



# *Village of Cayuga Heights*

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Dear Mr. Therrien.

I am writing in regard to the Village of Cayuga Heights LCP #1708.

The Village applied for the LCP as part of a two phase process. Phase 1, to be accomplished through the LCP, is the surgical sterilization of does. Phase 2 would involve the culling of deer using sharpshooters, as outlined in the Modified Consent Order issued by the DEC to the Village (DEC Case No R&-2006011-2).

As the Village has worked through the steps to implement the program, the Village collected additional data, including property owners' permission for sterilization and/or culling operations on their property. As a result, at this time, the Village will not have adequate sites available for culling.

Because the Village will not currently be able to proceed with culling, the Village would like to undertake a research program to assess the feasibility of using sterilization as a stand-alone deer population management tool for communities where culling is not an option. We therefore request a modification of the Village's LCP to allow sterilization of up to 150 does. This modification would result in a high percentage of sterilized females, thus at a minimum slowing the herd growth, and would provide a sufficient tagged population to conduct an accurate population survey.

The Village is currently negotiating contracts with White Buffalo Inc and Cornell University for the capture and sterilization of does and for a population survey, with plans to be underway with these efforts in early December. As the costs of mobilization for a sterilization effort are considerable, it would be much more efficient and cost effective if the Village can be granted the requested permit modification in time to allow for an increased number of does to be sterilized in this first round.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

With thanks,

Kate Supron  
Mayor, Village of Cayuga Heights

cc: Gordon Batchellor  
Steve Joule

