

CITY OF EAST GRAND FORKS DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

July 2026



1.0 INTRODUCTION

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East Grand Forks, Minnesota, was established in 1887 and is located in northwestern Minnesota on the border with neighboring North Dakota at the intersection of U.S. Highway 2 and Minnesota Highway 220. East Grand Forks runs parallel to the Minnesota-North Dakota border on the Minnesota side of the Red River of the North. The Red Lake River also runs through the city and connects to the Red River of the North.

Following the flood of 1997, the areas close to the river have been turned into the Greenway system on both the Minnesota and North Dakota sides of the river. The Greenway system that include parks, a campground, golf courses, disc golf courses, over 20 miles of trails, with many areas being left as natural habitat. It is this natural habitat that has provided a safe haven for wildlife, especially the white-tailed deer.

4.0 POPULATION

The East Grand Forks Police Department did conduct an informal count from March 21st to March 28th in 2024 by marking down the time and location they saw deer in the community. That count came to a total of 74 deer being visible in various locations on both the north end and the south end of the city in locations such as city parks and private residential yards. It is likely the number of deer residing in and very near the city limits exceeds 100 individuals.

5.0 GOALS and OBJECTIVES

GOAL:

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vary. The City has planned to conduct special hunts through 2026 and will assess the deer population to determine if the special hunt would need to continue.

- 2) The local authority responsible for monitoring the regulated archery will be the East Grand Forks Police Department.
- 3) The City of East Grand Forks modified ordinances in 2024 to allow special city regulated archery hunts.

8.0 SUPPORT

The City Council and the East Grand Forks Police Department support this deer management plan.

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Section 2. That section 132.06 Use of Bow and Arrow was replaced with the following:

132.06 USE OF BOW AND ARROW/CROSS BOW

(A) Bow and Arrow/Cross Bows. It is unlawful for any person to shoot a bow and arrow or crossbow within the city limits of the city, except in a school physical education program supervised by a member of its faculty, or a community wide-supervised class or an event specifically authorized by the City Council or a bow and arrow/crossbow or archery range authorized by the City Council

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Section 3. City Code Chapter 10 entitled "General Provisions" applicable to entire city code including penalty for violation and Section 10.99 entitled "General Penalty" are hereby adopted in their entirety, by reference, as though repeated verbatim herein.

12.0 Special Hunt Regulations

The special hunt will have the following regulations in place:

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- Only those with permits issued by the City will be allowed to hunt on city property within city limits. No hunting is allowed on city property outside of city limits.
- Only specific, designated areas can be used for the special hunt.
- All hunters will be required to wear one piece of blaze orange that will be visible from all directions.
- An ATV or UTV can be utilized to remove a deer from the designated hunting location and a permit will be issued for use when the permit for hunting is issued.
- Any hunters found hunting on city property within city limits or on city property located outside of city

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