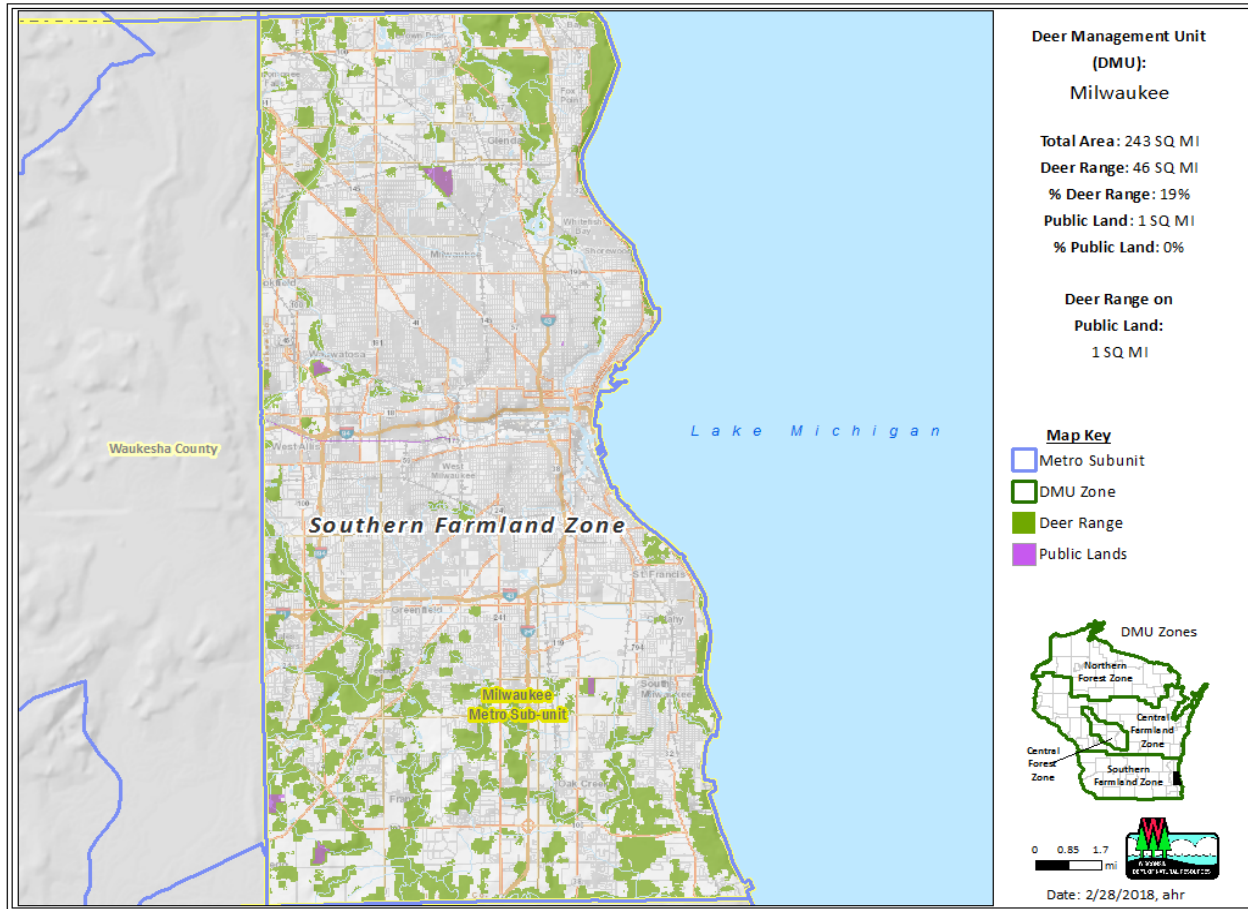


Milwaukee County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Milwaukee County Deer Management Unit is located in the Southern Farmland Zone. Approximately 19% of the unit is considered suitable deer range (46.6 square miles). Less than 1 square mile of the unit is public land. Public hunting opportunities include Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area and various properties owned and managed by the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District - Greenseams Program. The unit includes much of the Milwaukee metropolitan area and is entirely within the Metro subunit. The overall goal within the Metro subunit is to keep deer numbers at a low level to minimize deer-vehicle collisions and deer damage to crops, nurseries and native vegetation within a highly urbanized area. Hunting season frameworks have followed the liberal "metro" deer season framework each year. In the limited areas where farming still occurs in the unit, agricultural and nursery deer damage situations are common because these lands are often surrounded by residential properties and other deer "refuges." Several municipalities obtain permits annually to remove deer from developed areas where hunting opportunities are limited. The first wild deer tested positive for CWD in December of 2017 in the City of West Allis. For the latest information on CWD in this unit, visit the CWD results webpage at the following link: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/results.html>. The current deer herd management objective is to decrease the population.