

The South Euclid Humane Deer Sterilization Program is Here.



What's This All About? South Euclid is the site of an innovative pilot program to study non-lethal deer population control in Wards 3 and 4, the South side of the city. You are receiving this notice because your street is within the Study Area where deer will be treated. To learn more about our goal of humanely reducing our herd to a healthy, eco-sustainable level, please visit www.cityofsoutheuclid.com.

When will the Winter 2021 field operations occur? Field operations are expected to occur Dec. 11 through early morning on Dec. 21. While some darting will occur at volunteer bait stations in the late afternoon/early evening, most work will be done between 9:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., when deer are most active (and people are not).

How does this work? Wildlife professionals locate and dart deer from vehicles on public roadways and at bait stations on volunteer properties within the Study Area. The deer are tracked until they are unconscious (typically just a few minutes), and then transported to a surgical site where a veterinarian performs ovariectomies and administers long acting antibiotics and pain relievers. All sterilized deer are fitted with state mandated numbered ear tags. Treated deer are then returned to a safe location close to the area where they were found and monitored until recovered. The entire process, from initial darting to release, takes approximately 90 to 120 minutes per deer.

PLEASE NOTE: Once darted, a deer may run up to 100 yards before succumbing to the tranquilizer. While it is unlikely that a tranquilized deer will choose your yard in which to fall asleep, if this happens the recovery team will carefully remove the sedated deer from your property and transport her to the surgical site. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at the email address or telephone number provided below.

We will be working with the South Euclid Police Department regarding program activities, and they will be available to assist with any problems that may arise.

Where do I go for more information, and how do I report problems or concerns?

In advance: We welcome and will respond to questions, comments, and concerns at info@seuclid.com.

During field operations: Please call us, day or night, at (216) 381-1234 or (216) 337-7417 and we'll respond as quickly as possible.

How can I help? So glad you asked! If you like living in a community on the cutting edge of effective and humane deer management and would like to allow access to your property to bait, tranquilize and release deer, please let us know.

You can also help by reporting sightings of tagged and untagged does at info@seuclid.com.