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Our question this week comes from our Habitat Specialist Eric Nelson. As many prepare for the opening of firearm deer season this Saturday, one may wonder about deer management in Michigan.

### **What year did the state of Michigan pass the first legislative act regarding deer management?**

See the [answer](#).

Below is the 11/12/08 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

Thank you!

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### **Resource Advisory Committee Update**

Huron Pines hosts a Resource Advisory Committee meeting quarterly to discuss potential Huron Pines projects and conservation issues in Northeast Michigan.

At the meeting last Thursday, the group discussed three projects: the Upper Manistee Volunteer Stream-Monitoring Site Selection, the Thunder Bay River Erosion Site and Invasive Species Coordinator AmeriCorps Position.

The Upper Manistee River may be the next watershed for the [MiCorps Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program](#). The Resource Advisory Committee set several strategies to determine sampling locations in the watershed. Concerning an erosion site on the Thunder Bay River system, the committee determined the erosion was due to the

character of a meandering river and expressed concern about interfering with natural processes. Lastly, the committee agreed there are a number of potential invasive species projects and suggested ways to create a lasting invasive species program.

If you have any questions about the meeting, contact [Patrick Ertel](#).

### **Hunters Encouraged to Donate Venison to Feed Hungry**

The Department of Natural Resources is encouraging deer hunters to donate all or part of their harvests to help feed the needy through the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger program this fall. Last year, almost 23,000 pounds of venison were provided to local charities by hunters participating in the program through licensed venison processors.

Donations must be made through participating processors. Hunters may drop off the entire deer - in which case, Sportsmen Against Hunger will pay for the processing - or they can donate as little as a pound of processed meat. In addition, hunters may make financial contributions to help off-set the costs of the program.

To learn more about program or for a list of participating licensed processors, visit the MSAH website at [www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org](http://www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org).

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