



# Too many deer in Town?

**Thursday March 19 at 7 PM**

**Hingham Public Library**

**Please join us for a presentation on the local deer population delivered by David Stainbrook, the Deer and Moose Project Leader for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife at the Hingham Land Conservation Trust's Annual Meeting.**



**The first ten minutes will be the business end of the Annual Meeting followed by the presentation and refreshments.**

The preferred density for a sustainable deer population in Massachusetts is 18 deer per square mile of forest. Our local overabundance of deer creates problems such as deer/vehicle collisions, lack of forest regeneration, detrimental impacts on wildlife (especially birds), residential landscape damage, the spread of invasive plants, and a rising incidence of Lyme disease. Biologists estimate 90% of adult ticks feed on deer, making deer a critical part of the tick lifecycle, each tick lays approximately 3,000 eggs.

**If regulated deer hunting is allowed in Wompatuck State Park will it significantly reduce the overpopulation of deer in the surrounding towns of Hingham, Cohasset, Scituate, and Norwell?**

**Attend the presentation and find out. Join us, all are welcome!**

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