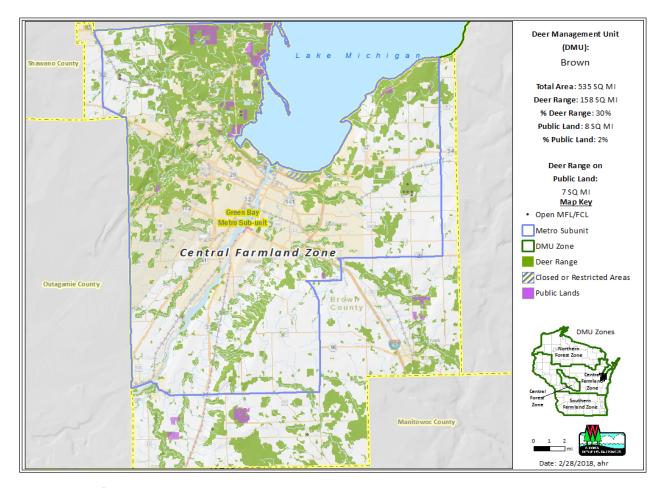
## **Brown County Deer Metrics Report**

## Spring of 2024

## **Management Unit:**



## Manager's Note:

The Brown County Deer Management Unit is located within the Central Farmland Zone. Approximately 30 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. The vast majority of the unit is considered a Metro subunit, centered on Green Bay and surrounding suburbs. The unit still maintains a strong agricultural base and fertile soils. Wetter soils and larger tracts of habitat are concentrated along rivers and near the bay of Green Bay. Unique to this unit is a rapidly expanding land base of the Oneida Nation. Many tracts of land purchased by the tribe in the last decade are being managed for conservation and becoming good deer habitat. The Metro subunit remains very productive for deer and allows for the rapid rebounding of the deer herd.

Public land is concentrated in the northern half of the unit, but the majority consists of parks, refuges and conservancy areas with very limited hunting seasons. There are two sizable state-owned properties, Green Bay West Shores Wildlife Area and Holland Wildlife Area, which provide a variety of hunting opportunities. Away from the city of Green Bay there are a great deal of small private residential tracts that provide some hunting pressure, but municipality weapon restrictions limit many areas to archery and crossbows. In this unit it is important to maintain an adequate antlerless deer harvest to avoid excessive agricultural damage and conflicts with traffic and residential plantings. The current deer herd management objective is to decrease the population.

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