

**FREE FORM COMMENTS ADDED TO  
2017 PETITION TO EAST END LEGISLATORS  
(NAMES AND EMAILS DELETED)**

**Citizens added free form comments to the following petition to East End legislators:**

**Twin-Fork Residents Concerned About Deer Overpopulation and Related Tick-Borne Disease: *Petition Your Elected Representatives!***

Dear Friends and Supporters:

From earlier contacts we know that you are concerned about our areas's deer and tick epidemic.

NFDA has drafted a petition to our local elected representatives on the East End to spur action on this critical health emergency. Please enter your name and email below and your name will be automatically forwarded to the 10 representatives listed.

We also encourage you to send on this email to friends and neighbors for their signature as well. Any way you can assist in distributing this important message would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks for your interest and concern.  
*The North Fork Deer Alliance (NFDA)*

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**A Petition for Action to Address the East End's Deer-Tick Emergency:**

FRED THIELE, JR. New York State Assemblyman  
KENNETH LaVALLE New York State Senate  
STEVEN BELLONE, County Executive  
ANTHONY PALUMBO New York State Assemblyman  
STEVEN ENGLEBRIGHT New York State Assemblyman  
AL KRUPSKI Suffolk County Legislator  
BRIDGET FLEMING Suffolk County Legislator  
SCOTT RUSSELL, Supervisor, Southoldtown, NY  
SEAN WALTER, Supervisor, Riverhead, NY  
JAMES DOUGHERTY, Supervisor, Shelter Island

I hereby join my fellow citizens and petition you, the elected representatives of the East End of Long Island to take action.

The North Fork of Long Island has far too many deer. This has severely affected our way of life through the degradation of our health via tick-related illness, and that of our natural environment; loss of animal and plant species caused by habitat destruction and by increasing use of harmful pesticides; the high incidence of deer-vehicle accidents, and serious economic harm to our agricultural sector. The relationship between the overpopulation of deer and the prevalence of tick-borne disease is indisputable.

We urge you to:

Immediately commit to a comprehensive program based on the indisputable relationship between too many

deer and too many ticks. Specifically, we are asking you to work toward a significant and measurable reduction of our excessive deer population:

- Change the law to allow financial incentives to our recreational hunters to increase their deer harvests
- Listen to the affected resident majority seeking meaningful solutions rather than to small special interest groups
- Contract with professional deer management experts when recreational hunting is incapable of reducing the herd

Denial of our increasingly serious deer problem, the initiation of further tick studies or the formation of another committee or task force do not qualify as solutions.

### **Free form comments that were submitted by citizens responding to the petition.**

Ticks have altered the quality of life on the east end of LI. Deer population must be significantly reduced. Your job as elected officials is to find a solution to this problem. Other communities have found a solution why not us.

Town (b): Greenport

Let's do something now to reduce the deer population

Town (b): East Hampton

There are too many adult deer breeding & resulting in too many fawns!! Overpopulation is not good for the deer species or humans!!

Town (s): Shoreham

Time to do something about the deer problem

Town (s): Riverhead

My wife crashed into one, and my brother in law almost died from Lyme disease, and my dog had lymes. Round them up and ship them upstate!

Town (s): Wading River

I support allowing financial incentives for recreational hunters to increase their deer harvest . Too many deer!

Town (s): Southampton

i have suffered from a tick-borne allergy to red meat for the past seven years, despite spraying my yard throughout the summer and taking extra precautions even before I was made ill.....The deer population here is too large, and a health hazard to homeowners and drivers alike. It should not be allowed to continue to grow unchecked, with no coordinated plan to control the numbers of deer throughout the area, whether it's through sterilization or occasional organized culls, or both.

Town (s): Bridgehampton

Have hit 4 deer in 4 years between Orient and East Marion.

Last year car was damaged beyond repair. Insurance co. said they would not renew. Finally agreed to renew but flagged my contract. Any more incidents with deer, they will not renew. I have paid for last two damages, over \$3600. Only matter of time before someone is badly injured or killed. This is urgent issue! Implement humane harvesting per Cornell study. Your comments?

Town (e): Southold/Orient

It is no longer acceptable to follow our current course of action---it simply is NOT working. Deer density levels are far too high and this has a direct relationship with tick density levels. I strongly support the measures listed above and want local, County and Sate agencies to help us confront the problems associated with high tick density. It has been a significant health issue for the past two decades.

Town (s): Shelter Island Has

More Suffolk County land has to be opened to deer hunting.

Town (s): Southold

Agree 100%

Town (s): shelter island

Far to many deer spreading Lyme disease and ticks.

But that is only half the problem. The damage they do to landscapes and cars is tremendous. Please reduce the population drastically.

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Town (s): Mattituck, Southold

I have a pack of 6-8 deer that sleep on my lawn every night. They have done extensive damage to my landscaping and trees. I contracted erichliosis from a tick bite and was very ill for months. Live at 7575 skunk lane in Cutchogue. This is out of control.

Town (s): Cutchogue, NY

All dear are not bambi. Please, there are too many of them in Southold. Controll them.

Town (s): Cutchogue

Town (s): southold east marion

Neighbors are feeding the deer

I already filed a complaint several months ago with the DEC. DEC said that if they did not catch the neighbors feeding the deer... there is nothing that can be done.... so the neighbors are still feeding the deer and no one is stopping them. Please respond

Town (s): Mattituck

Need action.... not talk

Town (s): Riverhead

I live on the eastern border of Brookhaven Town in Wading River but most of Wading River is in Riverhead. The deer population has destroyed my shrubs and garden because there is not enough food for them in the woods & not enough undeveloped land anymore. Despite our pool fence, a deer jumped over, went on our loop lock cover, broke through it, and ripped our pool liner too.

A coal farm closed because the deer kept eating his crop despite a very tall deer fence.

Please take action to reduce the deer population significantly.

Town (s): Riverd & Brookhaven

Something needs to be done and quickly . Sometimes there 20 deer in my backyard quite big in size . I am afraid that one of this days they come inside our house. Something has to be done and quickly. Thank you

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Town (b): East Marion

Import Turkeys, guinea hens, etc... a natural way to contribute to the end of this "Already a Plague" !!!

Cut thru the RED tape and get this Done already...

Town (b): east hampton

Sterilize the herd

Town (s): Southampton

We have reached the limit of willingness to spend money at plant nurseries only to then see the deer destroying shrubs and trees in our garden and surrounding areas. We have installed fencing and limited plant selection to those recommended in Cornell Extension publications. My husband has been treated for Lyme Disease in spite of protective clothing and I have seriously limited gardening for the first time We need help NOW.

Town (b): East Marion

This Summer was the worse tick assault ever! Let;s take action now!

Town (e2): Cutchogue

I've had Lyme's twice. I've also had 8 deer sleeping in my back yard at times. I also hit 2 deer in one day. We have had hunts on Nassau Point in Cutchogue and it has significantly reduced the population. It works!

Town (e2): Cutchogue

After 20 years of progressive disease & environmental destruction, I would think a solution would be found!!!!

Town (e2): Cutchogue

I don't know any family in Cutchogue area that doesn't have someone that hasn't been treated for Lyme disease. I myself have been treated twice

Town (e2): Cutchogue

Town (e2): south old

this is a major health issue. everyone on the North fork gets treated for ticks bites. My 28 year old daughter needs a knee replacement from lyme. Stop this madness and control the deer population

Town (e2): Southold

We have at least 12 deer living in an undeveloped lot in our community please send help to eradicate this herd

Town (e2): Greenport

Anyone who cares about the future of our community, our children and our children's children, must take action right now.

Town (e2): Southold

I have rick borne disease that has affected my energy level and joints. This affects my family and my profession.

Town (e2): Cutchogue

PLEASE be the one to solve this REAL problem!

Town (e2): Riverhead

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Town (e2): Cutchogue

People are getting seriously ill from this problem. It is a must solve problem for if we cant solve this, how can we solve more complicated issues???

Town (b): southampton