

Agenda Abstract BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 11, 2024

Department: Community Services

Agenda Section: Regular

Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Matt Efird, Assistant Town Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Potential Urban Archery Program

Attachments:

- 1. Presentation Potential Urban Archery Program
- 2. Map Potential Sites for Urban Archery

Summary:

In response to a request from a group of residents in January (<u>Deer Population Mitigation Presentation</u>), staff has evaluated potential sites and pros/cons of a potential Urban Archery program in Hillsborough. An internal working group consisting of representatives from the Police Department, Public Spaces & Sustainability, Planning & Economic Development and Stormwater & Environmental Services met to review the resident research and discuss options for a potential Urban Archery program.

The objective of this agenda item is to recognize the issue of deer overpopulation in town and provide information to the board on what options and tools are available to the town and residents. The attached presentation includes additional feedback from the NC Wildlife District Biologist, data from NCDOT on deer-related traffic incidents in Orange County, proposed guidelines, other concerns and options for board consideration.

Financial impacts:

The cost to the town to implement an Urban Archery program is negligible. If the board wishes to pursue other options such as a Comprehensive Wildlife Management Plan or hiring a professional wildlife management contractor, there would be additional costs.

Staff recommendation and comments:

None

Action requested:

Provide feedback on potential options for an Urban Archery program.