



**Peachtree
Corners**

Peachtree Corners Residents Deer Impact Survey 2025

Based on 798 responses, this report aims to inform future discussions and decision-making regarding deer management in the community.

Survey Overview

- Total Responses: 798
- Survey Purpose: Understand deer activity in residential areas, assess impacts, and gather resident concerns and observations.

1. Frequency of Deer Sightings: In the past 12 months, how often have you observed deer on your property?

Response	Count	% of Responses
Daily	517	64.8%
Weekly	178	22.3%
Monthly	36	4.5%
Rarely	32	4.0%
Never	13	1.6%
Other (mixed)	22	2.8%

Key Insight: 87% of respondents report seeing deer on a daily or weekly basis, confirming a strong and consistent presence of deer in neighborhoods.

2. Time of Day Observed: What time of day do you most frequently see deer on your property? (Multiple selections allowed)

Time Period	Count
Evening (6 PM – 10 PM)	599
Morning (6 AM – 12 PM)	533
Night (10 PM – 6 AM)	460
Afternoon (12 PM – 6 PM)	279

Key Insight: Deer are most active during the evening and early morning hours, suggesting higher dusk and dawn activity patterns, with a significant portion also active at night, increasing road hazard risks after dark.

3. Number of Deer Typically Seen: How many deer do you typically see at one time on your property?

Deer Count	Responses
3 – 5	383
6 – 10	147
1 – 2	113
Varies	86
11+	55

Key Insight: Group sightings are common, with 66% of residents seeing three or more deer at a time, confirming that deer are not only abundant but tend to travel in groups.

4. Physical Condition of Deer: What is the typical physical condition of the deer you observe?

Condition	Count
Healthy	606
Malnourished	82
Injured (only)	3
Other/Mixed Conditions	81

Key Insight: Most deer appear healthy, but more than 20% show signs of malnourishment or injury, suggesting that habitat quality or overpopulation may be stressing the herd.

5. Property Damage: Have deer caused any damage to your property in the past 12 months?

Response	Count	% of Total
Yes	589	73.8%
No	204	25.6%

Key Insight: Nearly three out of four residents have experienced deer-related property damage. Commonly reported issues (from open responses) include:

- Destroyed flower beds and landscaping
- Damaged gardens and trees
- Chewed irrigation systems
- Estimated costs in some cases exceeded \$1,000

6. Vehicle Collisions or Near Misses: Have you experienced or witnessed a deer-related vehicle collision or near miss?

Response	Count	% of Total
Yes	423	53.0%
No	367	46.0%

Key Insight: Over half of respondents have seen or experienced a deer-vehicle incident. These often occur in the evening or at night, with locations frequently cited as:

- East Jones Bridge Rd
- Spalding Drive
- Peachtree Corners Circle

7. Feeding Behavior: Do you or anyone in your household feed deer?

Response	Count	% of Total
No	762	95.5%
Yes	32	4.0%

Key Insight: Although the vast majority do not feed deer, 32 households acknowledged feeding them. Some noted

indirect feeding, such as deer eating from bird feeders.

8. Use of Deterrents: Do you or anyone in your household take measures to deter deer?

Response	Count	% of Total
Yes	491	61.5%
No	302	37.8%

Key Insight: A significant portion of residents actively attempt to deter deer. Common deterrents listed include:

- Physical fencing and netting
- Deer repellent sprays
- Motion-activated sprinklers
- Use of deer-resistant plants

Many expressed frustrations with the ineffectiveness or expense of these methods.

9. Additional Comments

558 residents provided open-ended responses. Key themes include:

- Calls for population control via humane culling or sterilization
- Worry about traffic hazards and personal safety
- Concerns about overpopulation and disease
- Mixed feelings—some support coexistence, others demand intervention

Sample comments:

1. "I'm ok with some deer activity. Hopefully we can reduce the deer overcrowding."
2. "The deer need to be thinned out for their own health. There is simply not enough food for them all to eat. Seven years ago, they issued permits for bow hunters to thin out the herd and that needs to be done again."
3. "You can do all the data analysis you want, but it won't change what we already know: there are too many deer. Ultimately the only solution will be to cull the population. Humans are the only natural predators."
4. "It is just a matter of time until someone gets between a doe and her fawn and gets seriously injured. Then we'll be sorry we didn't act."
5. "Something needs to be done about them on the roads. I know one of these days I'll have a car accident with one."
6. "I don't mind deer, but 10 at a time on a lawn is a lot. They've destroyed all my landscaping. My neighbors are feeding them, and they have no incentive to leave."
7. "I've lived in Peachtree Corners for 42 years. I've noticed a huge increase in deer. It's time to take action."
8. "People feeding them is making the problem worse. Also, drivers need to slow down for safety — deer or not."
9. "We hate the damage, but love seeing the deer. We enjoy the serenity of watching them roam."
10. "Can the deer be removed from Peachtree Corners and relocated?"
11. "I'm okay with collaboration, but a ban on feeding deer should happen now."
12. "Seeing deer was one of the reasons I bought property in PTC. I moved from Lake Lanier and love the natural wildlife."
13. "Our neighbor feeds deer daily. It's not uncommon to see 10–15 waiting in the yard. Every other neighbor

opposes this.”

14. “The best deer deterrent spray, ‘Deer Be Gone,’ is no longer available. Nothing else works as well.”
15. “Coyotes follow the deer. More deer means more coyotes, and they worry me as much or more.”
16. “I love the deer and don’t want them harmed, but they’re destroying everything in the yard — even gardenias and zinnias.”
17. “We’re overbuilding in Peachtree Corners. Stop approving developments that destroy natural areas and drive deer into our neighborhoods.”
18. “I used to see deer eating flowers in my yard. I haven’t seen them recently, and the flowers are gone. I’m not sure what changed.”
19. “The deer cause no issues for us, and they are around all the time. We enjoy having them here.”
20. “Make feeding illegal NOW, please.”

Conclusion

The survey reveals a clear, city-wide issue:

- High frequency of deer presence
- Widespread property damage
- Traffic safety risks
- Public concern for both safety and animal welfare