

2024/2025 Annual Report Urban Deer Management Program

2023/2024 Previous Season information

LOCATION(S)

The 2023/2024 Urban Deer Management Program (September 12th 2023 through January 31st, 2024) in the City of Olathe consisted of one (1) approved hunting location:

- The property owned by Richard Davis and totals 95.56 acres, of which 65.59 acres of this property occurs within the city limits of Olathe. The address of the property is 15600 S. US HWY 169, Olathe KS.

Number of locations approved	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	2	4	4	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	1

HARVESTED DEER

Number of Deer Harvested	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	3	10	1	13	9	2	0	0	0	3	2

The property owners reported that 2 deer were harvested during the 2023-2024 season. The breakdown per property is as follows:

PROPERTY OWNERS	ANTLERED DEER HARVESTED	ANTLERLESS DEER HARVESTED
Richard Davis Property	0	2
TOTAL	0	2

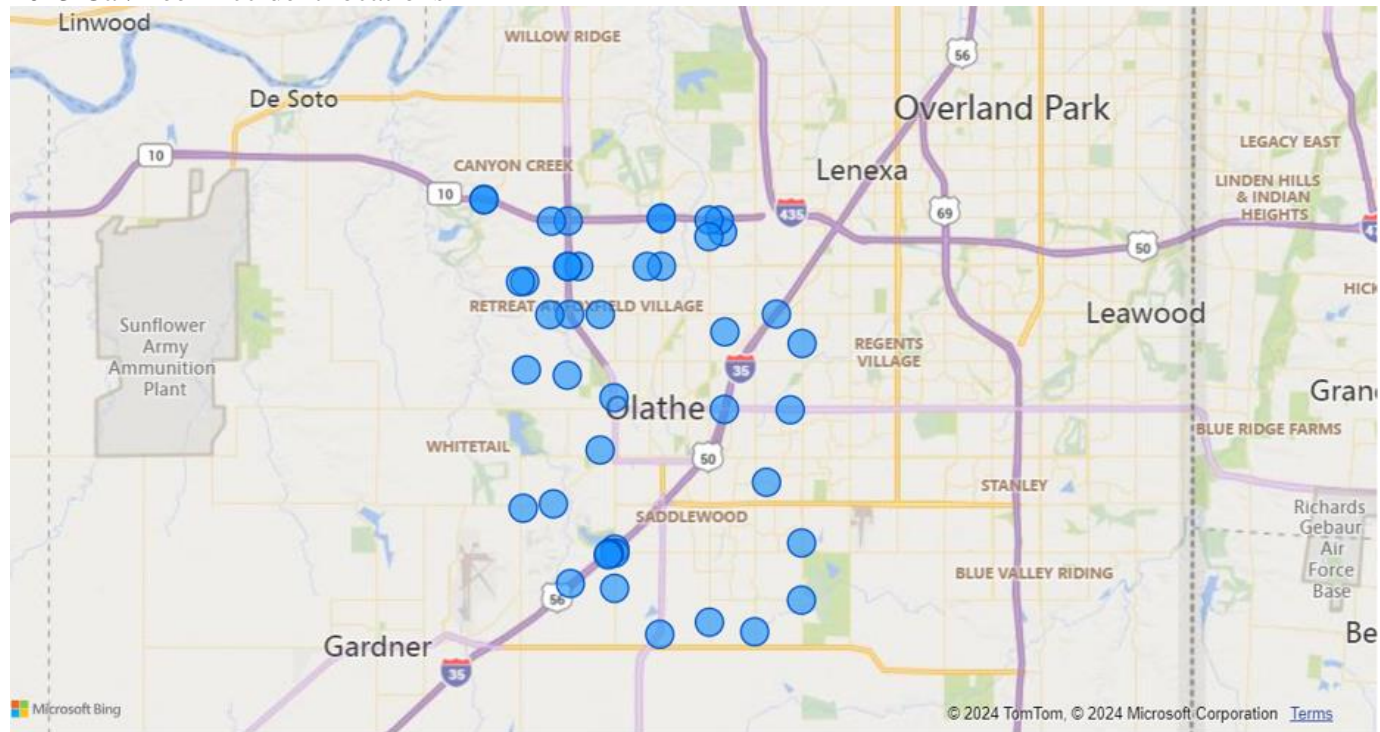
There were no reports of injured deer that were not harvested.

DEER POPULATION EFFECT ON CITY TRAFFIC

There were 57 reported motor vehicle accidents involving deer within the Olathe city limits during 2023, which is above the 10-year average of 41.2 per year.

Number of Deer/Motor Vehicle Accidents	Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	# Accidents	32	34	52	38	47	37	34	43	38	57

2023 Car/Deer Accident locations



NATURAL DEER POPULATION CONTROL

Animal control officers picked up and disposed of 101 dead deer from Olathe roadways in 2023, which is the highest total over the last 10 years and above the average of 66.8 per year over that span.

Number of Deer Pick Ups	Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	# Pick Ups	55	46	66	73	61	62	48	86	70	101

COMMENTS

There have been 162 deer harvested since the program began in 2002 (28 antlered and 134 antlerless). 43 deer have been harvested in the last ten years.

In 2023, there were 57 reported motor vehicle accidents involving deer and 2 deer were harvested during the UDM program. With a low number of deer harvested over the last 5 years it is difficult to determine a correlation between the deer harvested and a reduction in motor vehicle accidents.

The City of Olathe received zero complaints regarding the Urban Deer Management Program in 2023.

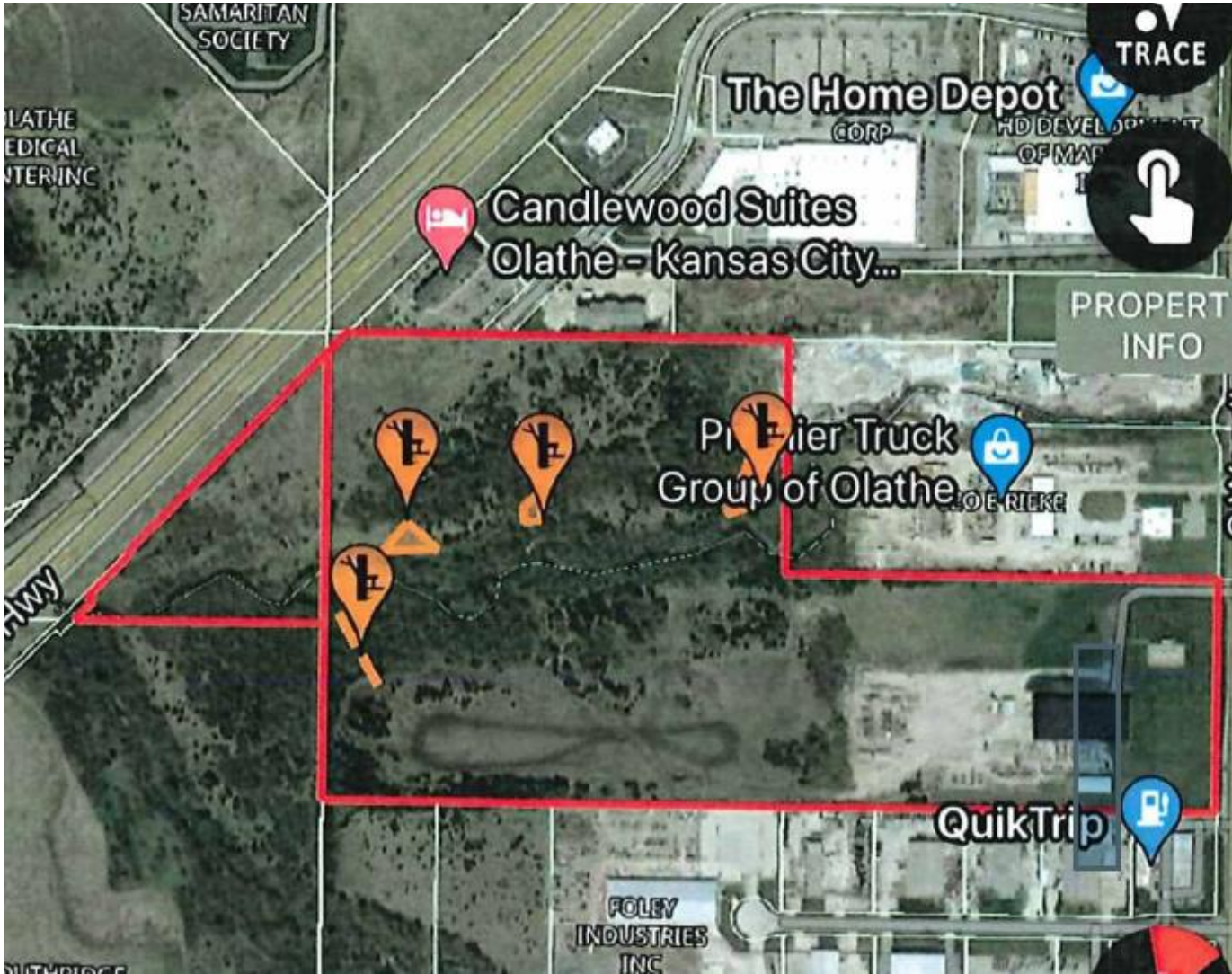
2024/2025 Upcoming Season information

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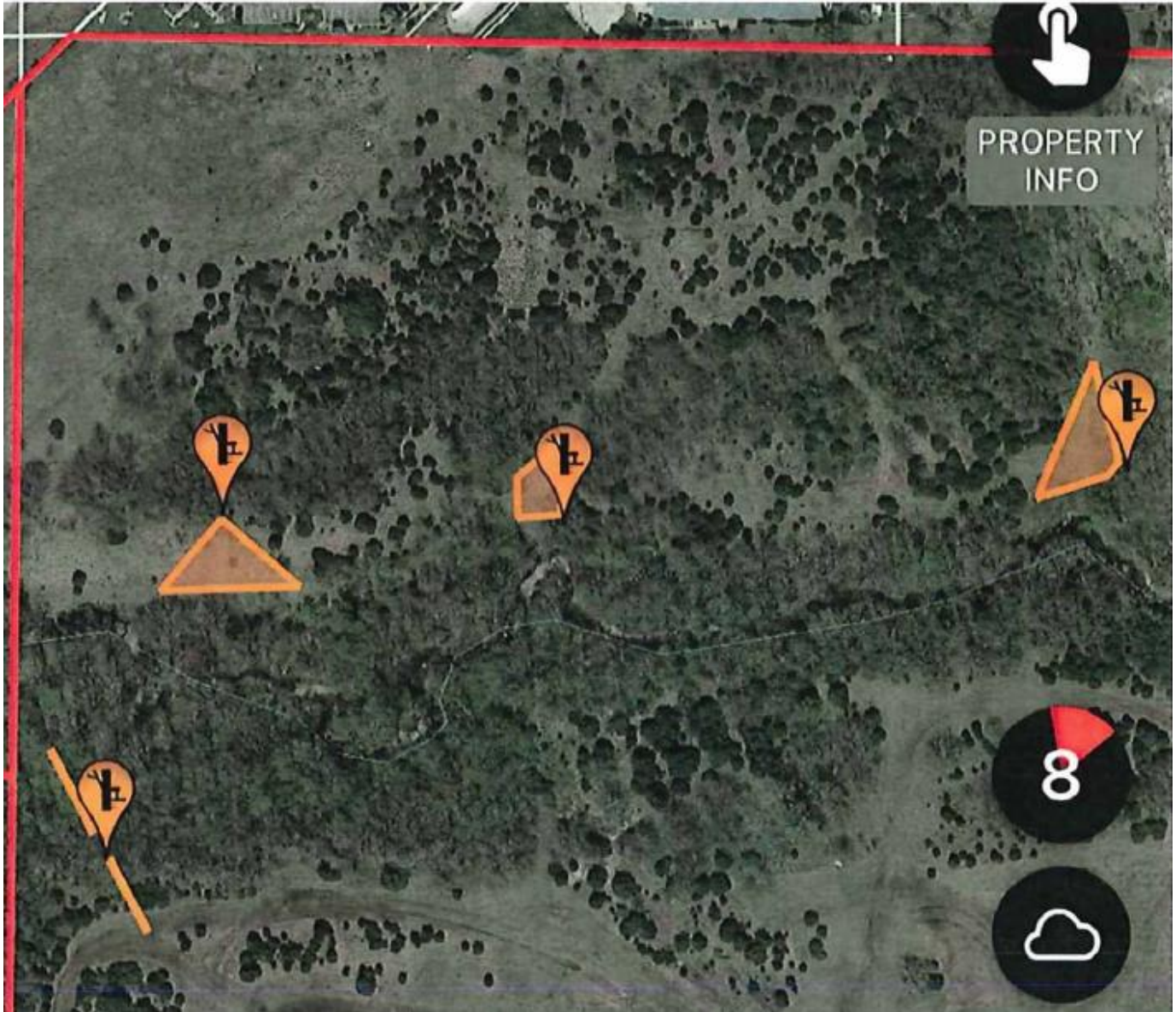
The 2024/2025 Urban Deer Management Program received one returning application request prior to the August 1st submission deadline.

The returning property request is owned by Richard Davis and totals 95.56 acres, of which 65.59 acres of this property occurs within the city limits of Olathe. The address of the property is 15600 S. US HWY 169, Olathe KS. Mr. Davis (Owner) has given Mr. Clint Barnes (Hunter) permission to hunt on this property.

Overview Map:



Close up View showing Stand Location Detail



RECOMMENDATIONS

Participating property owners indicate there is interest and desire to continue the program. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks also would like the City of Olathe to continue its Urban Deer Management program with continuing efforts to help control the deer population in an urban setting. Given the current procedures, we find no cause to discontinue the program at this time. The Quality-of-Life Department recommends that the City of Olathe continue the Urban Deer Management Program as the ordinance currently stands.