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## **Cities develop regional plan to address deer population**

*Parma residents can attend informational meeting on Nov. 16*

PARMA, OH – Parma is set to join Broadview Heights, North Royalton, Parma Heights, Seven Hills, and Strongsville in introducing legislation to address the over-proliferation of deer in the area. If adopted, the legislation will ask voters to consider supporting a nuisance abatement initiative, to permit the limited hunting of white-tailed deer by crossbow or long bow by licensed individuals conducted from elevated platforms, under terms and conditions established by the State and City, and under the supervision of the respective police chiefs. The issue would be on the ballot on March 15, 2016.

An informational meeting for Parma residents will be held on Monday, November 16 regarding the legislation and ballot language; further details on the meeting will be forthcoming. Additionally, each community will appoint a representative to meet quarterly with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to explore, develop and implement long-term plans to safely and effectively manage the deer population, including non-lethal methods.

Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter reiterated his support for a collaborative approach. “We all realize that the deer issue is a problem,” he said. “We are pleased to be engaged with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to be able to consider a regional approach to a problem we all share.”