



Resolving Community Deer Issues:

What's Practical and Possible?

This presentation will take a science-based look at assumptions surrounding the role of deer in Lyme disease, biodiversity loss, car accidents, and garden damage, among other issues. Can hunting actually “control” the deer population and reduce these problems? What other tools and new methods are available, and are they effective? How can scientific studies inform the choices made by community leaders?

The presentation also covers deer reproductive biology and why deer adapt so well to our suburban landscapes and to changes in their population size. For that reason, it's vital to set measurable goals and have a reliable monitoring system to accurately assess the results of any form of intervention. This talk will take a critical look at the assumptions surrounding the deer debate and present a different perspective on how to assess and remedy various deer-related problems experienced by communities.

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