

# SE Deer Goal Setting – 2014 Background on Process and Recommendation Development

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## Deer Permit Area 342

### Brief summary of background information

This permit area has a good mix of agricultural land and forest with more agricultural land in the western part of the permit area. There are areas of high deer densities where DNR has received a number of complaints of deer damage to standing crops and stored forage. This permit area is primarily rural with few urban deer issues.

### *Public perceptions regarding population and desires regarding management*

- 57% of surveyed hunters felt the population was about right, 31% felt that the population was too low.
- 46% of surveyed hunters desired an increase in the current population while 42% desired no change.
- Within the landowner survey, the greatest proportion of respondents in all strata, except large landowners in the south, reported that the deer population on their property and surrounding area was about right. The greatest proportion on large landowners in the south felt that deer populations were too high.
- Within the landowner survey, the greatest proportion of respondents (44%) indicated that the level of deer population should not be changed.
- While over 40% of landowners who did not hunt deer believed deer populations should be decreased by at least 10%, only 27% of hunting landowners believed deer populations should be decreased.

### *Public comment*

Individuals who participated in public comment (questionnaires) indicated that the deer population was too low (68%) and most (72%) wanted a population increase in DPA 342.

### Implication for population management

If the advisory team's recommended goal (see goal recommendations document) is approved, deer densities in this permit area will be managed to increase by approximately 25-50%.

### **[Click here to view the citizen advisory team's goal](#)**

Continue to the document that details the recommended goal for this permit area.