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The Honorable Robert Weger
Willoughby Hills City Hall
35405 Chardon Road
Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44094

January 2, 2017

Re: Cleveland Metroparks 2017 Deer Management Program

Dear Mayor Robert Weger:

This letter is to inform you that Cleveland Metroparks will be continuing our deer management program this winter to reduce deer population levels to establish and maintain a balanced ecosystem. A portion of North Chagrin Reservation is within the municipal boundaries of the City of Willoughby Hills, and a deer herd reduction is planned for this reservation. From 12 Noon to as late as Midnight, on several days during the period of mid-January through mid-March, the main body of North Chagrin Reservation will be closed to the public.

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 Rocky River Reservation. The reservation will be posted/signed and closed completely during the management program. All shots will be fired from elevated truck or tree-mounted platforms using noise-suppressed rifles.

In addition to the posted closure signs, all residents who own property adjacent to Cleveland Metroparks property will be sent a letter informing them of the program. As in past years, venison will be donated to a local food bank.

Cleveland Metroparks has worked hard to insure that the deer management program is safe, humane and effective. If you have questions, please contact me at (440) 253-2162.

Sincerely,

Terry Robison
Director of Natural Resources

cc: Chief Dan Veloski, Cleveland Metroparks Rangers
Chief Christopher J. Collins, Chief of Police, City of Willoughby Hills