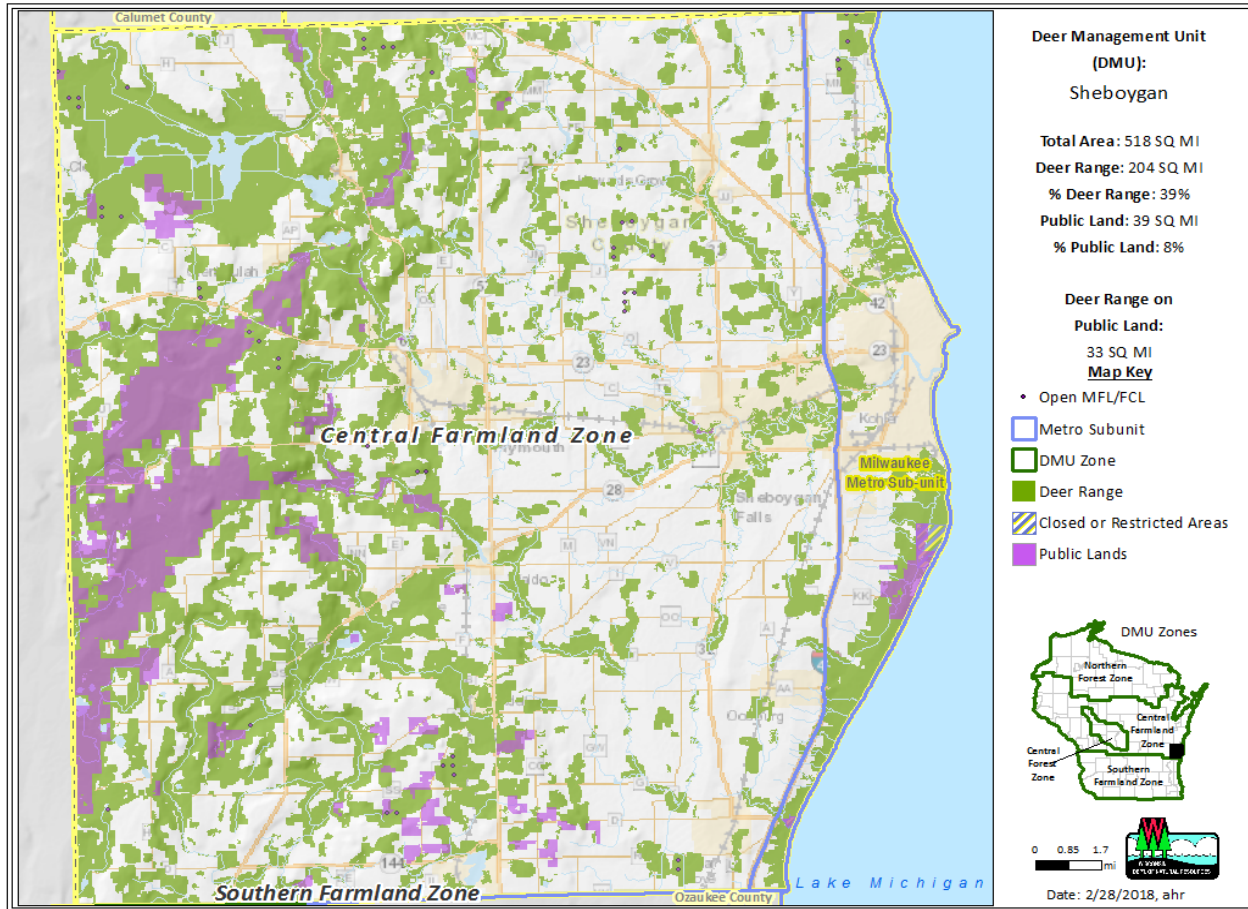


Sheboygan County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Sheboygan County Deer Management Unit is located in the Central Farmland Zone. Approximately 39 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range (204 square miles). The deer population responds quickly to changes in harvest in this unit. The goal is to manage deer numbers at a level to minimize deer-vehicle collisions and damage to crops and natural vegetation, while providing hunting and other recreational opportunities. Large public hunting lands include Kettle Moraine State Forest-Northern Unit, Kiel Marsh and Sheboygan Marsh Wildlife Areas. These properties span several counties and contain over 24,000 acres of extensive marsh, wooded swamp and upland timber in Sheboygan County alone. Smaller public lands include Nichols Creek and Adell Wildlife Areas, LaBudde Creek Fishery Area, and Onion River Stream Bank Protection Area. All of these properties are heavily hunted because of their proximity to the large metropolitan areas of southeast Wisconsin. Private lands in the unit contain a good mix of woodlands, marshlands and farmlands. However, hunting access to them is becoming more challenging as the sizes of farms grow and rural residential development increases. Hunter densities on opening day of the 9-day gun deer season have ranged about 22-30 hunters per square-mile of deer range in past years. A few agricultural damage and nuisance deer removal permits for municipalities and airports are issued every year.