

Hopewell Township Municipal Deer Management Program

1st & 2nd Full Season Comparisons

Hunting Season	# of Hunting Days	# of Parcels	Total Acres	# of Hunters	# of Hunters with No Harvests	# of Successful Hunters	# of Does	# of Other (*)	# of Bucks	Total Deer	Harvest Average per hunter	Total Antlerless (**)	Antlerless Average per hunter
1	138	13	548	55	14	41	86	22	13	121	2.95	108	2.63
2	132	14	623	61	10	51	112	23	23	158	3.10	135	2.65
% change	-4.3	7.7	13.7	10.9	-28.6	39.5	30.2	4.5	76.9	30.6	5.0	25.0	0.5

(*) Other = shed bucks, button bucks and deer with spikes < 3 inches, which are all considered antlerless deer as per NJ Fish & Wildlife rules.

(**) Antlerless = Does + Other

Note 1: Season 1 began one week earlier than Season 2, and also was much warmer at the start. It is also one year following an EHD outbreak in several areas of the Twp.

Note 2: Season 1 also was disrupted by Superstorm Sandy, which may account for the lower totals.

Note 3: Season 2 had cooler temperatures to start, with significant snow cover and very cold temperatures mid-December through end-of-season and beyond. The Winter Stress Index (WSI) was ???