

Deer Management Program Update

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Professional Sharpshooting Concluded

- Sharpshooting conducted over 12 nights from 2/2 – 3/20
- Site security and operational logistics went smoothly
- Robust public engagement preceded operations and engagement on site was generally positive

DEER MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY

This park may close early on select days in the coming weeks to allow contractors to conduct professional deer sharpshooting operations to help manage the population of white-tailed deer.

Arlington County Police and Park Rangers will be on site, and closures will be strictly enforced to ensure public safety.

Additional park-closure signage will be posted on days when management activity is scheduled.

For everyone's safety, the park closure will be strictly enforced.

ACTIVIDAD DE MANEJO DE VENADO

Este parque puede cerrar temprano algunos días para realizar operaciones de control de venados.

Francotiradores profesionales manejarán la población de venado cola blanca. La Policía y los Guardaparques del Condado de Arlington estarán presentes y el cierre se aplicará estrictamente por seguridad pública.

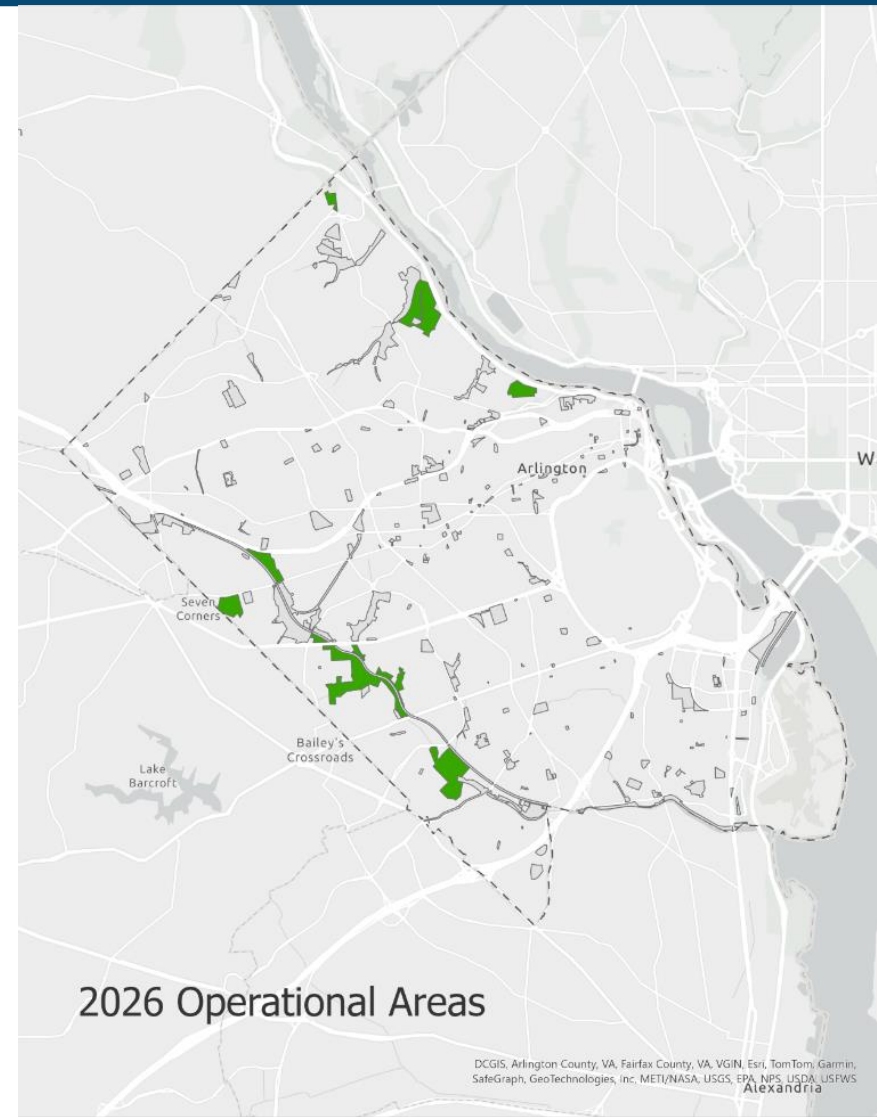
Se colocarán avisos adicionales los días de operación.



For more information, visit:
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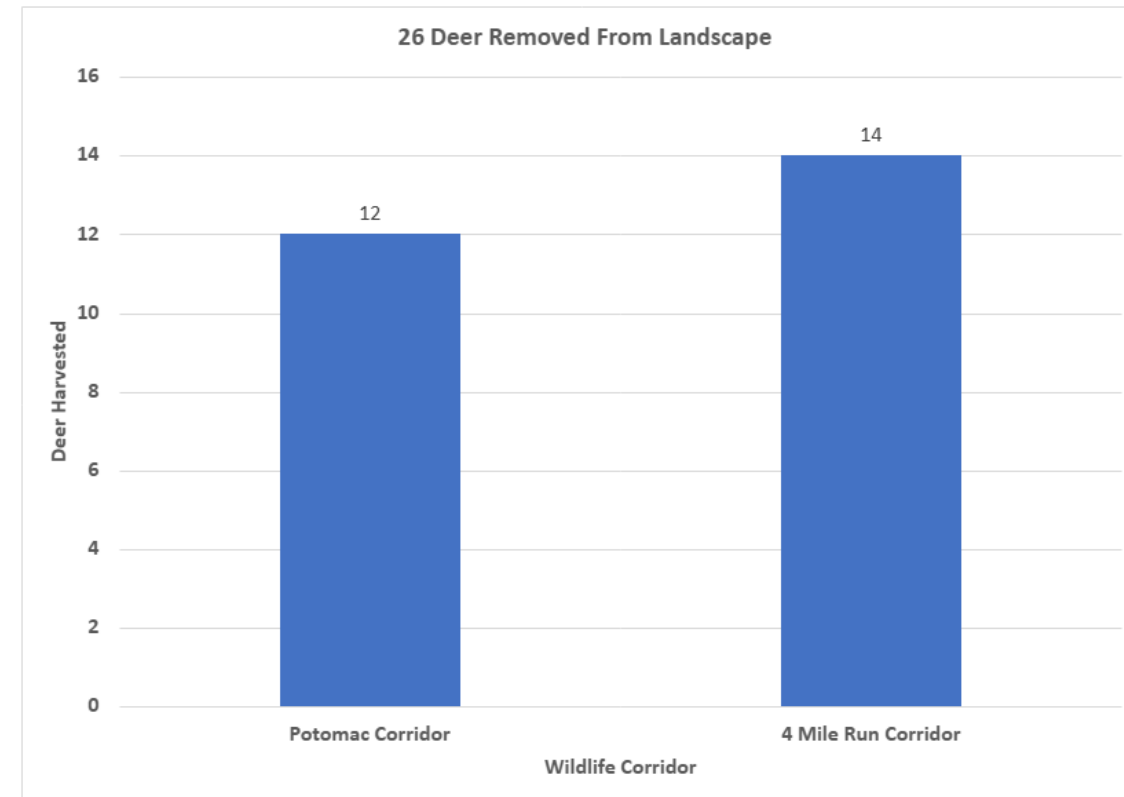
Operations in 7 Parks

- Four Mile Run Corridor
 - Glen Carlyn
 - Bon Air
 - Upton Hill (NOVA Parks)
 - Barcroft
- Potomac Corridor
 - Fort C.F. Smith
 - Potomac Overlook (NOVA Parks)
 - Pimmit Run

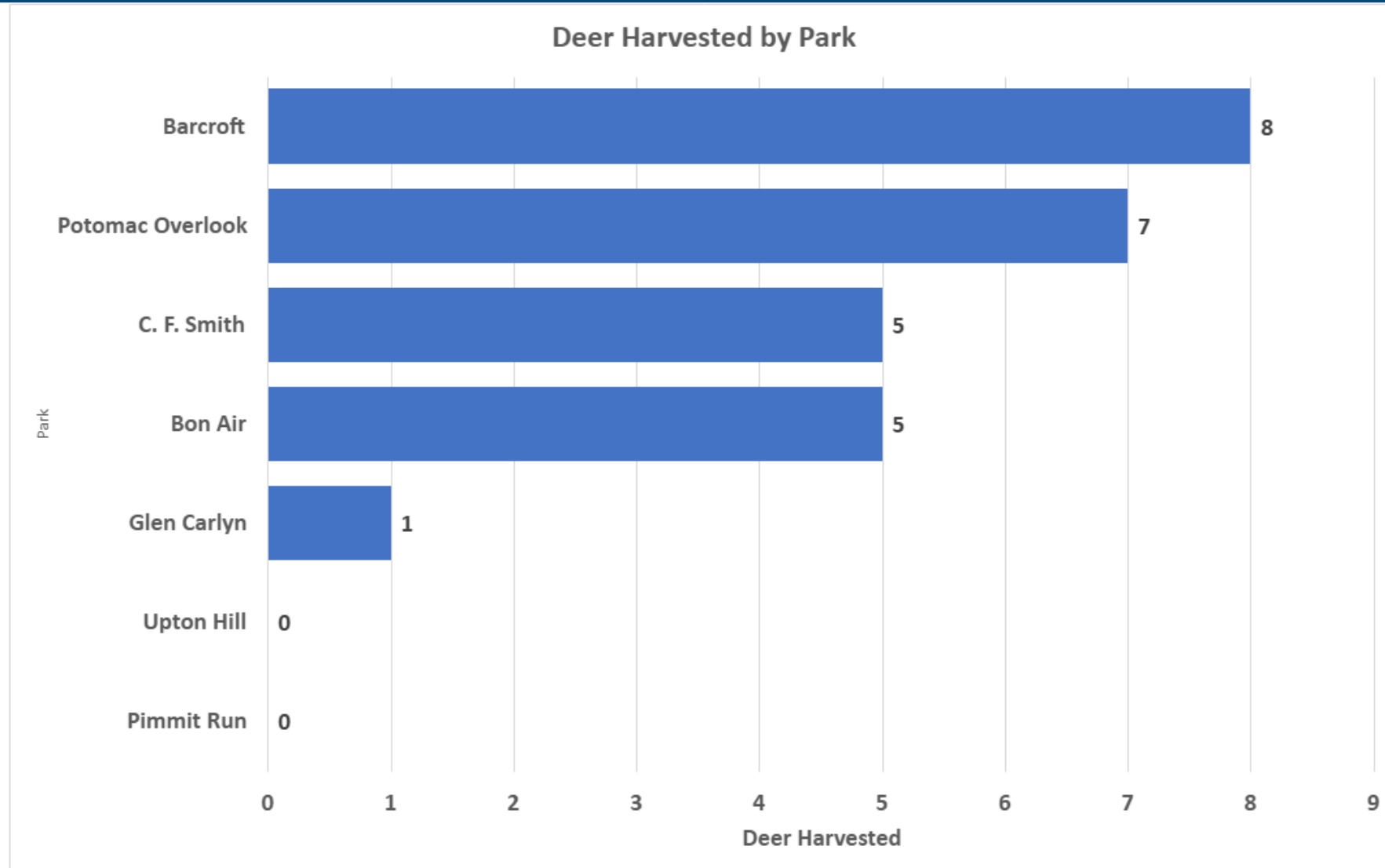


Program Outcomes

- 12 deer harvested from Potomac Corridor
- 14 deer harvested from Four Mile Run Corridor
- 1722 pounds of venison donated to AFAC
- Venison was well received and demand was high



Program Outcomes



Operational Challenges and Opportunities

- Freezing temperatures and icy conditions in February reduced deer activity
- Deer were less responsive to bait than anticipated
- Operations revealed certain locations to be suboptimal
- Stationary approach using tree stands limited coverage within operating areas



Next Steps

- Summer 2026
 - Exclosure monitoring
- Fall 2026
 - Herbivory impact assessment survey plots
- Winter 2026-27
 - Professional sharpshooting



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