



**Village of River Forest**  
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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: January 10, 2020

To: Catherine Adduci, Village President  
Village Board of Trustees

From: Eric Palm, Village Administrator

Subj: Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Elmwood Park for Deer Management

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During our discussions regarding a deer management program, there were comments made that encouraged the Village to explore partnerships with neighboring communities. Although the deer herds generally remain close to their homes, there is the possibility of migration to other areas.

To further those efforts, the Village reached out to the Village of Elmwood Park to partner with us in a wildlife management program. During those conversations, Elmwood Park agreed with the Village's concerns that were raised and was willing to partner with us in a deer management program.

Subsequent to the Village entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the Forest Preserves of Cook County for a wildlife management program (under consideration on January 13, 2020), the Village would enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Village of Elmwood Park for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 annually. This represents 25% of the agreement with the Forest Preserves. In return, the Forest Preserves will also conduct wildlife management in the preserve areas within Elmwood Park boundaries, which are adjacent to the north of River Forest.

The Village of Elmwood Park shares our concerns regarding the issues and problems that have been presented with the current deer population. As such, they have agreed to this important partnership to help manage the deer population in our area. This agreement will help to share cost, address concerns about migrating deer, and continue a strong

intergovernmental relationship with Elmwood Park. Staff anticipates having this IGA as an agenda item on January 27, 2020.