

**FAIRMOUNT PARK COMMISSION**  
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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Fairmount Park Commission Executive Director Mark Focht announced the completion and results of the Fairmount Park Commission's deer management program for winter 2008 and rescinded the temporary curfew for the West Fairmount Park, Wissahickon Valley and Pennypack Park areas of the Fairmount Park system.

Implementation of the project began on February 20th and was conducted on 9 nights over the following 5 weeks. In total, 153 deer were removed, 37 from West Fairmount Park, 45 from the Wissahickon Valley and 71 from Pennypack Park. As a result of the project, over 4,000 pounds of venison was distributed through local food banks to feed needy people in the Philadelphia area.

The project was conducted with safety as a paramount concern and carried out with the utmost efficiency and minimal inconvenience to the public. There were no incidents of injury and the public's respect for the temporary 8:00pm to 6:00am curfew was evident and appreciated.

The amount of deer removed represents a significant step toward reversing the impact of deer overpopulation on the vegetation in these forests and reducing the number of deer-vehicle collisions on Philadelphia roadways. The Fairmount Park Commission will continue to monitor the deer populations in all of its park areas and take the necessary actions to control those populations using the most viable methods available at that time.

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The Fairmount Park Commission operates Philadelphia's 9200-acre park system in 63 neighborhood parks throughout the city