



## STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 7, 2021  
REGULAR

**AGENDA ITEM:** 2021 Sunfish Lake Park Deer Management Hunt

**SUBMITTED BY:** Marty Powers, Public Works Director

**REVIEWED BY:** Kristina Handt, City Administrator

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**ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:** Should the City Council authorize a 2021 Sunfish Lake Park Archery Deer Management Hunt?

**BACKGROUND:** The County has determined a deer management hunt is needed to control the deer herd in the Lake Elmo Park Preserve and Sunfish Lake Park properties. As in the past, the City of Lake Elmo has cooperated in a joint effort hunt with the County Lake Elmo Park Preserve. The City of Lake Elmo Park Commission has reviewed and made its recommendations for the hunt areas, dates and weapon options. Following City Ordinance NO. 08-244, the City Council can allow by resolution, hunting on City-owned property, the resolution adopted by the City Council will outline the dates, times and conditions of the hunting activities that may occur and will include a map of the authorized locations

**PROPOSAL DETAILS/ANALYSIS:** The County has determined a deer management hunt is needed to control deer numbers on the County Lake Elmo Park Preserve and City of Lake Elmo's Sunfish Lake Park properties.

The County and City will be working with the Metro Bow Hunters Association in managing the archery hunt on the public properties. This would relieve some of the burden from Staff when it comes to selecting competent and capable hunters. The Metro Bow Hunters Association does have liability insurance and will list the City as an insurer. No additional City Insurance changes appear to be needed to allow hunting.

The park will be closed during the hunts, the two north entrances to the park will be barricaded and signed, maintaining one controlled access into the park off Stillwater Lane N.

All hunters must follow State hunting regulations. The dates selected for the first hunt are Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> 2021. Stand set up will be on the 24<sup>th</sup>, stand take down on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The dates for the second hunt are Monday November 8<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2021. Stand set up for this hunt will be on November 7<sup>th</sup> and stand take down will be on November 11<sup>th</sup>. A hunter orientation will occur at the Nordic Center in the Lake Elmo Park Reserve on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm to share important items as it relates to Sunfish Lake Park.

The plan for communication will include letters to all neighbors ahead of time, signage at the park entrances two weeks prior to the hunt, a press release, posts will be included on the city web site, Facebook page, the Fresh, MORC's website and Sally Mana Zara communication sites.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The City is not expecting a financial impact if the hunt is allowed.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff is recommending that the City Council Approve a Resolution Approving the 2021 Sunfish Lake Park Deer Management Hunt. . The recommended motion for this action is as follows:

***“Move to approve Resolution No. 2020-096, Approving the 2021 Sunfish Lake Park Deer Management Hunt.”***

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution 2021-096 Approving the 2021 Sunfish Lake Park Archery Deer Management Hunt.
2. 2021 Sunfish Lake Park Archery Deer Management Hunt– Location Map.
3. 2021 Sunfish Lake Park Archery Deer Management Hunt Schedule.

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO  
WASHINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-096**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2021 SUNFISH LAKE PARK  
ARCHERY DEER MANAGEMENT HUNT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Elmo wishes to manage the deer population within the city limits of Lake Elmo; and,

**WHEREAS**, the deer population can result in a number of conflicts between deer and people; and,

**WHEREAS**, deer in urban areas, for the most part, lack natural predators to control deer populations and deer in large numbers can cause significant habit damage; and,

**WHEREAS**, all Metro Bow Hunter selected competent and capable hunters must follow state hunting regulations and city/county direction; and,

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 08-244 allows, by resolution, hunting on City-owned property; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

the Public Works Director, together with Washington County and the Metro Bow Hunters Association, will conduct an archery deer management hunt located in Sunfish Lake Park to occur October 25, 26, 27 and November 8, 9, 10 in the year 2021.

**ADOPTED BY THE LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF  
SEPTEMBER 2021.**

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO**

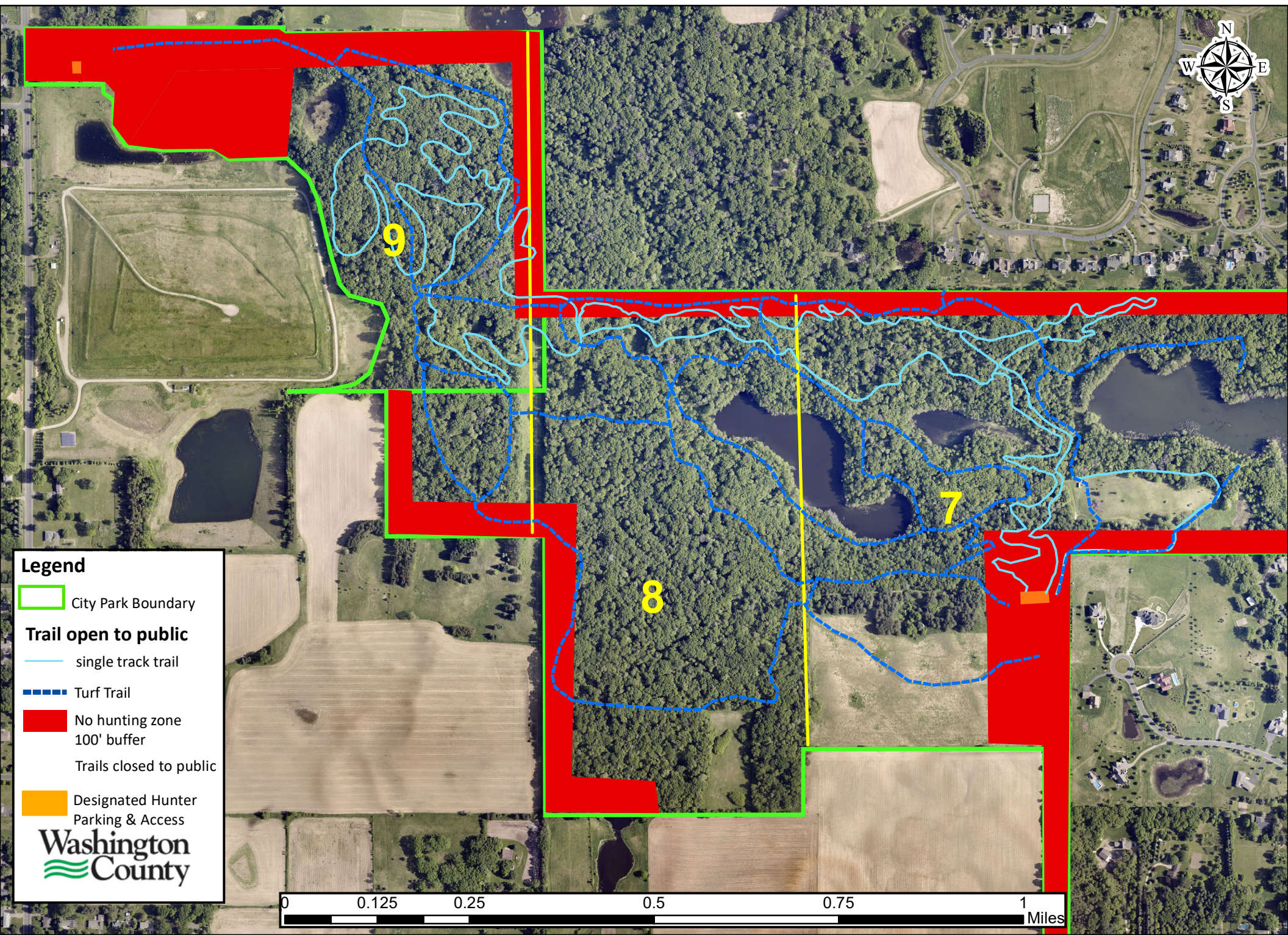
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ATTEST:

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Julie Johnson  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charles Cadenhead  
Mayor



# Sunfish Lake Park - Archery Deer Harvest





## 2021 Sunfish Lake Park Deer Management Hunt Schedule

Stand set up	Hunt dates	Stand take down
Sunday Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Mon Oct 25 <sup>th</sup> - Wed Oct 27	Thur Oct 28th
Sunday Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	Mon Nov 8 <sup>th</sup> - Wed Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thur Nov 11th