



TOWN OF AURORA

Aurora Municipal Center

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Due to a well-documented increase in tick populations, which has resulted in a significant increase in tick-borne illnesses, and the devastating effects of deforestation, the Town of Aurora and the Village of East Aurora have been working to manage our whitetail deer population. The Town of Aurora participated in the Deer Management Application Program last season through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), however this program unfortunately failed to yield any demonstrable results.

In an effort to protect our residents, our woodlands, and our environment, the Town and Village intend to pursue a "bait and shoot" program to commence at the conclusion of the 2026/2027 hunting season. This program will be run by trained professionals, with resident safety as a top priority. While this situation is less than ideal, we feel we have no other options. Contraceptive programs come with great expense and no measurable results. Actual sites for this program have yet to be selected.

As part of our application to NYSDEC, we are requesting feedback from our residents. Please email deer@townofaurorany.gov with your feelings on this matter. You are always free to reach out to any of your elected officials as well, but comments from this email address will be forwarded to the NYSDEC.

Thank you,

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Update

For clarification, regarding submissions to deer@townofaurorany.gov, we have not been responding to emails, with very few exceptions, as we are in the process of collecting opinions and information. Many questions have been asked as part of submissions and we intend to address most of these with a "Frequently Asked Questions" document in the near future.

Many of you have also asked for additional information and we will do our best to provide links to reliable and independent information. Any and all studies submitted by residents will also be reviewed and considered. This is a large task and wouldn't be possible without the cooperation of both the Town and Village governments. Thank you all for your responses thus far!