

Recap of 2018 Bowhunting Season

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Why Did Carlisle Implement the Deer Hunt?

Overpopulation concern (Board of Health, ConsCom, Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, MassWildlife)

- Estimated density 30-60/sq. mile, MassWildlife target is 12-20/sq. mile
 - Impact on vegetation (forests, farms & gardens) and on other wildlife (reduced biodiversity)
 - Undernourishment of deer in winter
 - Vehicle collisions
 - Lyme disease risks

Hunting considered most appropriate method to reduce deer population

2018 Hunt was a First Year Pilot Program

Deer Committee started work in June 2017

- Data acquisition from other towns & agencies
- Regulations created
- Bowhunting only allowed (no shotgun or muzzleloader hunting)
- Hunting parcels selected
- Signage created
- Hunter selection process implemented
- Public feedback incorporated
- Limited season implemented between Oct 1 - Nov 24

18 Hunters selected (7 Carlisle residents)

Highest standards of any bowhunting program in Massachusetts

- Bowhunter Education Certificate
- Hunting license
- CORI check
- Interview by Deer Control Committee
- Proficiency test

5 Town Parcels

Parcels were selected based on size, terrain and availability of parking

- Benfield (2 hunters)
- Conant Land (2 hunters)
- Davis Corridor (8 hunters)
- Greenough (2 hunters north, 2 hunters south)
- Town Forest (2 hunters)

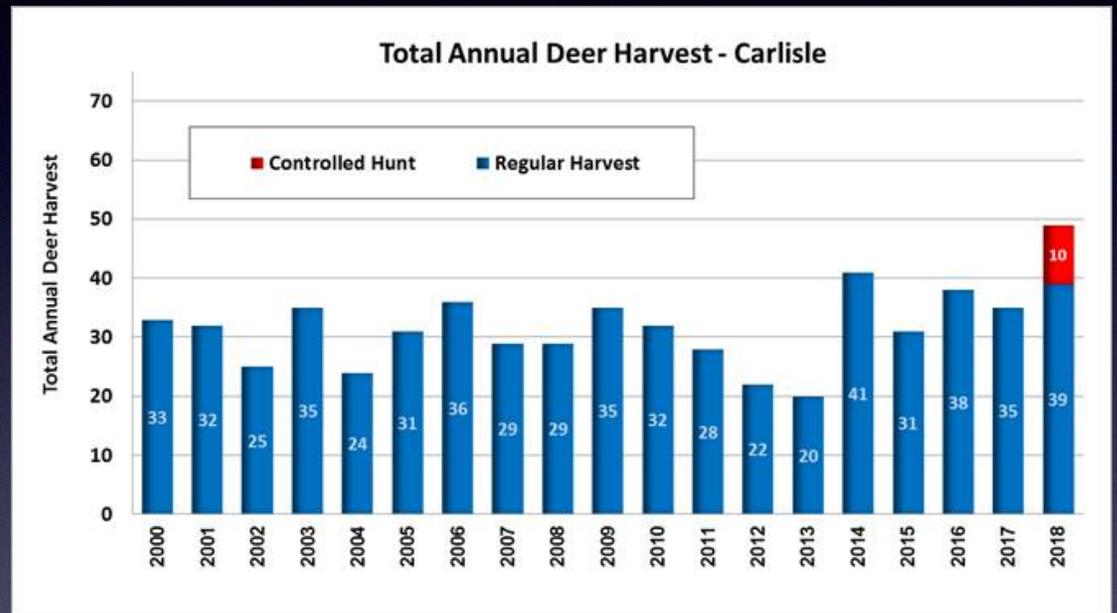
No Restrictions on Recreational Land Use During the Hunt

- No leash requirement for dogs
- All trails were open
- Off trail use permitted
- No requirement to wear orange clothing

Outcome

10 deer harvested

- 1 Benfield (F)
- 8 Davis (4F, 4M)
- 1 Town Forest (M)



No safety issues

Signage was improved during the hunt following feedback

Learning Points, Feedback and Concerns

- Infractions
 - Entrails not removed (1 incident)
 - Tree stand on private property (1 incident)
- Tree stand orientation
- Trail cameras
- Hunting times

Updated Regulations (Draft)

Season Dates & Hunting Periods

Season extended (Oct 7 - Dec 20)*

- Option 1 - Mon-Fri. Hunting permitted all day
- Option 2 - Mon-Sat. Arrow discharge prohibited between 10am-2pm

* Season extended to compensate for reduced weekly hours and to give hunters time to be more effective than last year

Tree Stands & Trail Cameras

Tree Stands

- Minimum distance from trail is 100 feet
- Must not point towards trail if less than 150 feet away

Trail Cameras

- Must be located at least 100 feet from a trail

Penalty Provisions

Permanent exclusion

- Leaving entrails
- Hunting on private property without owner permission

One year loss of license

- Becomes unqualified for any reason
- Failure to correct any violation of Town or State regulations
- Failure to immediately comply with any reasonable request by the Deer Agent

Public Input