

BEVERLY SHORES ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION GROUP

# INTRODUCTIONS/HISTORY

#### **HISTORY**

- Fifteen years ago, over 500 deer in and around Beverly Shores
- Understory essentially destroyed
- Garlic mustard the dominant (only?) wild flower
- Other effects: lyme disease, car accidents, damage to private gardens
- Amid great debate, deer control program initiated

#### **HISTORY**

- Regulations approved by the Town Council and DNR (archery, dates, maximum hunters at one time, etc.)
  - Owner-approved properties
  - → Rigorous qualifications
  - → Annual flyover census

#### THE LAST FEW YEARS

# DEER CENSUS (TARGET TOTAL 25–30)

Flyover Date	In-Town	<b>Around Town</b>	Total
February 12, 2012	25	19	44
March 22, 2013	38	68	106
January 22, 2014	54	30	84
March 17, 2015	28	27	55
March 4, 2016	46	55	101

### THE LAST FEW YEARS, CONTINUED

- 2013: Obtained DNR grant for hunter incentives and infrastructure
- Expanded focus to broader goals: invasive plants, education (Beglin garden and Sand Tracks)
- Collaboration with the National Park Service, the Shirley Heinze Land Trust, the town of Ogden Dunes
- 2015: DNR rules changed without warning

## **AGENDA**

Introductions/ERG History	Gary Garrett	
Our Unique Botanical Environment	Annette Young	
Bob Beglin Memorial Garden/ERG Book	Bill Schaudt	
Invasive Species	Hans Lagoni/Bill Schaudt	
ERG Communications/ Website	Terry Bonace/ Howard Marvel	
Development/Finances	Larry Stanton	