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## **City of South Euclid, Ohio Launches Deer Fertility Control Research Project** *Program is the first of its kind in Northeast Ohio*

Dec. 7, 2021 – The City of South Euclid is participating in a unique three-to-five year study to determine the feasibility of managing the white-tailed deer population through fertility control. This program was developed through collaboration between Cuyahoga County Councilwoman Sunny Simon and the City of South Euclid. The program focuses on neighborhoods in South Euclid Wards 3 and 4 on the South side of the city.

Under a research permit issued by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, veterinarians and capture professionals managed by eco-system and wildlife population research consultant, White Buffalo Inc. will be anesthetizing, sterilizing and tagging female deer from December 11<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>. A team of volunteers will participate in the program.

Anthony J. DeNicola, PhD, president of White Buffalo Inc. said: “So many communities around the nation want to know whether it is possible to manage their overabundant deer herds through non-lethal means alone. The research being done in South Euclid will help to provide definitive answers.”

Based on findings from the Clifton deer research project in Cincinnati, Ohio, it is estimated the first year of operation will significantly restrict herd growth through the reduction of the fawning rate, the deer population should stabilize and then gradually decline over time through natural attrition, with the rate of attrition depending in part on deer migration patterns.

Residents may “opt out” of allowing any capture activities, including tracking, from occurring on their property. Records will be kept for all properties that “opt out” of allowing this research on their property. If you would like to “opt-out” please email [info@seuclid.com](mailto:info@seuclid.com).

Cuyahoga County Councilwoman Sunny Simon, Mayor Georgine Welo and City Councilwoman Sara Continenza said, “We are proud to collaborate with White Buffalo, Inc. on their groundbreaking efforts to research humane, effective and sustainable deer management methods. If successful, we hope the project will serve as a model for municipalities to replicate in Northeast Ohio.”

Cuyahoga County Council awarded an \$85,000 grant to The City of South Euclid, to cover the program’s first year expenses.

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