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Frank J. Comeriato, Jr., Public Works Director  
**Interoffice Memorandum**

**To:** Scott Schroyer, Assistant City Manager

**From:** Frank J. Comeriato, Jr., Public Works Director  
Thomas Munn, PW Superintendent-Services  
Eric Hutchinson, Parks Superintendent

**Date:** May 31, 2013

**Re:** YDC property hunting security recommendation

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Per your request Tom Munn, Eric Hutchinson and I had discussed the issue of hunting on the former Cuyahoga County Youth Development property. After review of potential problems and concerns associated with hunting in general on such a small piece of property, we subsequently made a recommendation not to allow hunting at this location.

As additional information was requested regarding the security of the site we have made several additional observations.

**Observations**

We considered the following items with regards to the site's general security.

- Roughly half of the existing site south of Hines Hill Rd. has been dedicated as conservation easement and cannot be trespassed or hunted on (see map attachment). This includes of course all the acreage north of Hines Hill Road as well.
- Even with hunting being restricted to a confined area, trespassing onto the conservation easement is highly likely in a hunting situation with the movement of the wildlife.
- To secure the "conservation easement" portion of the property with adequate fencing to prevent entry would cost approximately \$226,100 (11,300ft.).
- To secure the entire southern portion of the site from outside entry would cost approximately \$302,000 (15,000ft.). This option secures the entire perimeter south of Hines Hill.
- Fencing in the area(s) and installing proper trespassing signage will work well as a security measure in keeping people from entering the hunting and conservation areas. However, it will also keep the deer and other wildlife from entering the area as well which defeats the purpose.

Using the above observations it can easily be concluded that installing fencing would not be effective with regards to preventing wildlife from potentially being trapped or keeping individuals from entering the site despite the fencing. The fencing options are also extremely expensive and it would take years to realize any ROI using only hunting permit fees as revenue.

### Security Plan Components

As a result of analyzing the above options we recommend the following security plan for the former Youth Development Center property:

1. Install “DANGER NO TRESPASSING- Hunting Area by Permit only” signage around the entire site including Hines Hill frontage at 60’ spacing
2. Install interior property signage delineating the conservation easement boundaries and indicating “Conservation Area-No Hunting” (Note: this does not prevent hunters or game from entering the conservation easement areas)
3. Permit only one (1) to two (2) hunter’s to hunt on the property per week and establish a hunting fee to be charged at time of permitting.
4. Continue a drive through check of the property performed by a City of Hudson patrol officer during each police department shift (Three (3) checks per day)
5. Consider having Metro Parks assist with periodic property checks and verification of hunter’s license and permits.

Estimated signage costs:

Item	Estimated Cost
Property Perimeter Signage (100ct. 24x24 signs, posts, installation)	\$20,500
Conservation Easement Signage (70ct. 24X24, posts, installation)	\$14,350
Total	<b>\$34,850.00</b>

Estimated fencing costs:

Item	Estimated Cost
Total Property Perimeter Fencing (Purchase and installation)	\$302,000
Conservation Easement Property Fencing (Purchase and installation)	\$226,100
Total	<b>\$528,100.00</b>