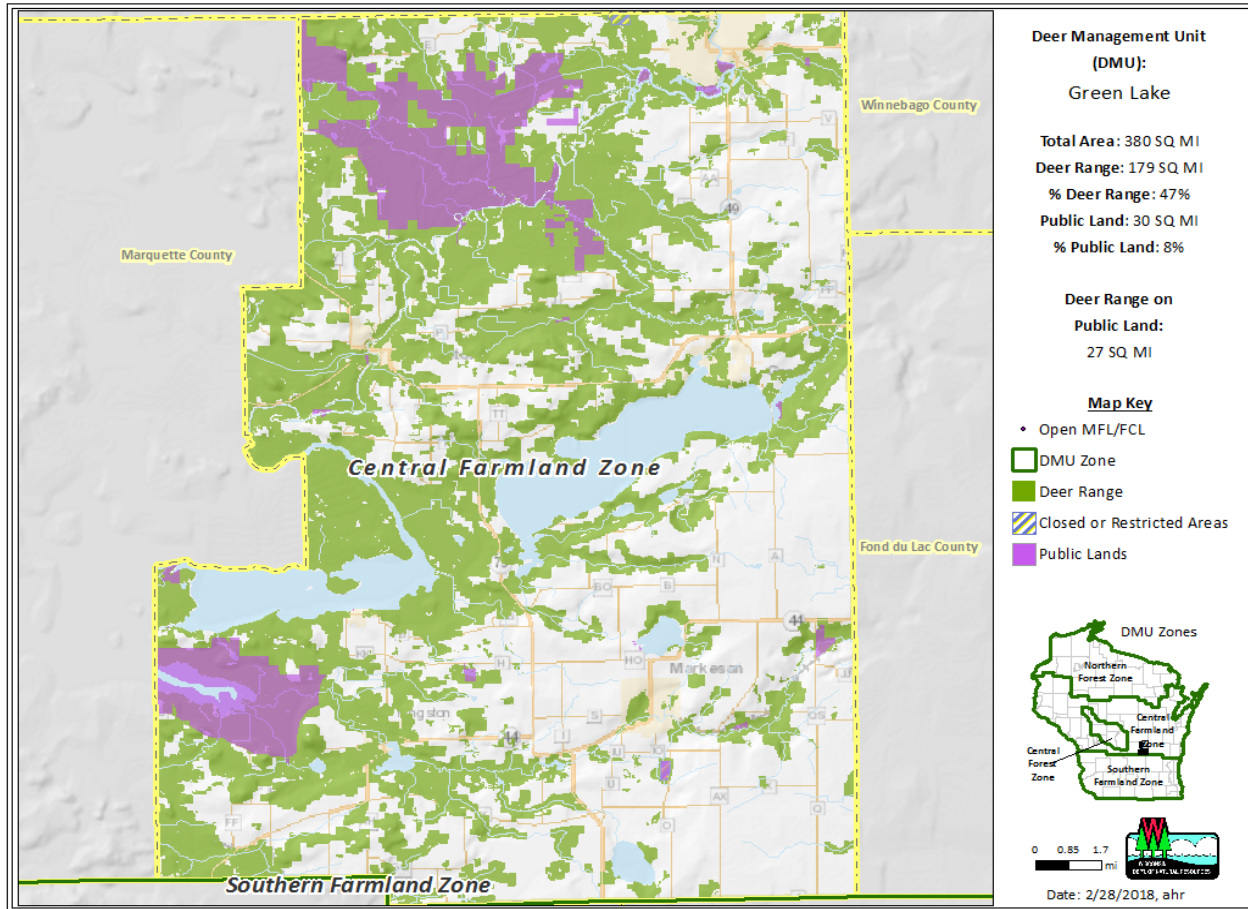


# Green Lake County Deer Metrics Report

## Spring of 2024

### Management Unit:



### Manager's Note:

The Green Lake Deer Management Unit is located in the Central Farmland Zone. Approximately 47 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range (179 square miles). The habitat type and quality across the unit varies significantly. The southeast portion consists of highly productive farmland with large open fields and transitions to more lowland and wetland habitats interspersed with smaller farm fields in the northwest. The Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area, Utley Wildlife Area, White River Marsh Wildlife Area and Puchyan Prairie State Natural Area are the only larger public hunting areas found within the unit. Landownership in the unit is predominately private. High hunter densities on opening day of the 9-day gun deer season average about 25-30 hunters per square mile of deer range. The unit has one of the highest buck harvests per square mile of deer range in Wisconsin and often ranks in the top 10 compared with all other units. The deer herd has the potential to be very productive, although deer are unevenly distributed throughout the unit. Winter weather typically has little impact on survival and recruitment which in part has led to high levels of agricultural deer damage and liberal hunting season frameworks in the unit. The current deer herd management objective is to maintain 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.