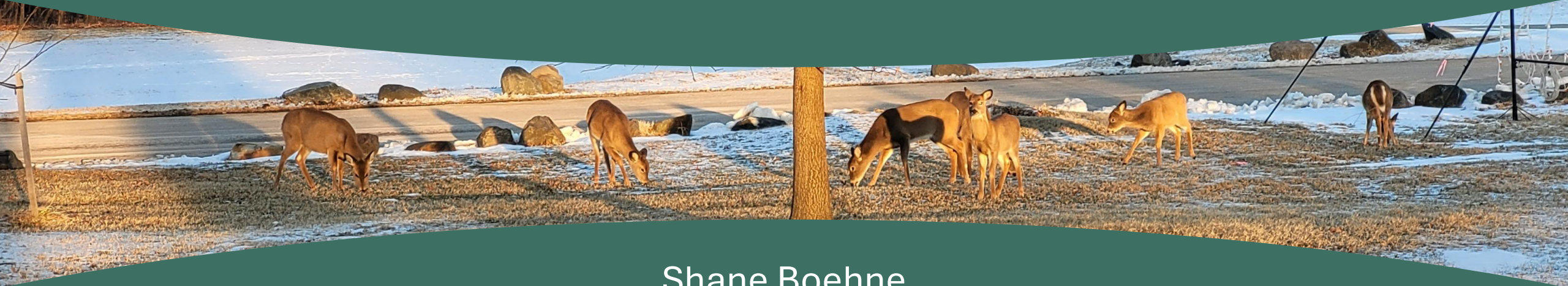


2026 Deer Management Information Session



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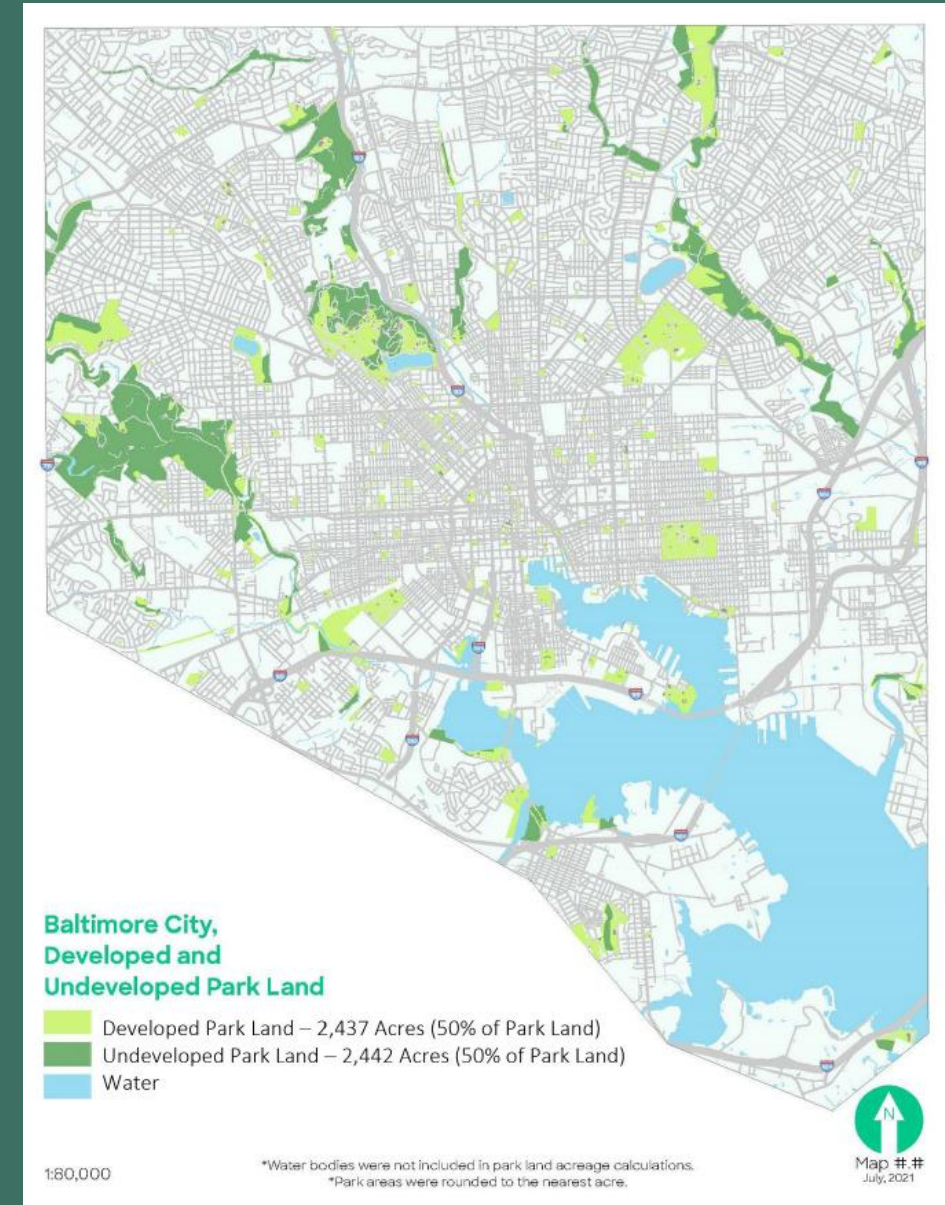
Overview

- Natural Ares Unit overview
- Deer impacts on forests
- Deer impacts on communities
- Deer management techniques
- Attendee input



Natural Areas Unit Initiatives

- Forested natural areas: **2,300+** acres
- Deer populations monitored at **11 sites**
- **3 sites** actively managing deer
- Using forest plan directives to manage non-native invasive plants on **450+** acres
- Restoring **native plants** in parks: GFLP, Herring Run, Cylburn Arboretum, Lakeland, Druid Hill, Farring Baybrook, and growing
- Monitoring forest vegetation at **19 plots**

















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Residents' Top Problems

1. Landscaping plant damage
2. Garden plant damage
3. Forest damage
4. Deer-vehicle accidents
5. City's slow actions



Management Techniques

A collage of ten photographs illustrating various wildlife management techniques and deer behavior. The images include: a deer in a grassy field; a close-up of a deer's head; a deer standing near a body of water; a deer in a wooded area; a deer in a field with a fence; a deer in a field with a fence; a deer in a field with a fence; a deer in a field with a fence; a deer in a field with a fence; and a deer in a field with a fence.

Main Management Categories

Non-Lethal

- Ways to reduce deer impacts without harvesting deer
- **Focus:** Increase cohabitation
- 9 considered

Lethal

- Ways to reduce deer impacts by harvesting deer.
- **Focus:** Deer herd reduction
- 3 considered

Habitat Modification

Non-lethal Technique

- Removing or limiting food and cover that deer can use
- Costs: Medium
- Restrictions: Few
- Use: Rare



Photo credit: Oregon DOT

Habitat Improvement

Non-lethal Technique

- Restoring or improving the vegetation available for deer and other wildlife to use for food and shelter.
- Costs: High
- Restrictions: Few
- Use: Rare



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Hazing

Non-lethal Technique

- Using scare devices or disturbance techniques to prevent deer from using certain areas
- Costs: Medium
- Restrictions: Some
- Use: Occasional



Photo credit: Keith Evans

Exclusion

Non-lethal Technique

- Keeping deer away from specific areas or objects using physical structures
- Costs: High
- Restrictions: Some
- Use: Occasional



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Repellents

Non-lethal Technique

- Applying granular or liquid products to plants or areas where deer are unwanted
- Costs: Medium
- Restrictions: Few
- Use: Frequent



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Photo credit: Openfoodfacts

Stop Feeding

Non-lethal Technique

- Removing food sources provided by people
- Costs: Low
- Restrictions: Few
- Use: Occasional



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Changing Infrastructure

Non-lethal Technique

- Installing or adapting man-made structures to help motorists and deer stay safe on roadways
- Costs: High
- Restrictions: Many
- Use: Rare



Photo credit: Famartin

Education

Non-lethal Technique

- Providing informational programs or resources to residents detailing how to reduce conflicts surrounding deer
- Costs: Low
- Restrictions: Few
- Use: Frequent



Do Nothing

Non-lethal Technique

- Leaving the deer alone and letting nature run its course
- Costs: Low
- Restrictions: Few
- Use: Frequent



Photo credit: Fishhawk

Controlled Hunt

Lethal Technique

- Archery hunting in designated areas by approved individuals who agree to obey standards established by a community
- Costs: Medium
- Restrictions: Some
- Use: Occasional



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Traditional Hunting

Lethal Technique

- Archery hunting by licensed individuals during state deer seasons on property they own or have permission to hunt on
- Costs: Low
- Restrictions: Some
- Use: Rare



Photo credit: Arian Fernandez

Professional Sharpshooting

Lethal Technique

- Hiring professionals specifically trained at harvesting deer
- Costs: High
- Restrictions: Many
- Use: Occasional



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Overview – Baltimore Sharpshooting

- 227 Deer harvested with 100% retrieved
- Zero public safety incidents
- Park closure personnel:
 - 88 City staff, zoo staff, & volunteers
 - BPD & Foxtrot aerial unit
- Venison Donations
 - Conservatively 26,051.91 servings



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Deer Program Website:
bit.ly/DeerProgram



Techniques Not Included

- Providing feed
- Relocation
- Fertility control
- Predator reintroduction
- Capture and kill
- Toxicants



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Quick Look: Cost Comparisons

- Frequently mentioned, but controversial techniques

Technique	Minimum	Maximum
Controlled Hunting	\$45.00	\$622.00
Sharpshooting	\$91.00	\$925.00
Fertility Control	\$750.00	\$2,078.00
Relocation	\$110.00	\$2,931.00

Community Input





Apply Your Knowledge

- Questionnaire
 - Demographics
 - Support vs. effectiveness
 - Address
- Questions?
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