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Hinckley Township Trustees
Hinckley Town Hall
1410 Ridge Road
Hinckley Township, Ohio 44233

January 3, 2024

Re: Cleveland Metroparks 2024 Deer Management Program

Dear Trustees:

I am writing to inform you that Cleveland Metroparks will be continuing our deer management program this winter to establish and maintain a balanced ecosystem. A portion of Hinckley Reservation is within the municipal boundaries of Hinckley Township, and management is planned for this reservation. From noon to 6 am the following morning, portions or all of Hinckley Reservation will be closed to the public on several days from January 16 through March 14, 2024.

The safety protocol that has been successfully utilized by Cleveland Metroparks from the beginning of the program will continue. Safety remains the number one goal of our natural resource management team and our highly skilled and trained marksmen. Your police department will be notified prior to the initiation of management within Hinckley Reservation. The reservation will be posted/signed and closed completely during the management program. All shots will be fired from elevated positions using noise-suppressed rifles.

In addition to posted closure signs, residents who own property adjacent to Cleveland Metroparks property will be sent a letter informing them of the program. Specific closures will be posted on Cleveland Metroparks Alerts and Closures page (<https://clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/visit/alerts-closures>) by 6 p.m. on the evening prior to an area's closure. When posted, the announcement will give details about reservations and sections of the parkway that will be closed between noon and 6 a.m. the following morning. As in past years, venison will be donated to a local food bank.

Cleveland Metroparks has worked hard to ensure that the deer management program is safe, humane and effective. If you have questions, please contact me at (440) 253-2163.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J M Grieser".

Jennifer M. Grieser
Director of Natural Resources

cc: Chief Kelly Stillman, Cleveland Metroparks Police
Chief David Centner, Chief of Police, Hinckley Township