

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 5-23-11
Item No.: 13.e

Department Approval

City Manager Approval




Item Description: Wildlife Management including Deer

BACKGROUND

At your May 9th, 2011 City Council meeting public comment was received on the Roseville deer population, you requested further information.

A single department is not responsible for a Roseville Wildlife Management Program so when in 2003 the City began receiving calls regarding the deer population, Parks and Recreation was asked to receive and record the calls. On average, there have been less than 10 calls per year documented by Parks and Recreation. The calls have primarily been complaints regarding damage to gardens and vegetation in resident's yards.

In 2004 the City began working with Ramsey County to monitor the deer population. The method used by the County is to perform a "fly over" after a fresh snowfall and simply count the number of deer they see.

The Police Department and the Minnesota State Patrol monitor vehicle accidents.

Following is a chart indicating the number of deer spotted in Roseville each year since 2004 as well as a summary supplied by the MN Department of Public Safety listing the number of auto vs. deer crashes in 2008-2010 where an accident report was filed:

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
# of Deer	36	n/a lack of snow	15	34	44	51	44	50
# of cars hit – Roseville PD	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	-
# of cars hit – State patrol	-	-	-	-	0	1	1	-

20 Attached are maps of Roseville for the years 2004-2011, with the exception of 2005, showing the
21 location where the deer were counted.

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23 In recent discussions with Ramsey County, it may be time for the City of Roseville to consider a
24 controlled hunt. This decision is up to individual cities. It is not completely clear on any specific details
25 on process or how or when this might occur.

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27 The administration and the cost of this new program would be the responsibility of the City and it may
28 also require that the City Ordinance would need to be amended.

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30 Staff has been in discussions with Ramsey County and other surrounding cities. Other cities in Ramsey
31 County as well as the County themselves have allowed controlled deer hunts on private property and/or
32 public property, either by bow hunters or sharp shooters.

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34 Although the deer population is the issue at this time, other wildlife control areas have previously been
35 requested by residents including goose, turkey and most recently coyotes.

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37 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

38 This discussion is consistent with addressing resident's interests and desires.

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40 **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

41 The future financial impacts would be the cost of beginning a new program.

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43 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

44 Discuss wildlife management.

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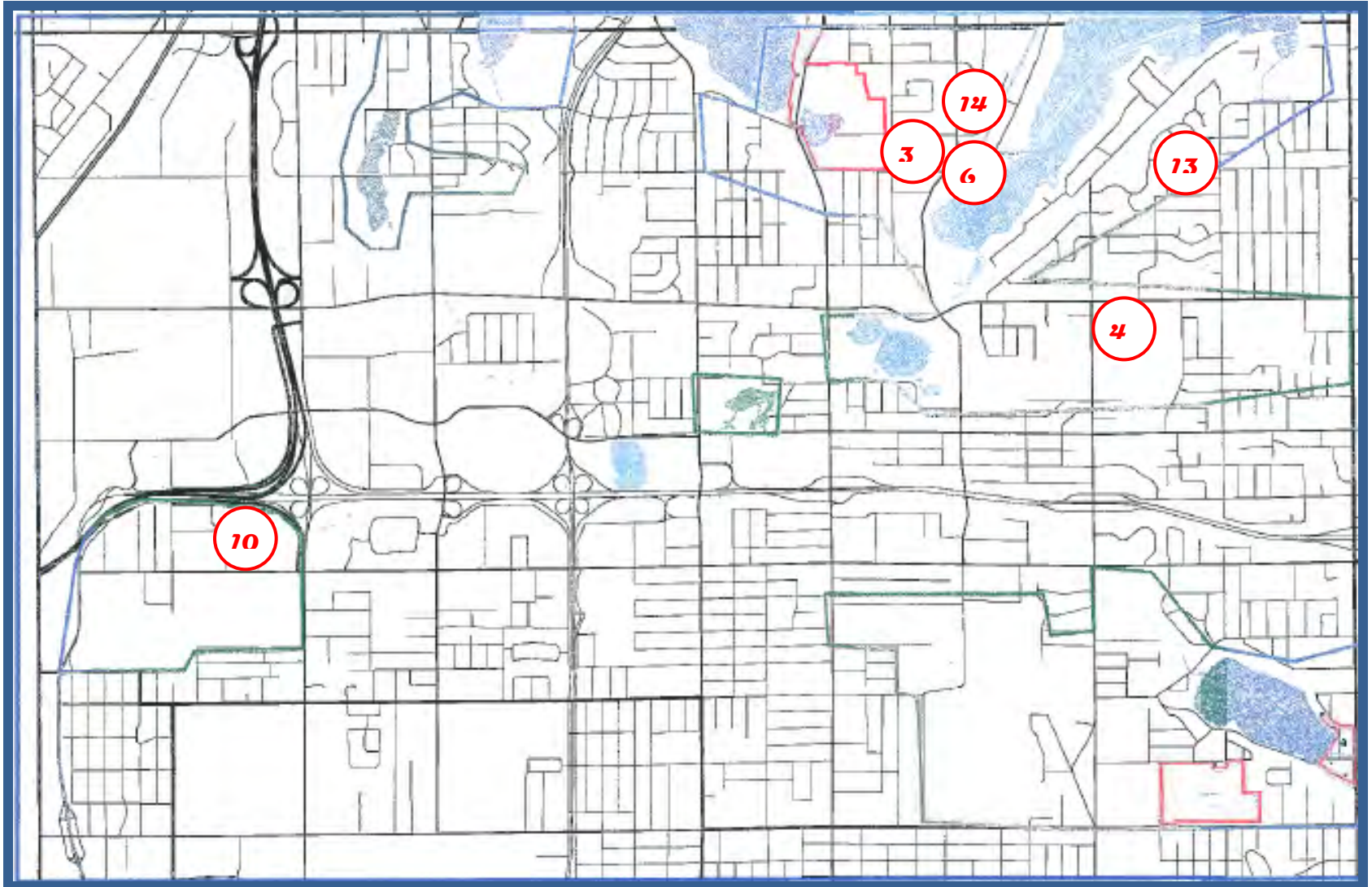
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Attachments: Area maps indicating deer population

Date 1-6-2011

Conditions Deep snow & sunny

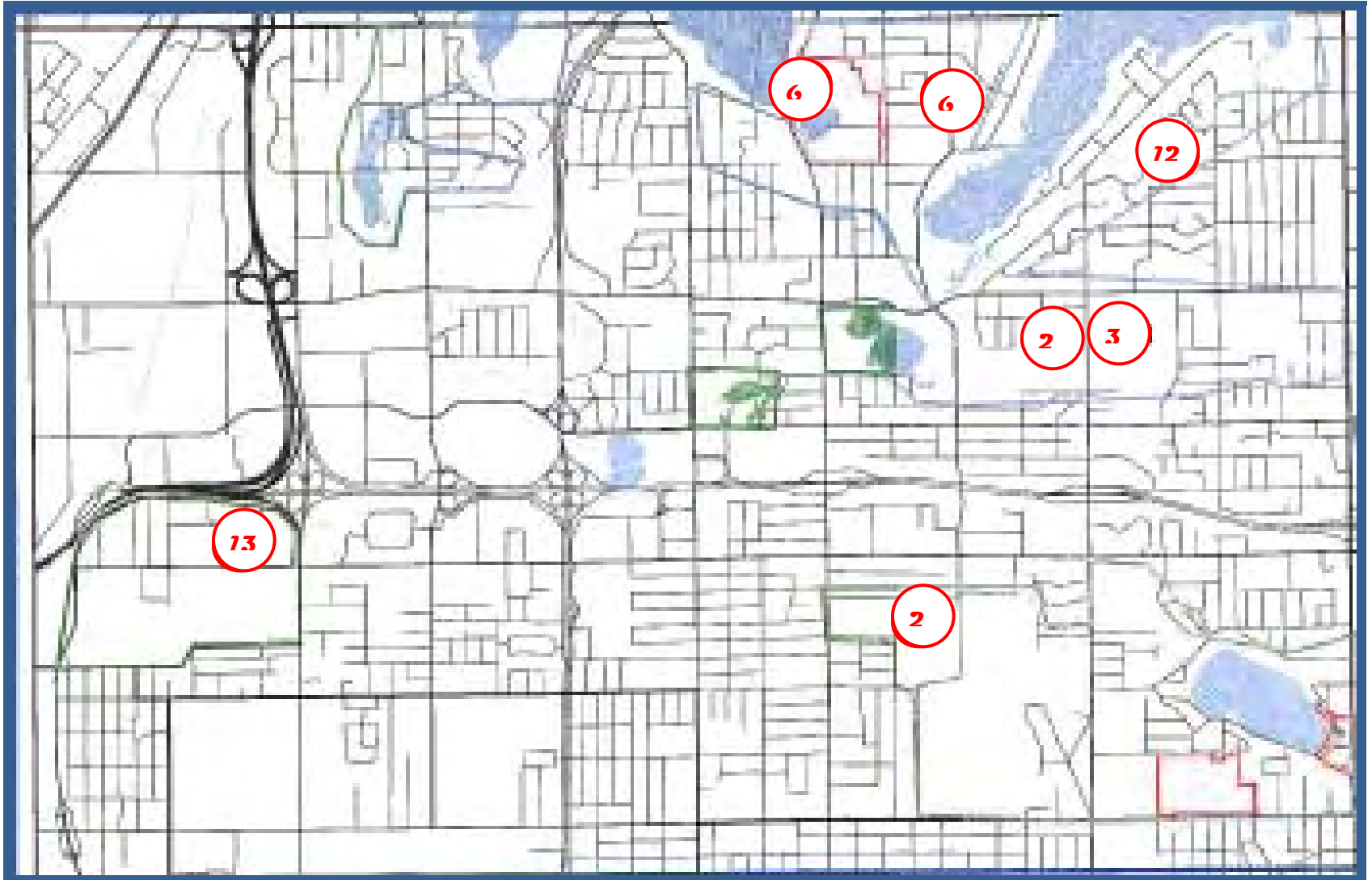
Total Deer 50



Date 1-5-2010

Conditions 10" snow base & Sunny

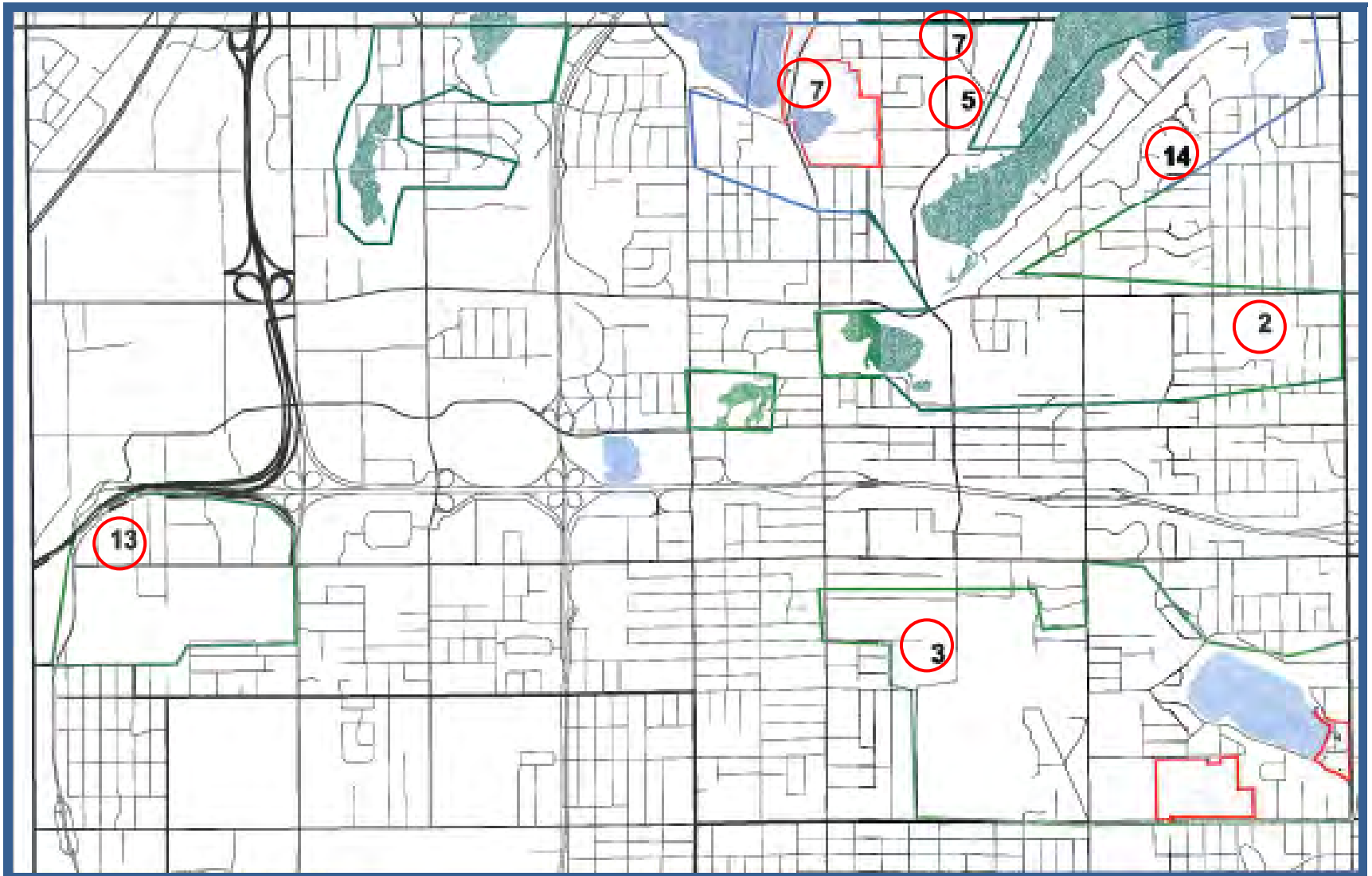
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Date 1-19-2009

Conditions 10" snow base & sunny

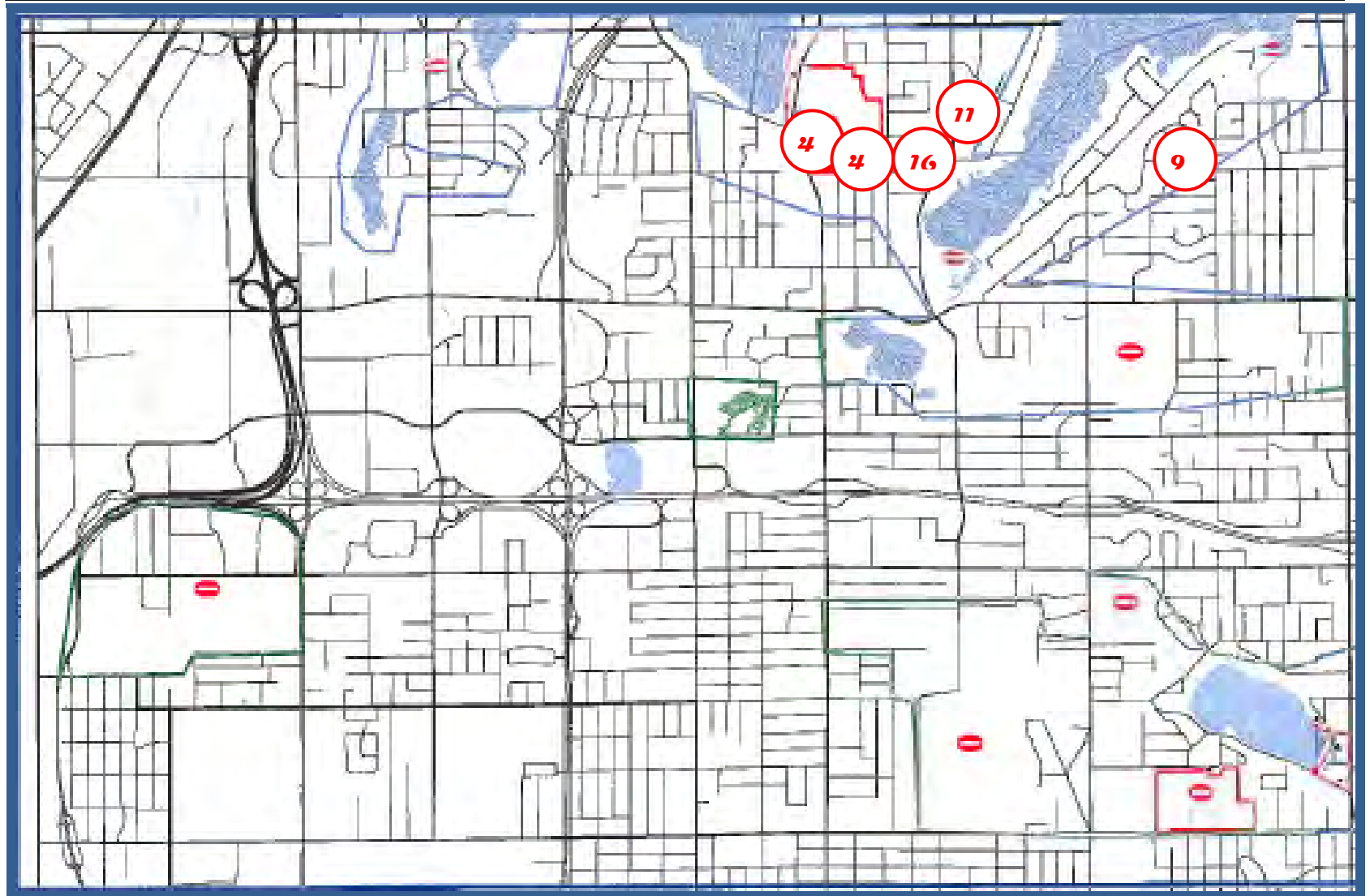
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Date 2-22-2008

Conditions 5-8" snow base - fair/poor conditions

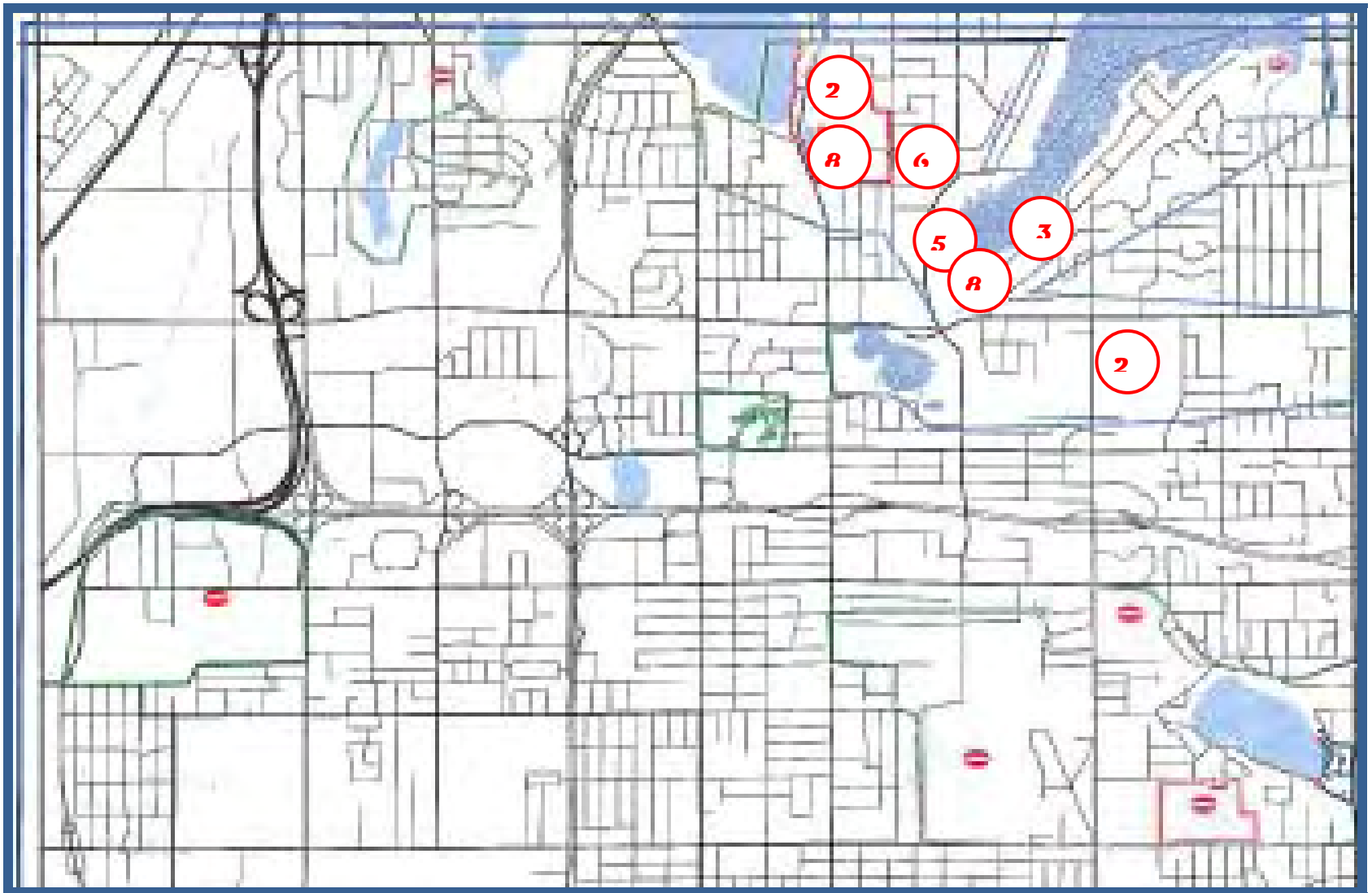
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Date 2-28-2007

Conditions 10 - 12" snow base

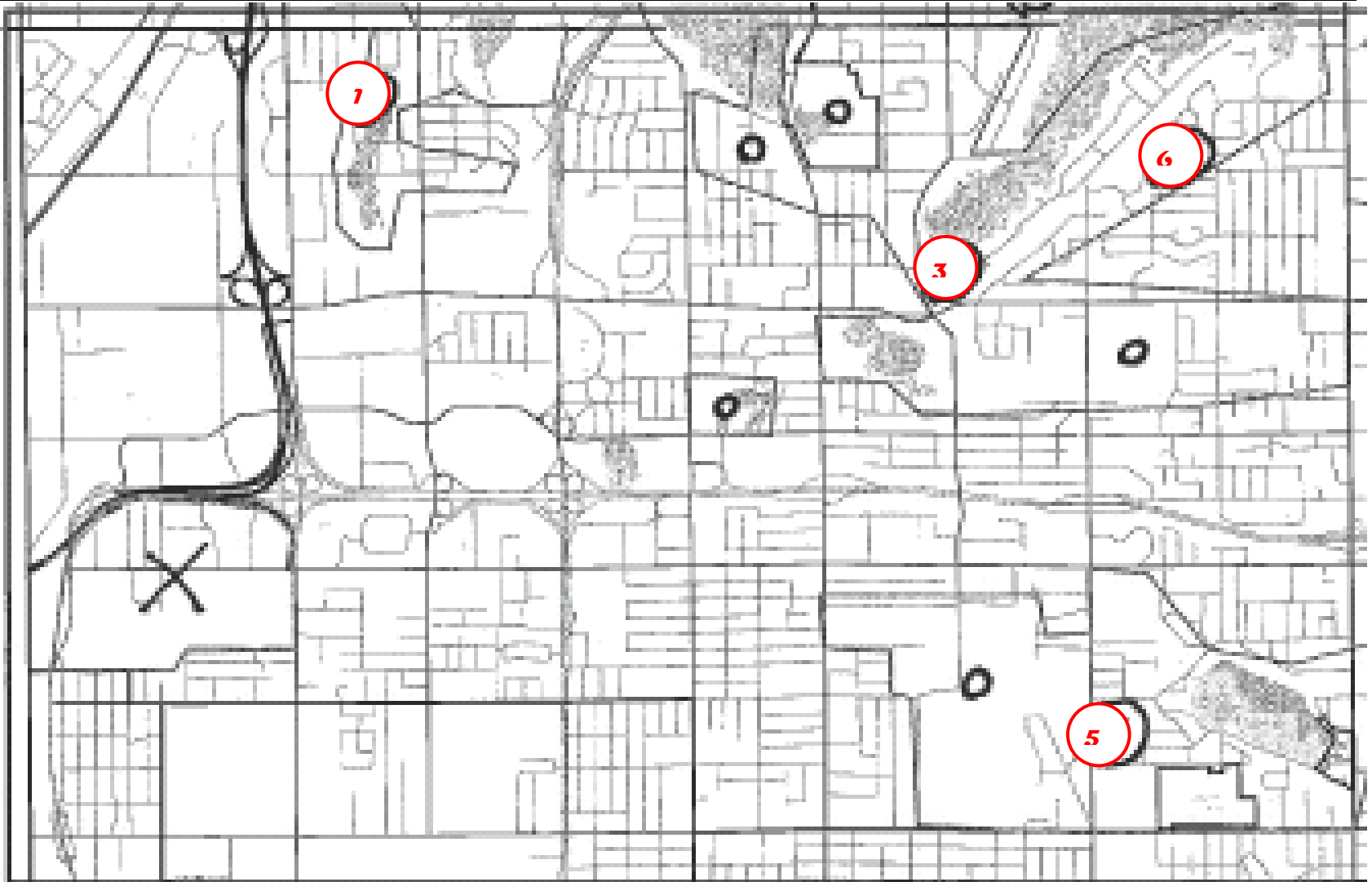
Total Deer 34



Date 3-21-2006

Conditions 8-12" snow base & sunny

Total Deer 15



No survey done in 2005 due to poor snow conditions

Date 2-9-2004

Conditions 12-15" snow base & cloudy

Total Deer 36

