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Subject: Request for Input regarding Cayuga Heights deer management draft EIS

Dear Gordon,

Greetings at the start of what I hope will be a fine new year for you.

Cayuga Heights is moving on to responding to the comments received at a December public hearing and during the comment period on the draft EIS prepared for our proposal to reduce the size of the deer herd in Cayuga Heights by a combination of sterilization and culling.

Below please find summary notes from a conversation I had with Tony DeNicola of White Buffalo last month that I undertook in response to Villagers concerns, and to my own growing curiosity, about how sterilization and culling can best be combined in our setting.

You will note that Tony DeNicola opines that optimally we will be able to dart does from moving vehicles in order to get them quickly into a mobile sterilization van, rather than netting which necessitates a less desirable sterilization procedure and results in other deer being captured and released that will be very difficult to capture again, either for sterilization or culling. As is known, such dart guns with a greater than 17 mm caliber qualify as firearms in New York State and cannot legally be fired from a moving vehicle.

Conversation yesterday that Kate and I had with Tim Miller and Fred Wells of Tim Miller & Assoc., with the participation of our Village attorney Randy Marcus, confirmed the advisability of asking you if firing a dart gun from a moving vehicle could be added to the DES permit that we hope the outcome of our EIS process will merit.

May we be in touch about this, please. Darting prior to sterilization would promote our goal of carrying out our plan in the most humane and safe ways possible. Having that option on our permit, in addition to sharpshooting and baiting netting and bolting, would position us to move ahead in a strong position.

with appreciation for your time,

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cc: Mayor Kate Supron, Police Chief Tom Boyce, Attorney Marcus
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