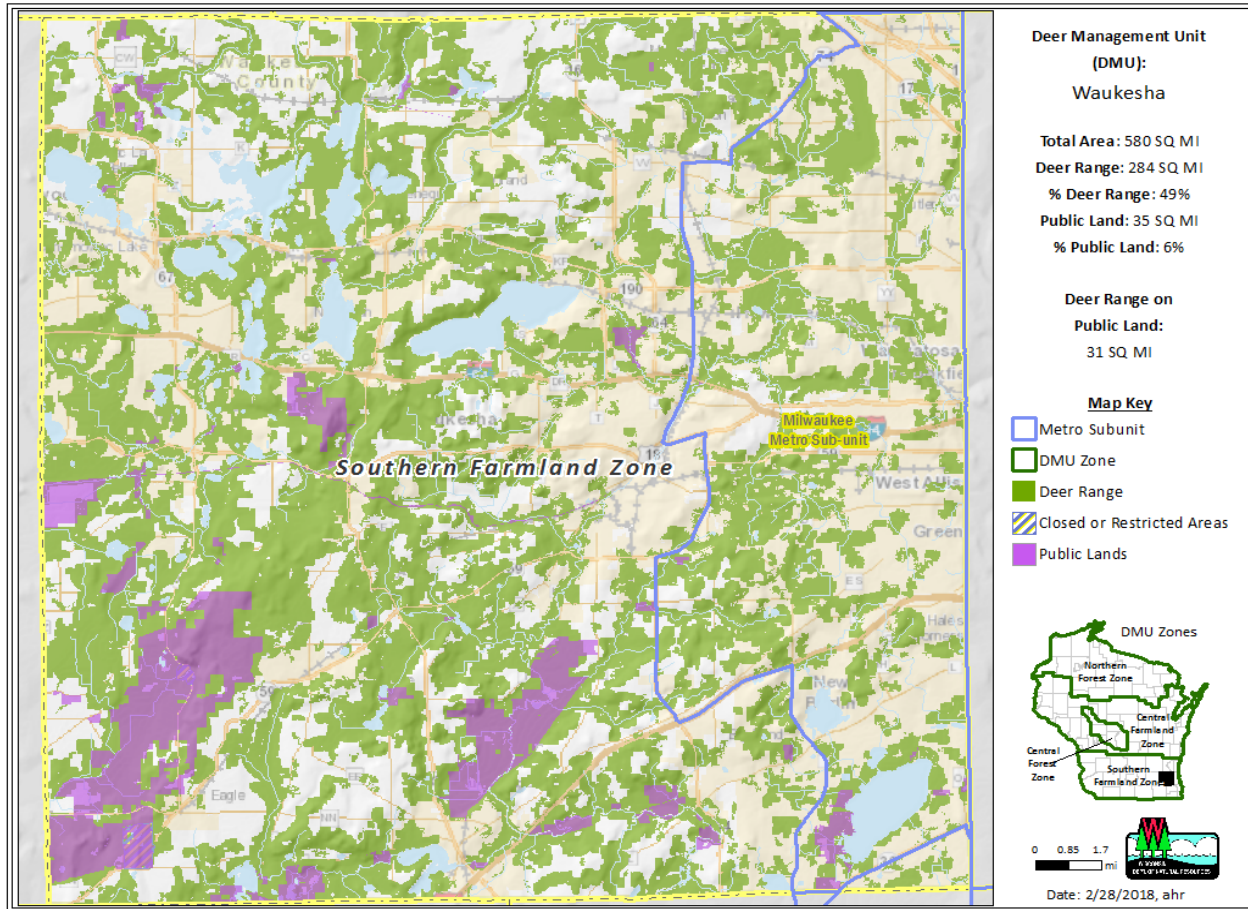


# Waukesha County Deer Metrics Report

## Spring of 2024

### Management Unit:



### Manager's Note:

The Waukesha County Deer Management Unit is located in the Southern Farmland Zone. Approximately 52% of the unit is considered suitable deer range (228 square miles). The unit is a mixture of agricultural lands, woodlands, urban and suburban development. Habitat is composed of primarily oak and southern hardwood forest and brushy marsh set within an agricultural landscape. About 18,000 acres of state-owned land provides public hunting opportunities, including the Kettle Moraine State Forest, Vernon Wildlife Area, Paradise Valley Wildlife Area and Big Muskego Lake Wildlife Area. Some Waukesha County Parks also offer quality deer hunting. Hunter densities in Waukesha County are relatively high because of its resident population. Urban deer damage, reduced forest regeneration and deer-vehicle collisions have prompted the issuance of deer shooting permits concentrated in the urbanized areas in the northeastern portion of the unit. Disease threats in this unit continue to be Chronic Wasting Disease as well as Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease in some years. For the latest information on CWD in this unit, please visit the following DNR webpage: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/prevalence.html>. The current deer herd management objective is to reduce the population.

### Deer Management Unit Harvest History

Fawn to doe ratios collected in late summer give information on fawn recruitment and survival and are used as an input into the formula for annual deer herd abundance estimation. Fawn to doe ratios were summarized using groups of county deer management units. County deer management units were grouped based on location, habitat characteristics, and deer demography.