



Scott Township 2026 Resident Deer Survey

Conducted August-September 2026 by Scott Township Administration

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Introduction

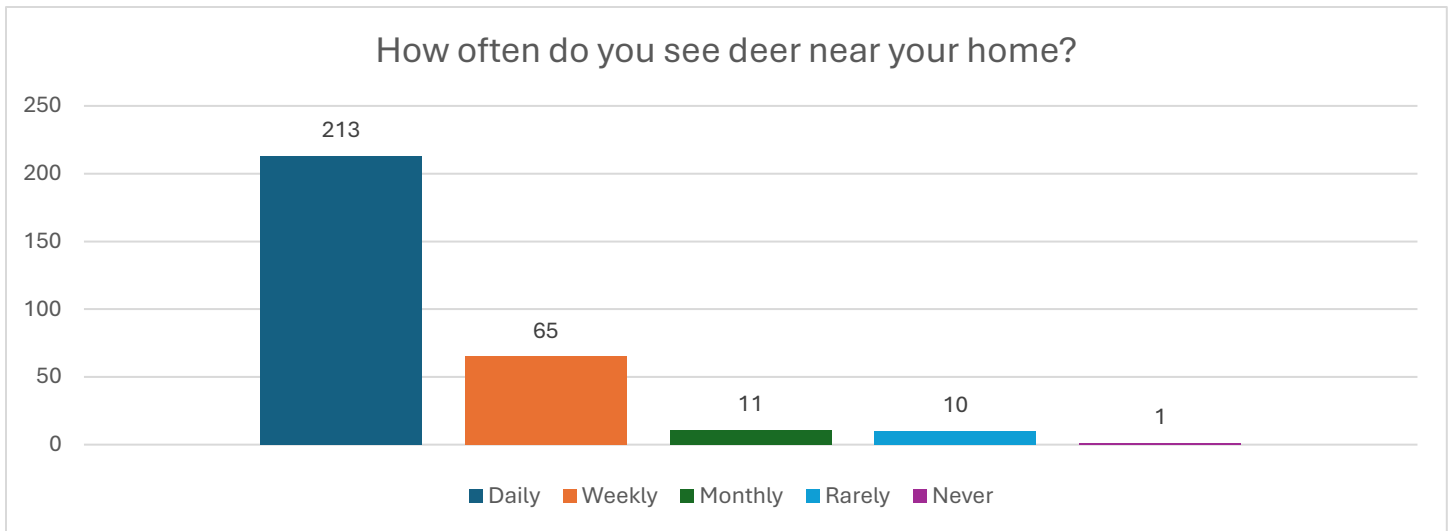


On August 25, 2026, the Board of Commissioners for Scott Township, Allegheny County, approved conducting a survey of the opinion of the township's residents on the local deer population. The survey was done completely online via the township's website and advertised on social media outlets such as Facebook and Instagram. The questions went as follows (with the optional answers in parenthesis):

- Address and ZIP code (will remain private, please include house number)
- How often do you see deer near your home? (Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Rarely, Never)
- Have you experienced property damage loss or damage from a deer? (Yes, No)
- Within Scott Township, have you been involved in a motor vehicle or near motor vehicle accident involving deer? (Yes, No)
- Scott Township has an issue with deer overpopulation. (Strongly disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree, Strongly Agree)
- Which of the following would you support? (**Public Education**-The Township will provide information and resources to help residents understand the local deer population and how to safely live alongside deer, **No Action**-The Township will not take any additional action to manage the local deer population at this time, **Controlled Hunting Where Legal**-The Township will explore allowing controlled deer hunting in areas where it is legal and can be done safely, **Professional wildlife management**-The Township will hire qualified wildlife professionals to help manage the deer population using methods such as reducing deer births.)
- Other comments/suggestions: (will remain private on final survey)

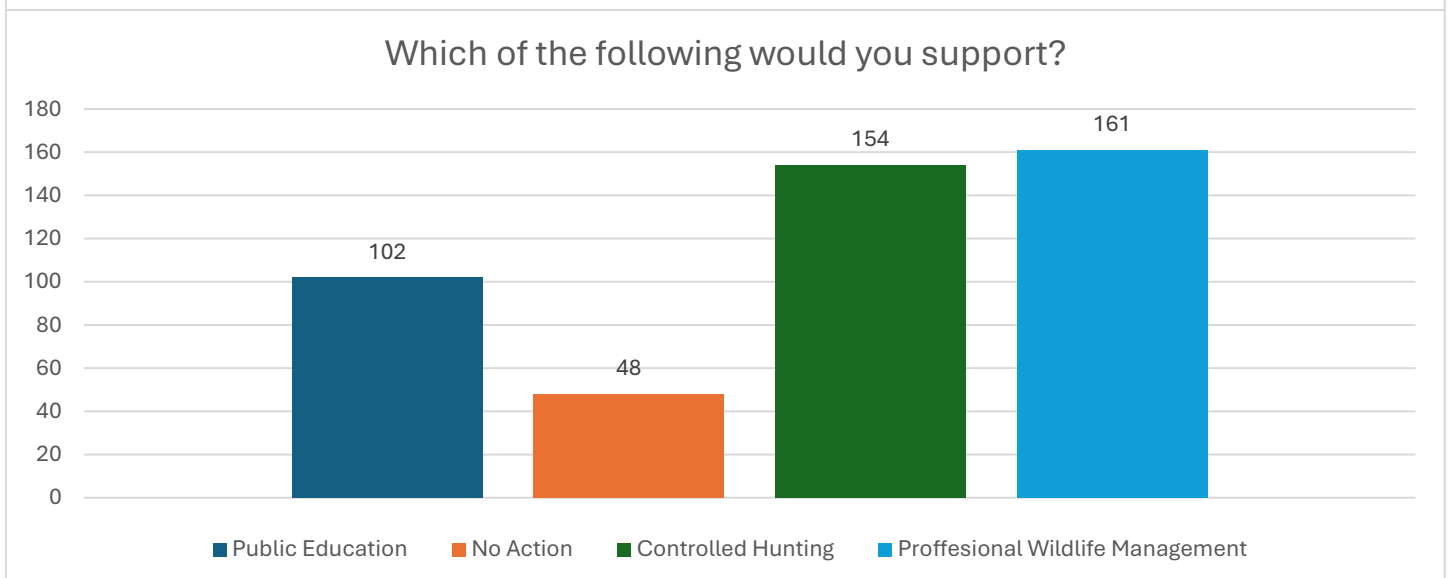
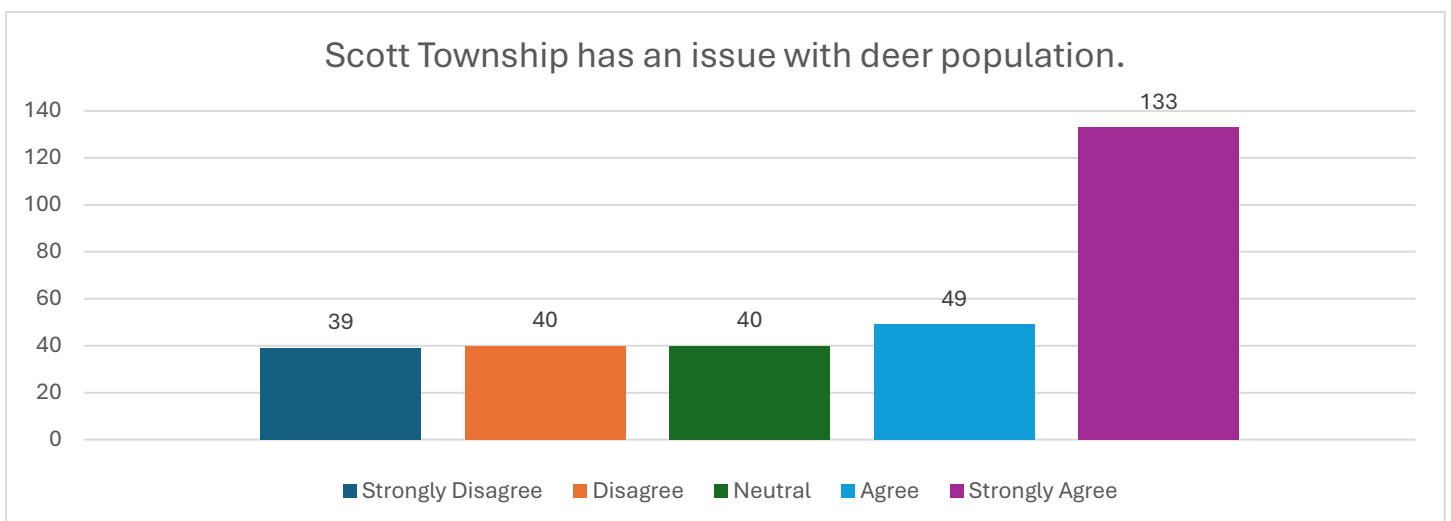
Responses were enthusiastic, with over 300 households submitting opinions on the local deer population. Results will be broken down by the nine wards and will include an overall result for the entire township.

Scott Township Overall: 301 surveyed

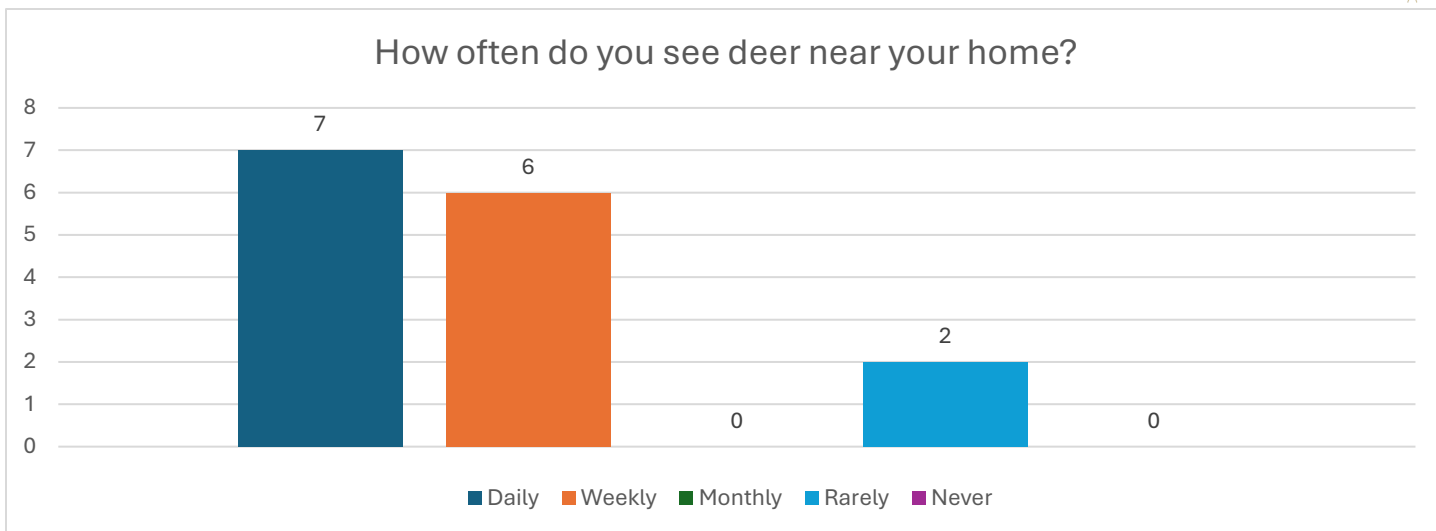


-183 residents stated they have experienced property damage loss from deer.

-100 residents stated they have been involved in a motor vehicle or near accident involving deer.

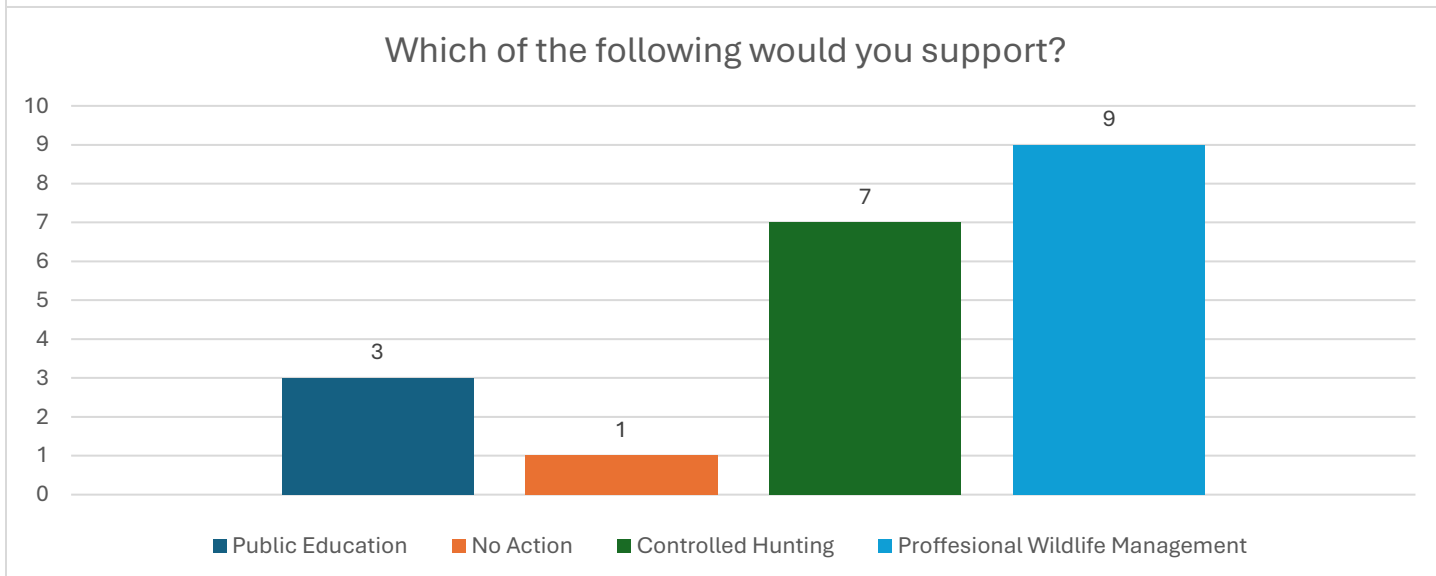
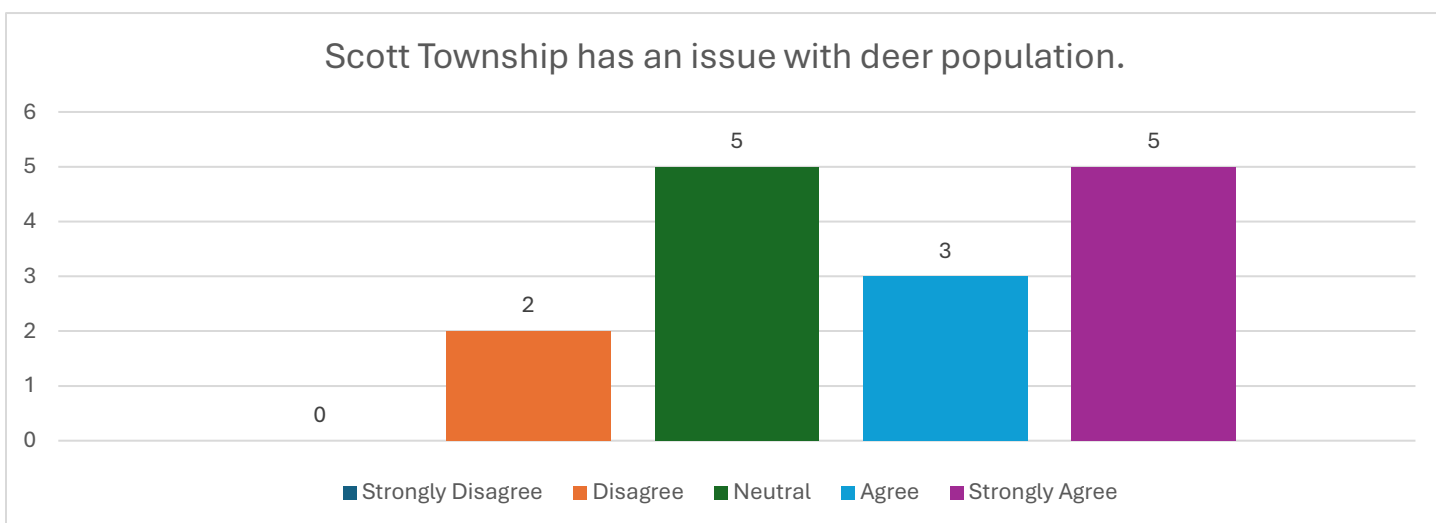


Ward 1: 15 surveyed

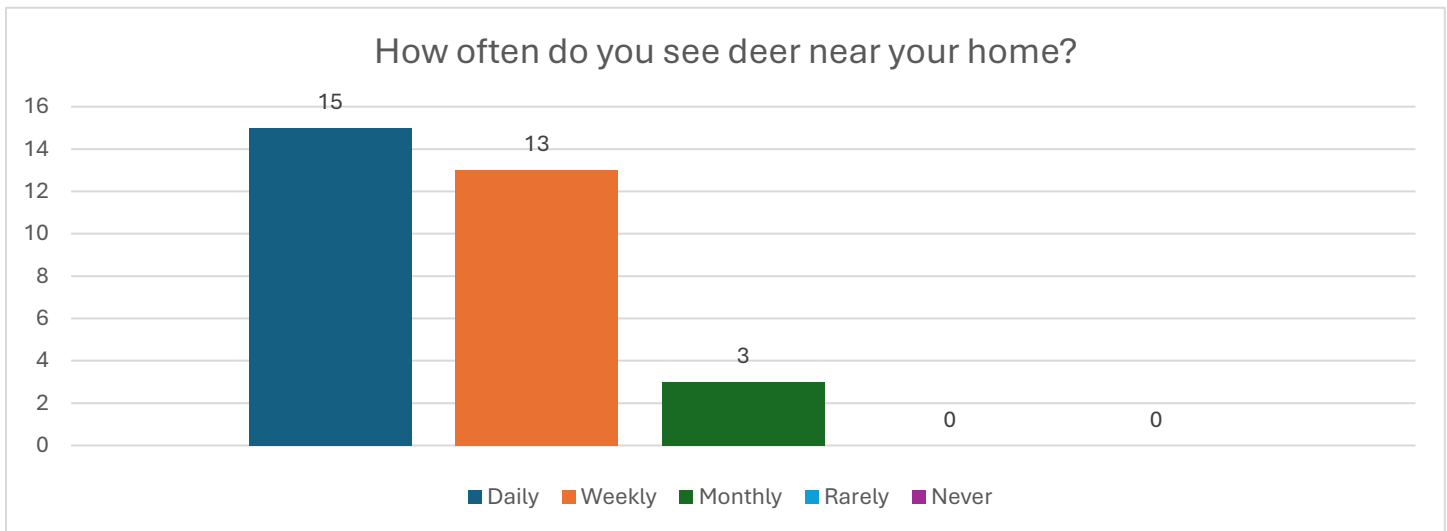


-8 residents stated they have experienced property damage loss from a deer.

-5 residents stated they have been involved in a motor vehicle or near accident involving deer.

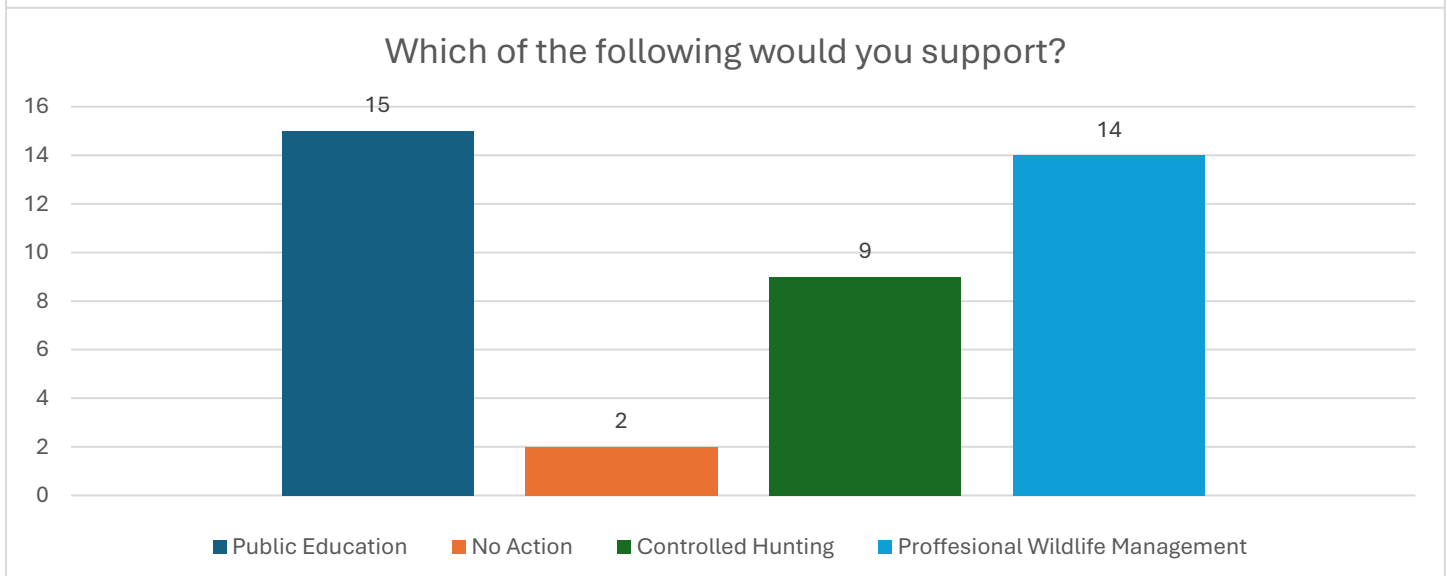
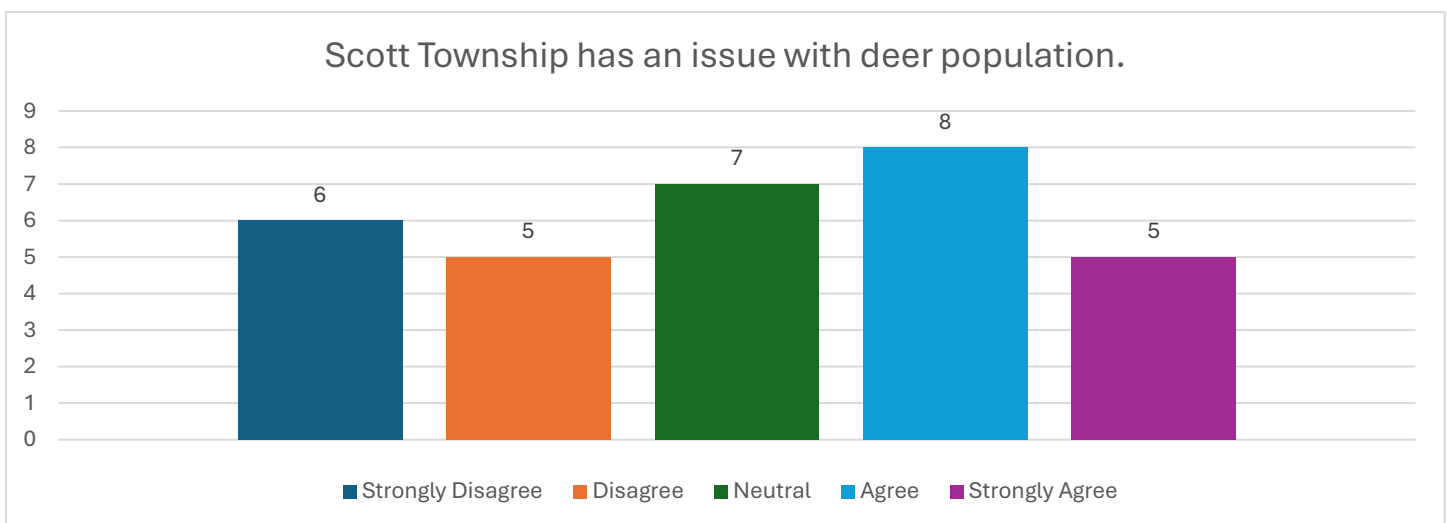


Ward 2: 31 surveyed

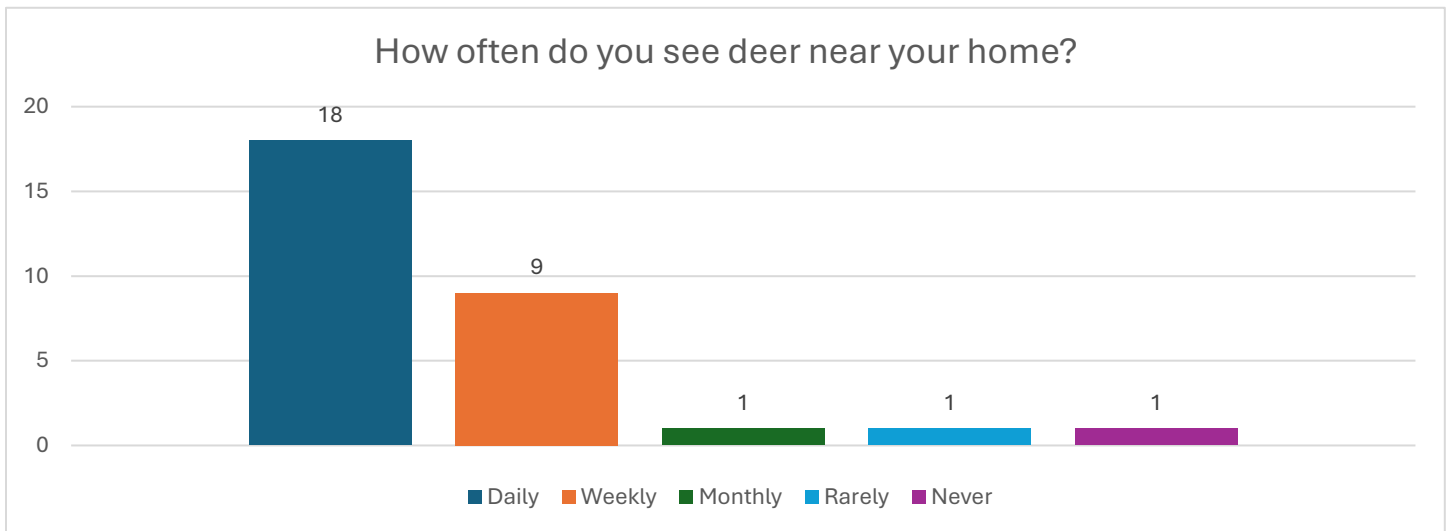


-14 residents stated they have experienced property damage loss from a deer.

-4 residents stated they have been involved in a motor vehicle or near accident involving deer.

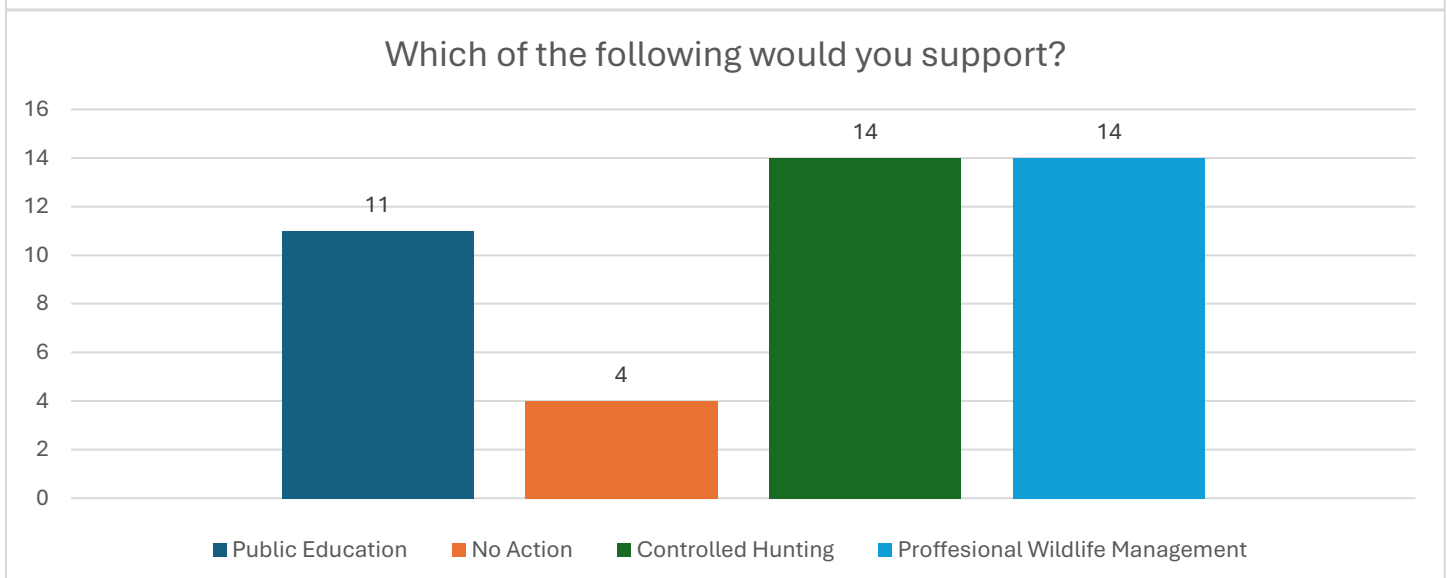
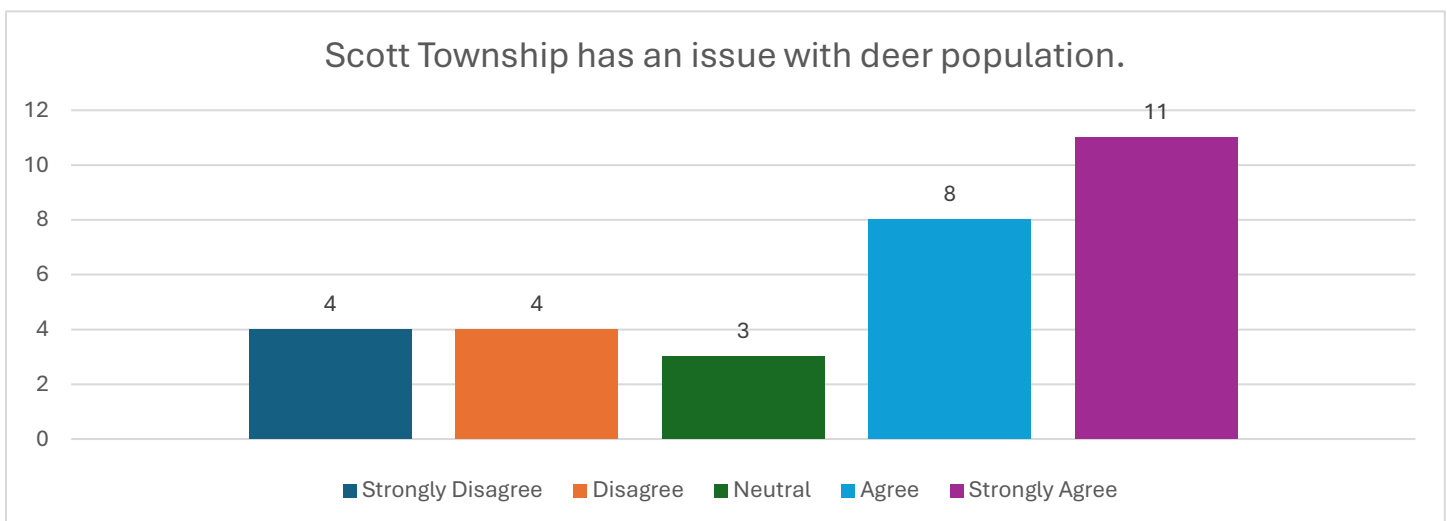


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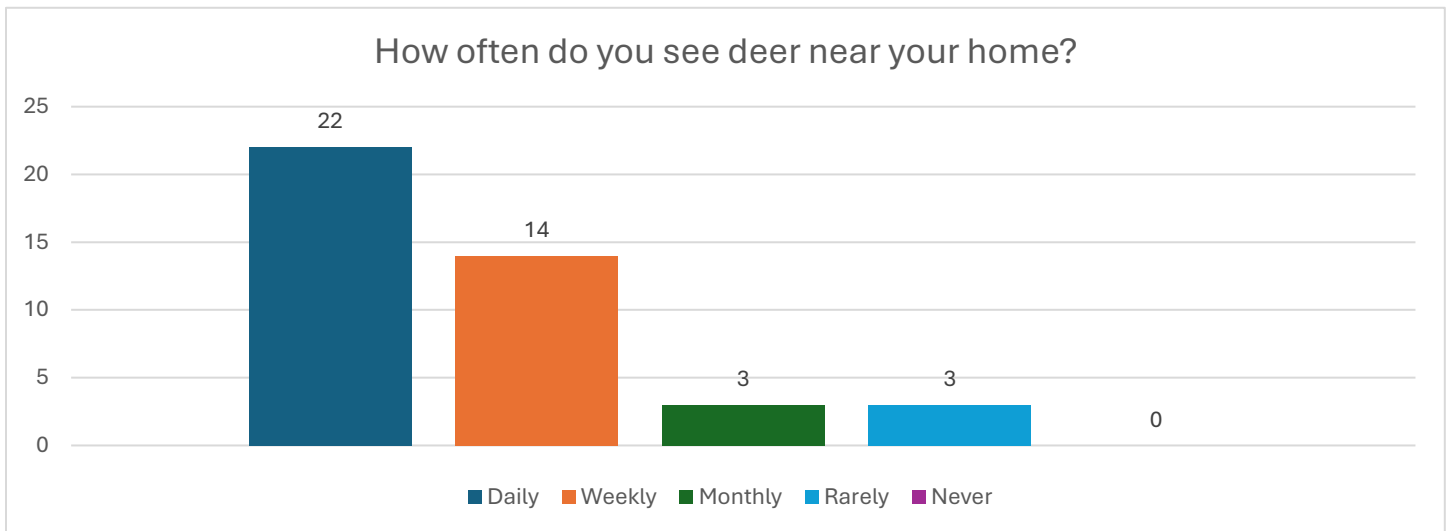


-17 residents stated they have experienced property damage loss from a deer.

-5 residents stated they have been involved in a motor vehicle or near accident involving deer.

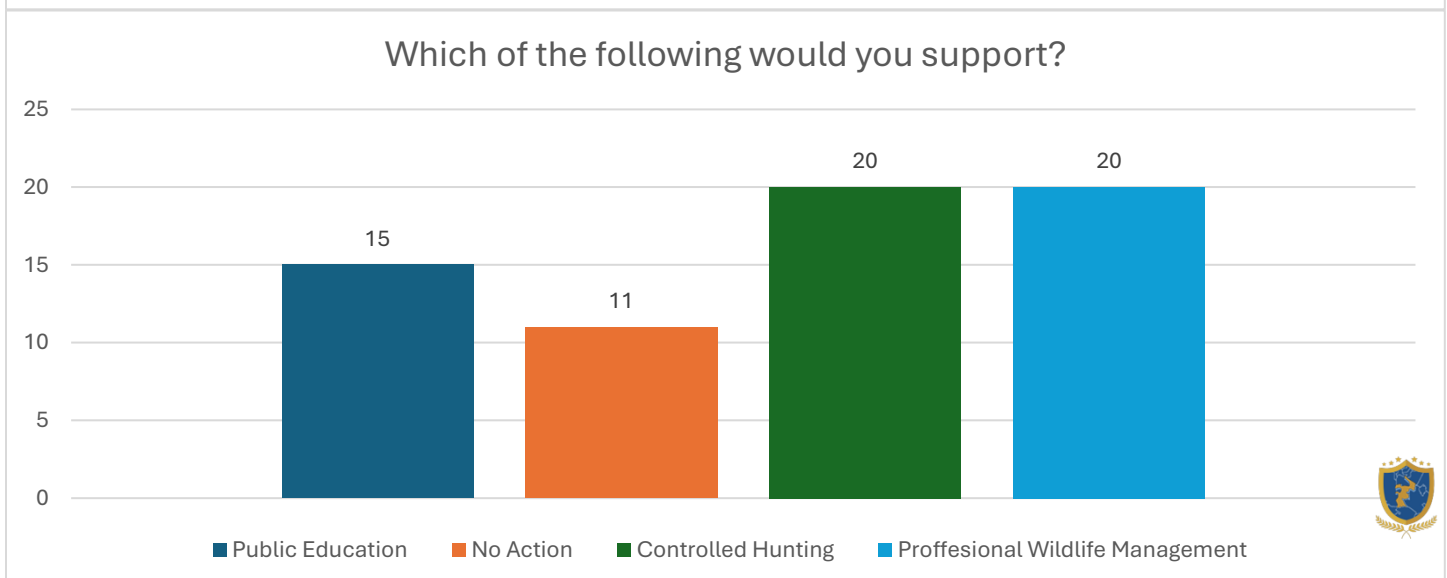
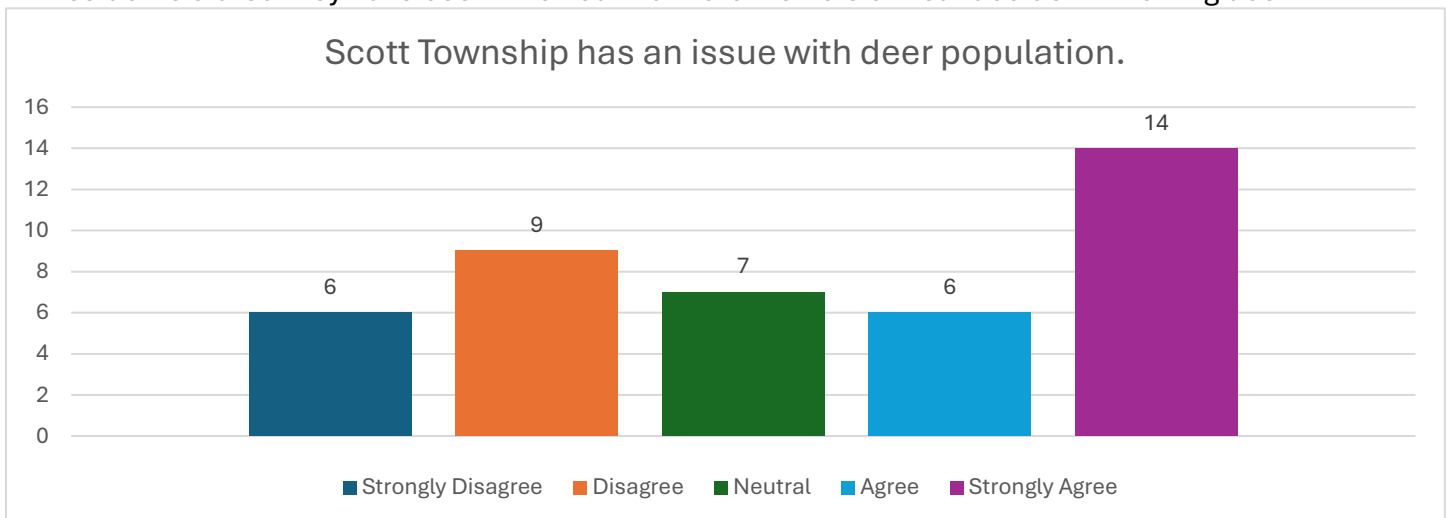


Ward 4: 42 surveyed

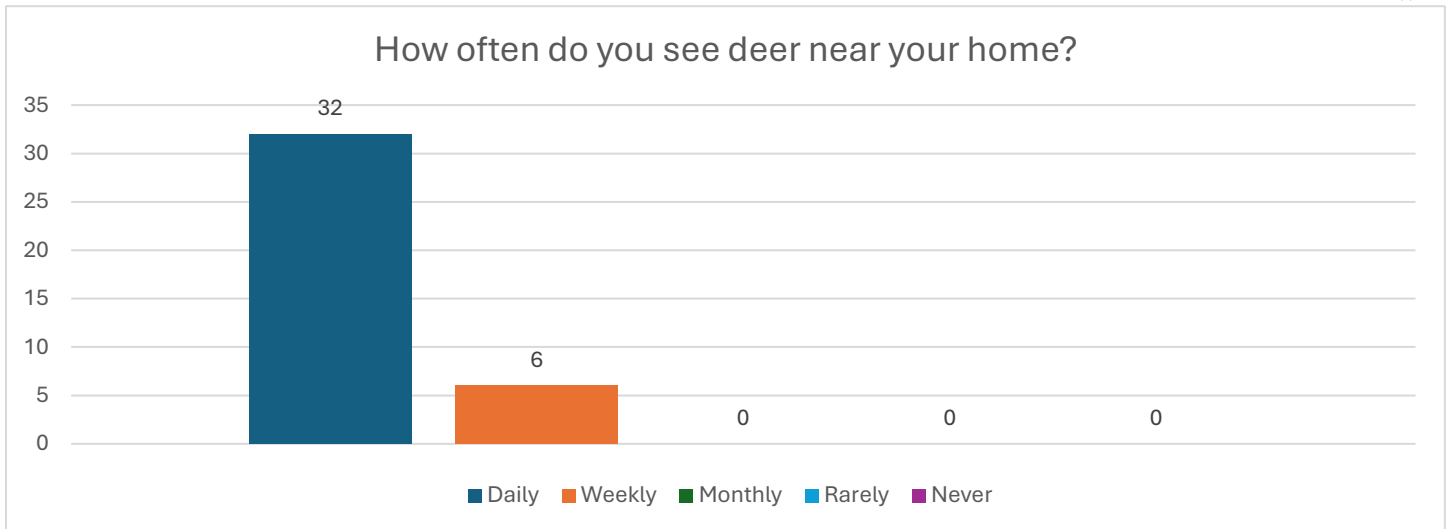


-23 residents stated they have experienced property damage loss from a deer.

-11 residents stated they have been involved in a motor vehicle or near accident involving deer.

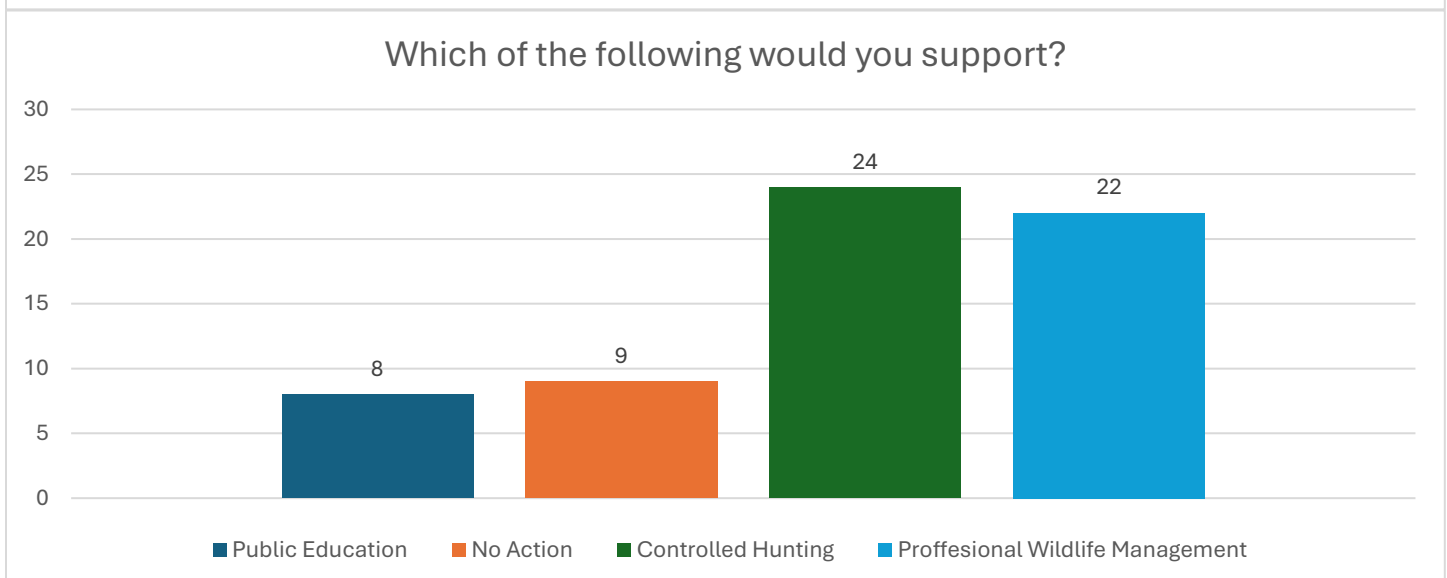
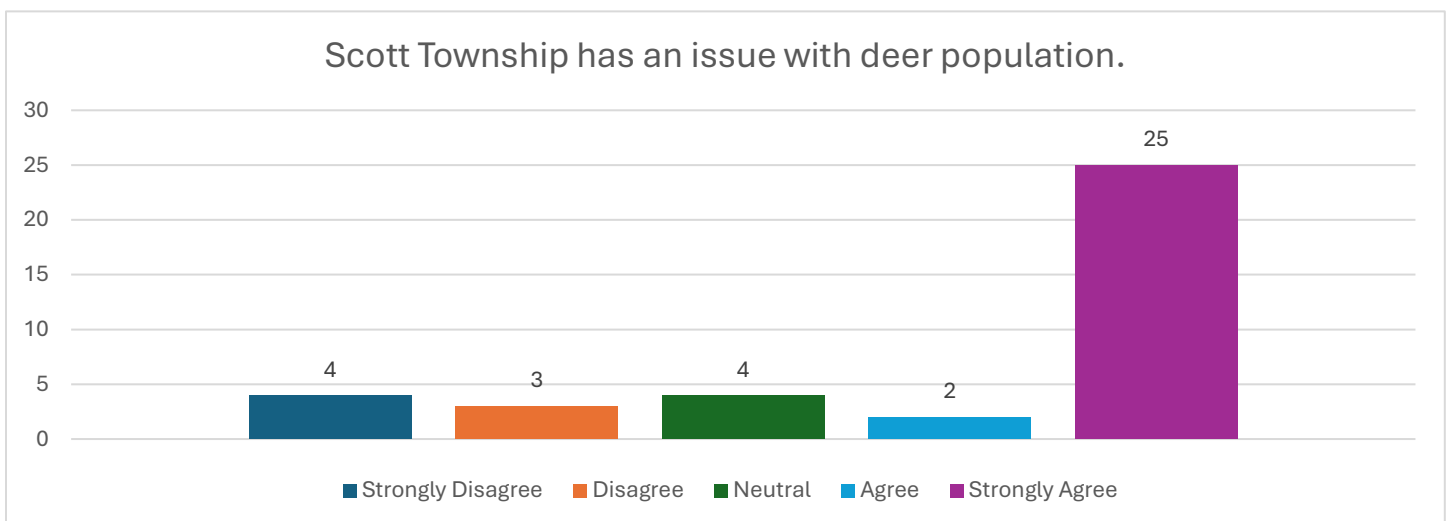


Ward 5: 38 surveyed

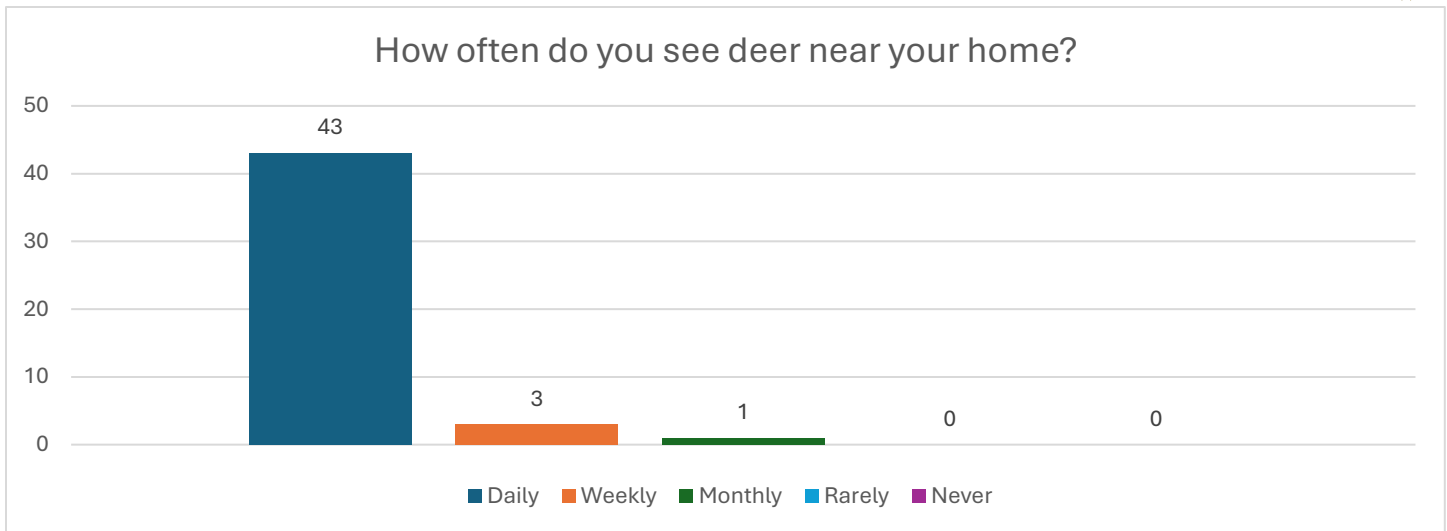


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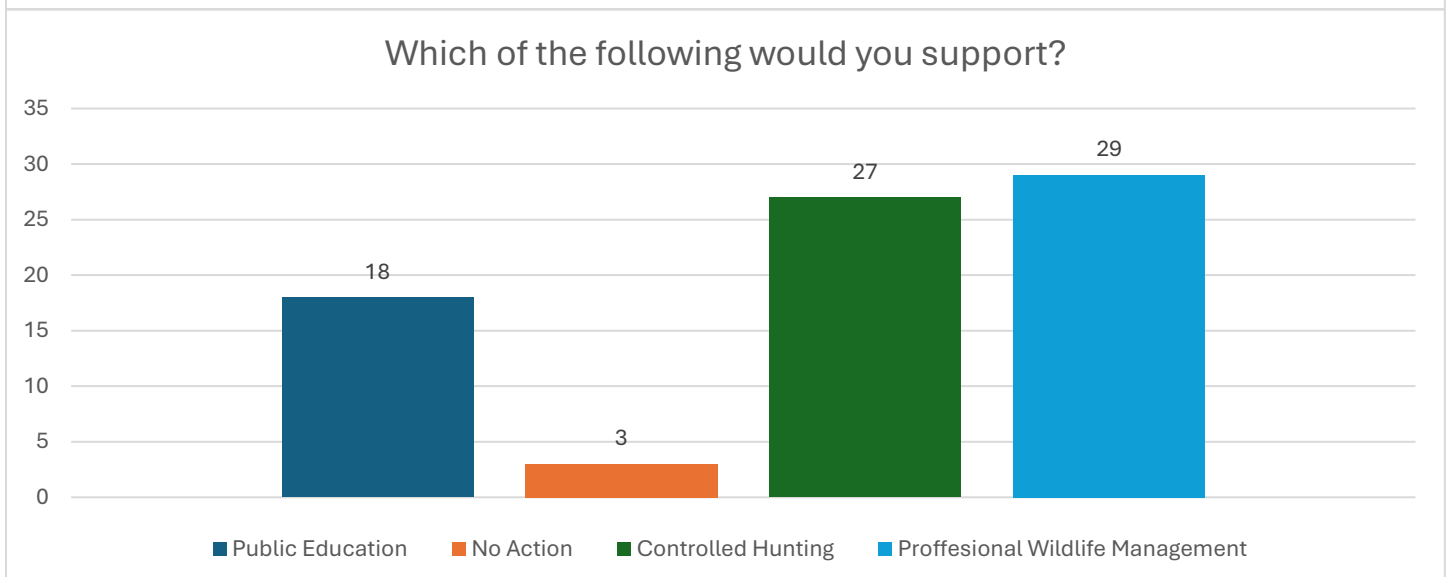
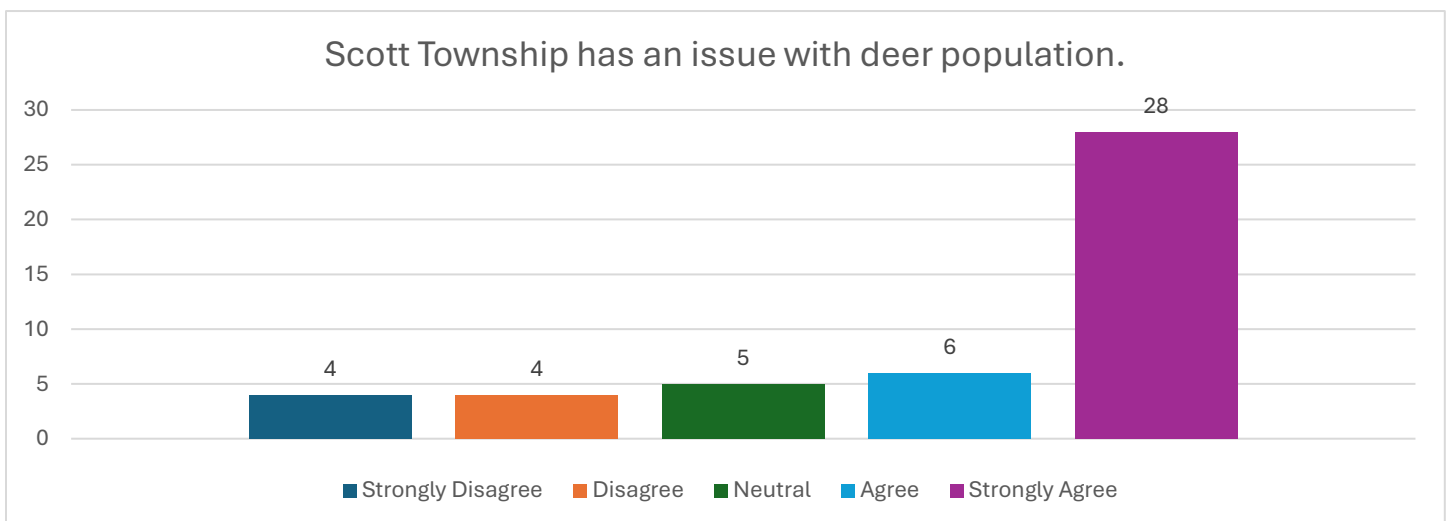


Ward 6: 47 surveyed

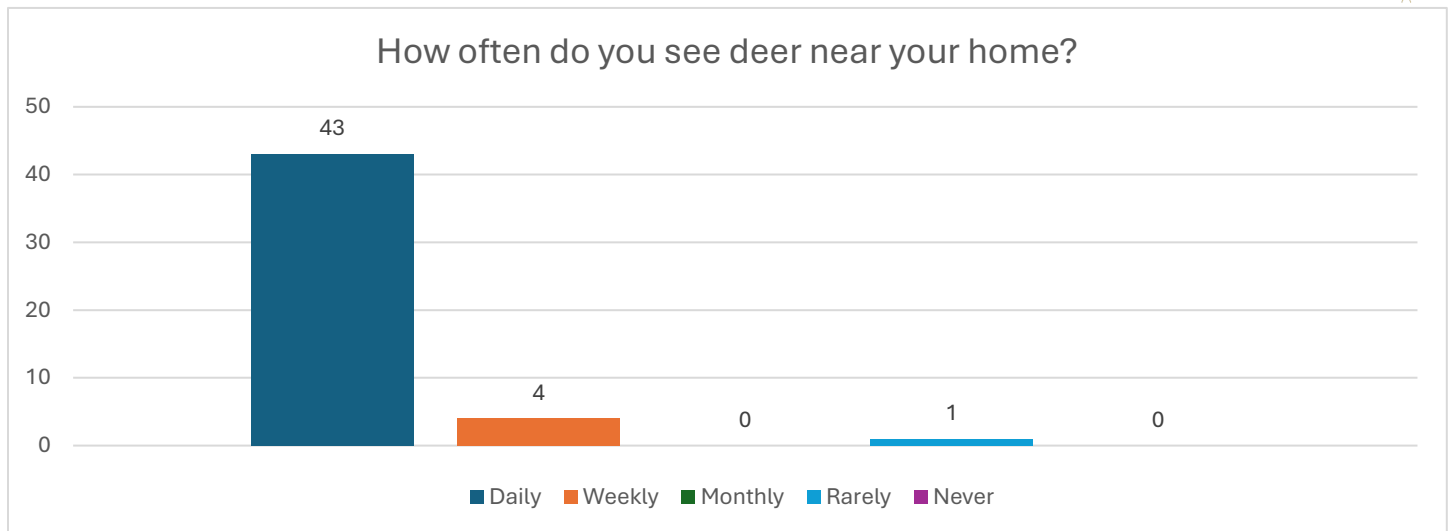


-35 residents stated they have experienced property damage loss from a deer.

-24 residents stated they have been involved in a motor vehicle or near accident involving deer.

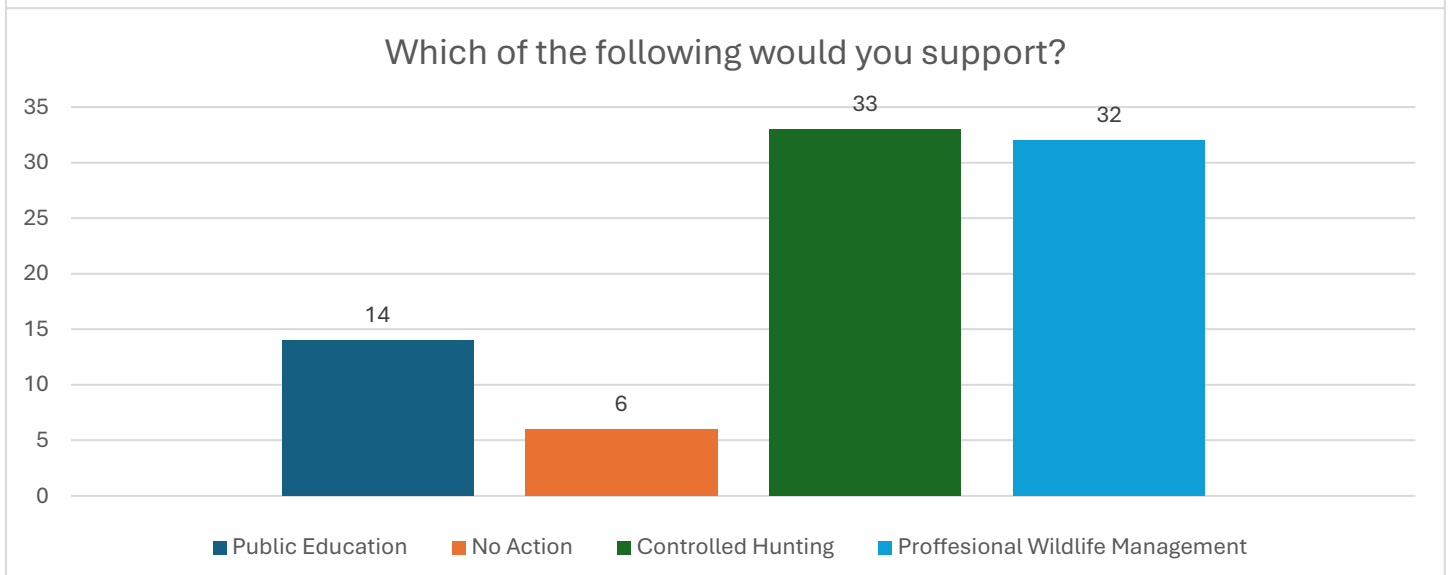
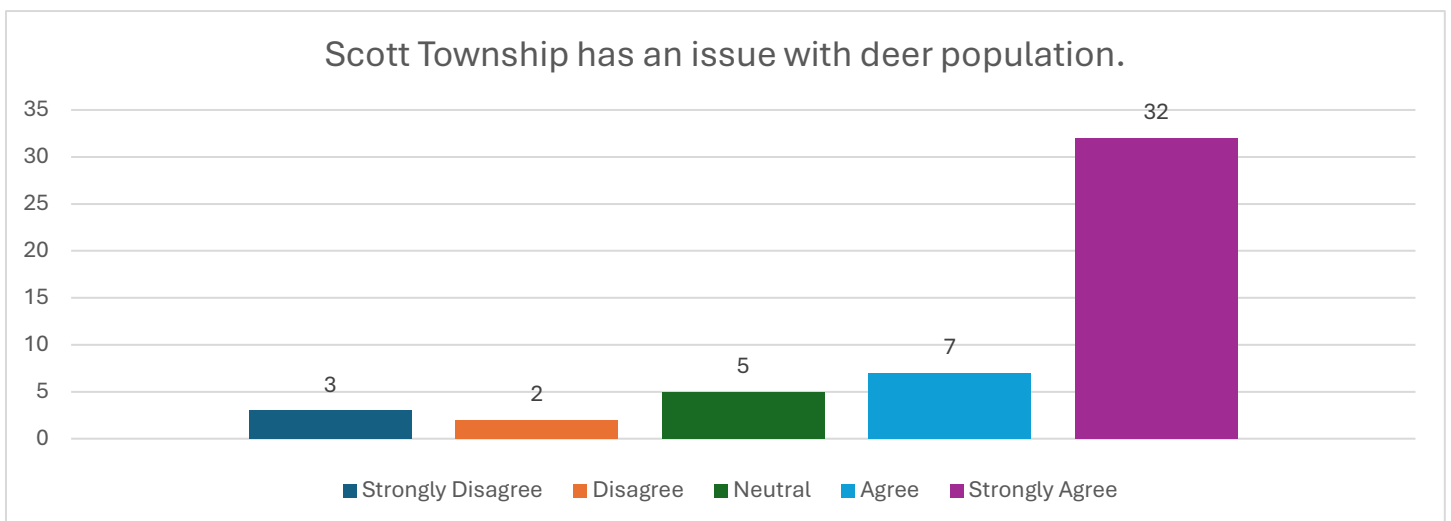


Ward 7: 49 surveyed

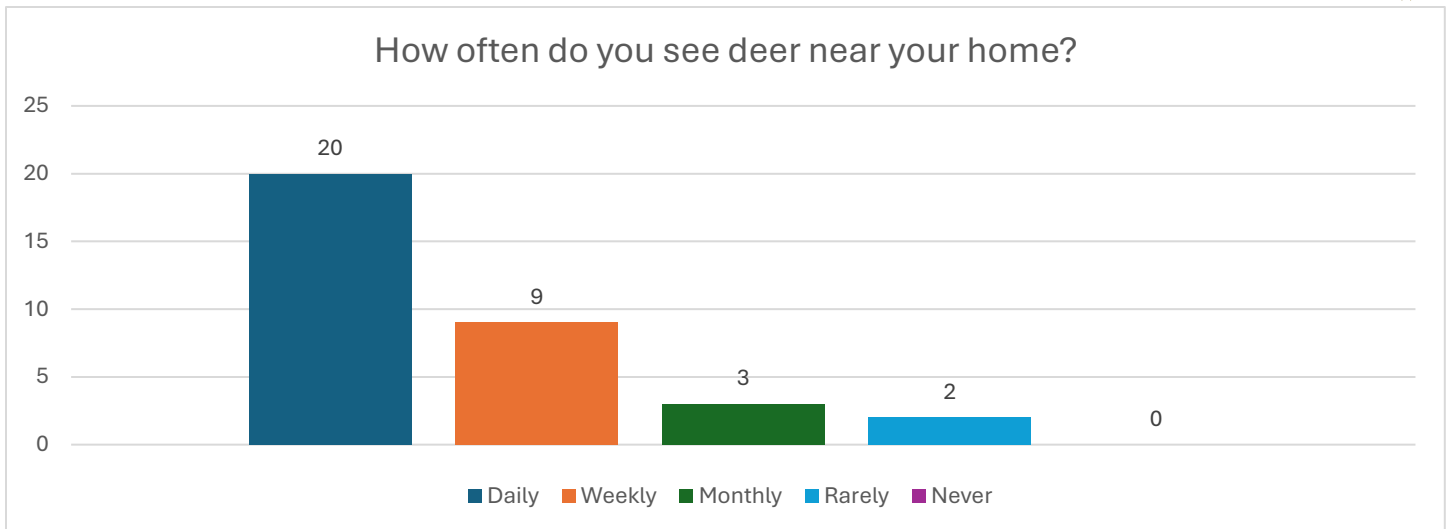


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-27 residents stated they have been involved in a motor vehicle or near accident involving deer.

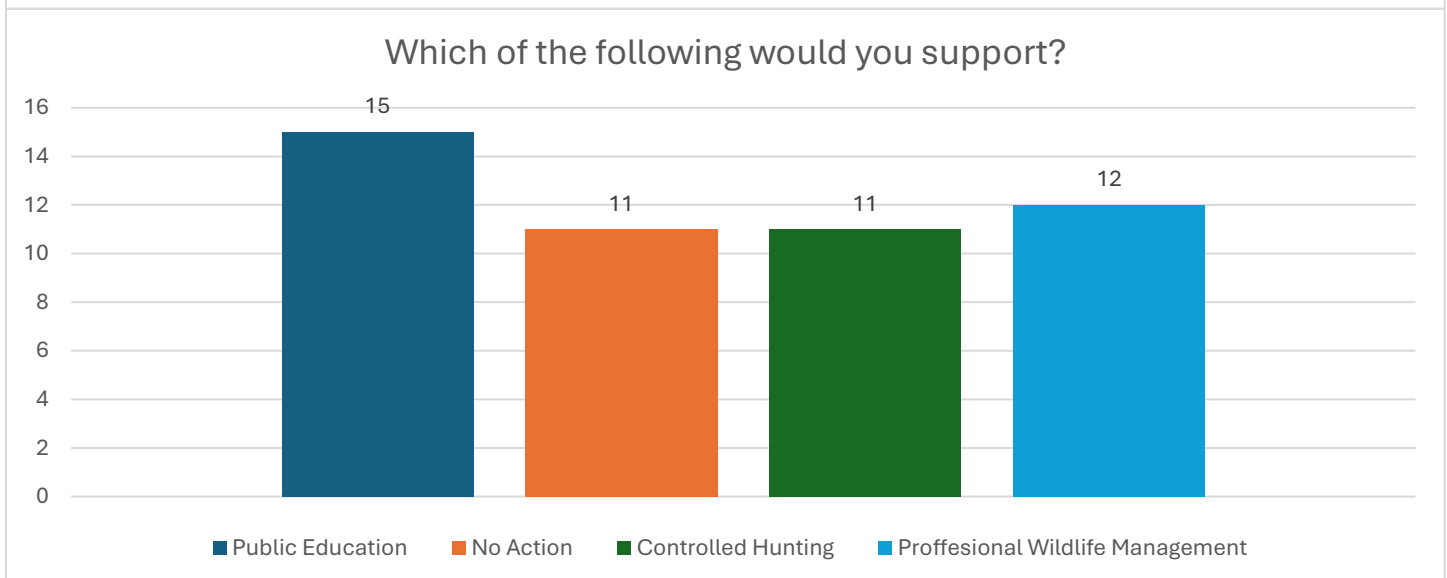
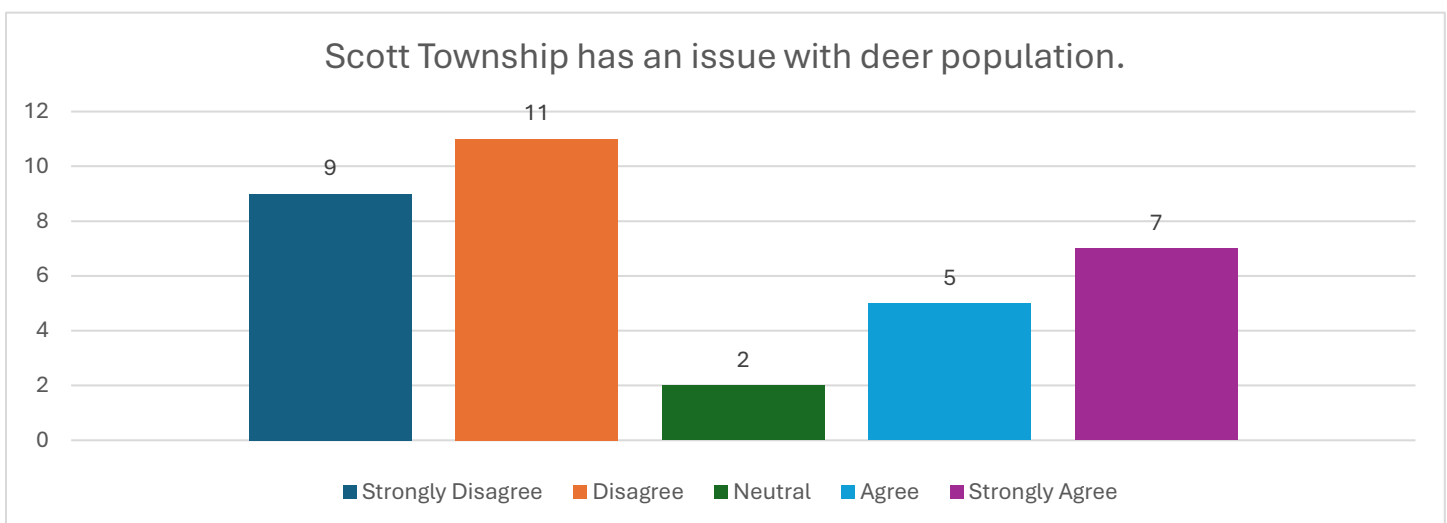


Ward 8: 34 surveyed

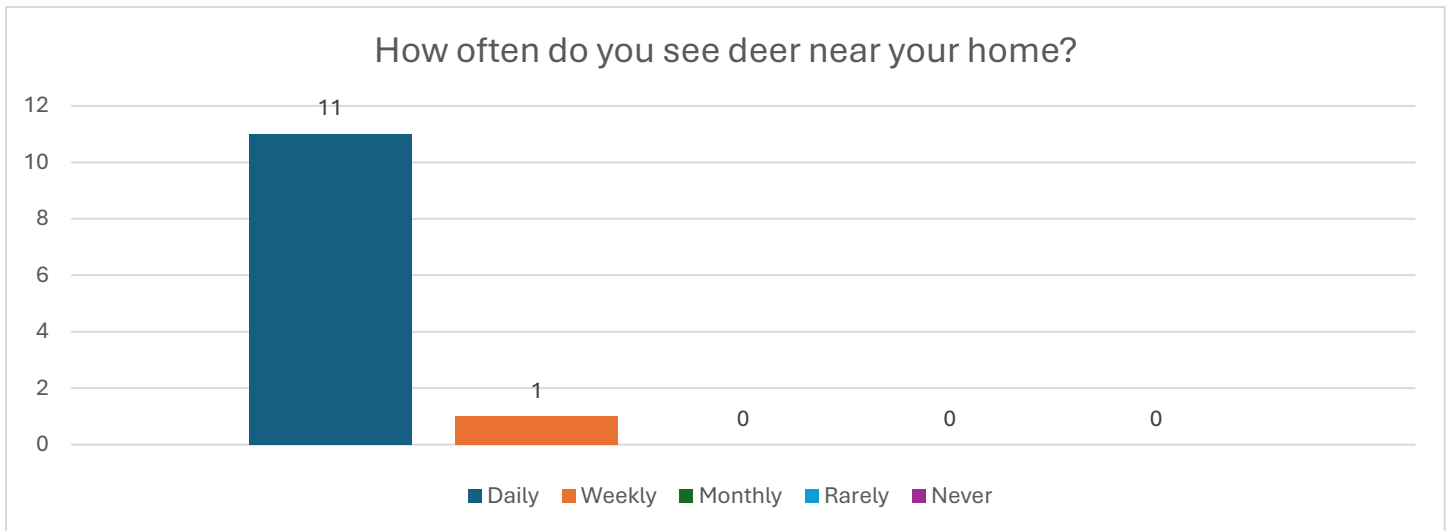


-9 residents stated they have experienced property damage loss from a deer.

-4 residents stated they have been involved in a motor vehicle or near accident involving deer.

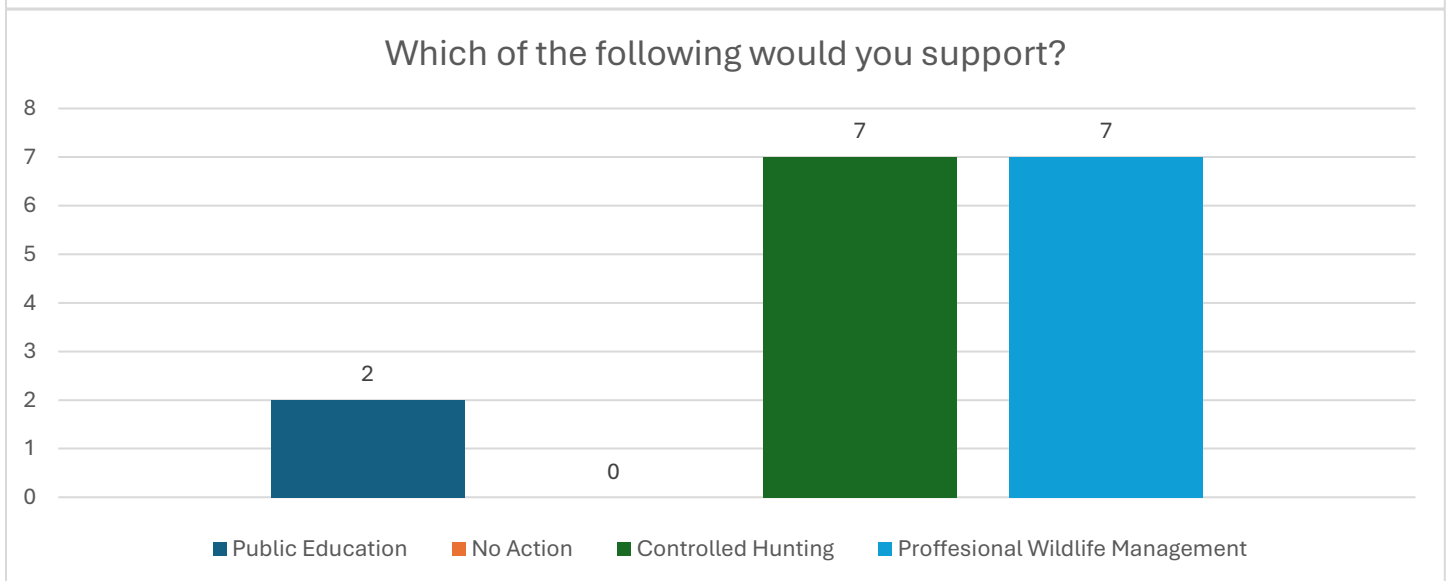
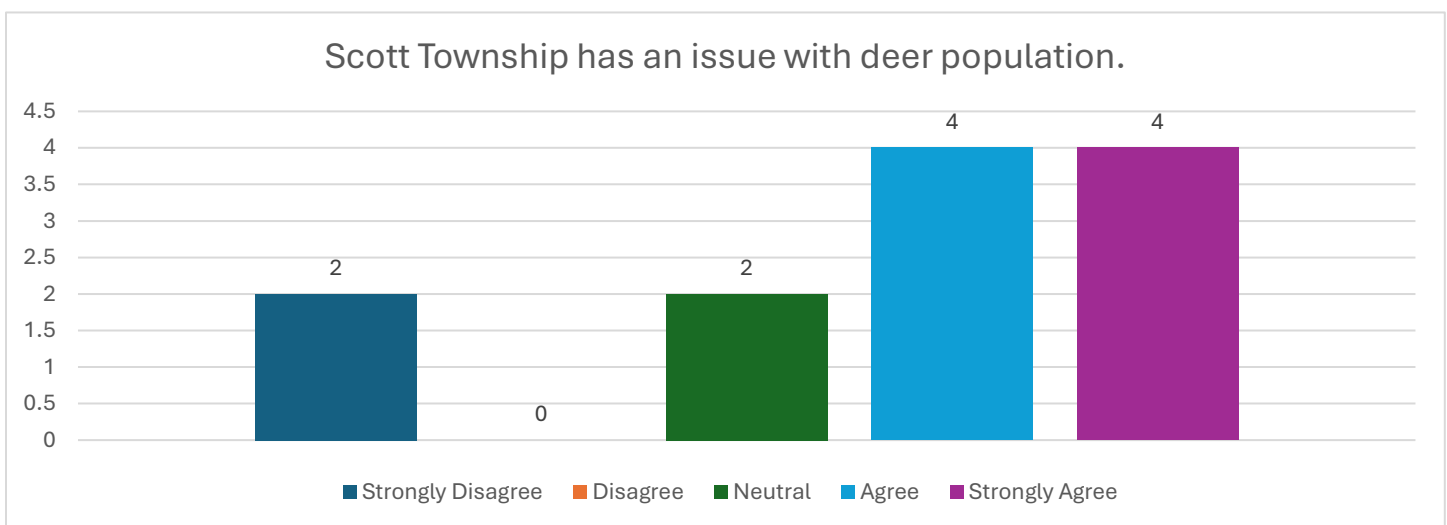


Ward 9: 12 surveyed



-9 residents stated they have experienced property damage loss from a deer.

-5 residents stated they have been involved in a motor vehicle or near accident involving deer.



Comments:



Topic Mentioned	Percent*
Property damage (flowers, gardens, shrubs, trees)	≈60%
Ticks / Lyme disease	≈40%
Support reducing the deer population (some method)	≈38%
Enjoy seeing deer / want them protected	≈35%
Vehicle accidents or near misses	≈28%
Habitat loss / development pushed deer into neighborhoods	≈22%
Residents feeding deer is a problem	≈17%
Deer droppings / feces	≈18%
Opposed to hunting/culling	≈20%
Concern about Township spending/tax dollars	≈8%

*Percentages are approximate because many residents mentioned multiple concerns.

Breakdown by category:



Property Damage

Residents most commonly reported:

- Flowers eaten
- Vegetable gardens destroyed
- Shrubs and bushes damaged
- Trees and landscaping eaten
- Expensive replacement costs
- Deer coming onto porches and decks to eat plants

Many residents described spending **hundreds of dollars** replacing landscaping every year.

Ticks & Lyme Disease

Residents mentioned:

- Lyme disease
- Children playing outside
- Grandchildren
- Pets getting ticks
- Dogs contracting Lyme disease
- Fear of working in their yards

Several respondents shared personal stories of family members or pets being diagnosed with Lyme disease.

Residents Supporting Population Reduction

Residents suggested several approaches, including:

- Controlled archery program
- Professional wildlife management
- Hunting
- Controlled culling
- Sterilization/birth control
- Humane population reduction

Many emphasized they did **not** want to eliminate deer—only reduce the population to healthier levels.

Residents Who Enjoy the Deer

Many residents also expressed positive feelings.

Common responses included:

- "I love seeing the deer."
- They make the neighborhood feel natural.
- They belong here too.
- Development caused the problem—not the deer.
- Learn to live with them.

Many of these residents still acknowledged concerns about ticks or property damage.

Traffic Safety

Residents reported:

- Deer collisions
- Near misses
- Thousands of dollars in vehicle damage
- Concern someone will eventually be killed
- Deer crossing busy roads daily

Several comments referenced specific roads where deer are frequently seen.

Habitat Loss

Many residents blamed:

- New housing development
- Loss of woods
- Construction
- Clearing forests

Feeding Deer

Many comments blamed residents who feed deer.

Suggestions included:

- Enforce the ordinance
- Fine violators
- Increase education
- Stop hand-feeding deer

Several residents believed feeding deer has made them less afraid of people.

Cost Concerns

Some residents worried about Township spending. Common opinions included:

- Don't waste taxpayer money.
- Don't hire expensive contractors.
- Use volunteer hunters.