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In a recent interview with WSTM, Mayor Supron made statements designed to continue to deflect the truth about how unnecessary, unfounded and extreme this plan to torture and kill the deer of Cayuga Heights is.

She said, "There are people who say, well, the deer were here first." This objection is one of the least voiced.

She went on to say, "But we live in a managed ecosystem, and therefore when it gets out of balance, we have to manage the ecosystem." What Mayor Supron and the trustees refuse to consider is that humans are also part of that ecosystem. Yet, responsibility for this so-called deer problem is being placed only on the deer.

Mayor Supron concluded: "And we just have too many deer." Show the data behind that statement. There is no data to back that statement up. There's only a supposition, and that put forth by Paul Curtis, who stands to benefit financially by enactment of this deer remediation plan.

Paul Curtis has also co-authored with White Buffalo, a company whose sole service is the slaughter of wildlife, and who the Cayuga Heights trustees are looking to to execute their plan, a publication entitled "Managing White-Tailed Deer in Suburban Environments — A Technical Guide". In this guide, DeNicola, the owner of White Buffalo, and Paul Curtis, et al, in effect, disparage all but execution of deer as the most optimal means of control.

Mayor Supron, and those who would put such an unnecessary plan as this into effect, are then, being lead down this path of violence, carnage and community division by a group of opportunistic people, who of course will provide all the assurances the board would like to hear.

Along the same lines, the document recently produced by the Miller Consulting Group also contains no definitive data, and is, in fact, basically nothing more than a duplication of the narrative already put forth by the trustees.

Another glaring issue with this plan is the complete lack of diversity among those who sat on the Deer Remediation Advisory Committee (DRAC). The members of that committee, to a one, were, from the start, unanimously in favor of killing the deer, unanimously in favor of excluding all other options.

**There are many non-lethal, cost-effective, and successful options the trustees refuse to consider, implement or allow.**