



**To: The city of the Village of Douglas City Council**

**From: Lisa Nocerini, City Manager**

**RE: Tri-Community Wildlife Committee Proposed By-Laws Approval**

**Date: September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**

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In response to the challenges posed by nefarious wildlife, the City of Douglas is proposing the formation of a Tri-Community Wildlife Committee with the cities of Saugatuck and Saugatuck Township. This initiative aims to address the growing concerns related to wildlife management, with a particular focus on the increasing deer population that has been impacting our communities.

The Tri-Community Wildlife Committee will bring together experts, local leaders, and community members to explore and develop effective management strategies. The committee will focus on creating a coordinated approach to handle wildlife issues, ensuring the safety and well-being of residents while maintaining the ecological balance. The committee will be open to both those who are for and those who may oppose wildlife management.

The Committee shall consist of three (elected) representatives, one from each community, and three to four citizens, who will be selected by their respective councils or boards.

Saugatuck and Saugatuck Township have received the proposed outline for the recommended committee by-laws from the City of Douglas and are reviewing it with their board/council. These by-laws shall become effective upon adoption by a majority vote of the Committee members and approval by the councils and boards of the City of Douglas, Saugatuck Township, and the City of Saugatuck.

*Suggested Motion: Motion to approve the creation of a Tri-Community Wildlife Committee between the City of Douglas, Saugatuck Township, and the City of Saugatuck, pending approval from each jurisdiction while allowing adjustments to the committee set-up language if necessary.*