success to achieve our goals. We are offering this program to you to protect your family and property. If you are interested in the program or have any questions, please contact me at Village Hall via email, phone or in person. All my contact information is listed above.

Thank you for your consideration in becoming an active participant in our program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rosemarie Cary Winchell".

Rosemarie Cary Winchell, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

CC: Mayor Louchheim and Board of Trustees