

ORGANIZATIONAL POLICY

GENERAL ENGINEERING APPLICATION: All County Roads

TITLE:

Placement of Deer Crossing Signs

RESOLUTION NUMBER RCXX-XXX SUPERCEDE EFFECTIVE DATE
RCXX-XXX MM/DD/YYYY

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POLICY NUMBER EG-14

INTENT

To establish guidelines to be followed when considering installation and placement of Deer Crossing signs (W11-3).

INFORMATION

The Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices lists Deer Crossing signs. However, it does not provide criteria for the installation and removal of these signs. Therefore, Washtenaw County Road Commission is defining criteria to be used in the installation and removal of deer crossing signs.

PROCEDURE

- 1. A deer-car accident history should be looked up for the stretch of road in question. Installation of Deer Crossing signs is warranted if five deer car related accidents have occurred in a twelve month period.
- 2. Placement of the signs should be reviewed every third year. Any necessary adjustments in placement, or removal should be made according to the following guidelines:
 - a. A deer-car accident study should be conducted for the stretch of road encompassing the deer crossing area and one mile either side of the area.
 - b. The placement of signs shall be adjusted to reflect any change in the concentration of deer-car accidents in the study area.
 - c. When the accident study shows that no deer-car related accidents have occurred in the study area in a minimum of a twelve month period, the sign may be removed at the discretion of Washtenaw County Road Commission.
- This policy shall be superseded by any and all changes to the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices which affect the criteria and/or placement of deer crossing signs.