



SUFFOLK COUNTY DEER MANAGEMENT

A professional NYS licensed and insured Nuisance Wildlife Control company since 2013

A deer program your board can measure.

SCDM runs a data driven program on The Deer Manager, an app we built. It manages our hunters, builds GIS maps, and keeps every record and safeguard that makes our program effective, safe and transparent for local governments.



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62.5%

fewer deer and vehicle collisions. Village Police, 16 in 2022 to 6 in 2025

60%

fewer dead deer on Village roads. Highway Dept., 45 a year to 18 in 2025

96%

of deer recovered, 284 of 296, in Southampton Village over 3 seasons

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injuries, incidents with residents, or conflicts with other hunters

Recovery rate from SCDM's harvest records. Collision and road counts come from the Village of Southampton Police and Highway Departments, as reported in SCDM's 2025 to 2026 annual report to the Village.

THE RECREATIONAL HUNTER

Hunting for sport

NYSDEC regulates hunting on Long Island through stakeholder input and fair chase principles. That leads hunters and the public to believe harder is better, leaving the volunteer hunter at an unnecessary disadvantage in harvesting deer. Recreational hunting is only an additive to SCDM's professionally trained Management Hunters.

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THE SCDM MANAGEMENT HUNTER

Hunting for results

Background check, Hunting in Sensitive Environments course, proficiency test, hunter license number on every arrow, and signed Rules and Procedures. Two does before a second buck has always been our rule. Placed where deer do damage, our hunters know access is not guaranteed and donate their time and equipment to address the health concerns and conflicts caused by too many deer.

HOW WE MEASURE

A baseline from your first two seasons, then indices from resident surveys and third party data, such as police, highway and town records. We never count deer. Every hunt, harvest and deer not recovered is logged, and the Village gets a monthly harvest report and a written annual report.

HUNTERS MANAGED

Membership is limited to proven hunters who harvest more deer than the average recreational hunter. Every hunt is booked in advance, one hunter per property, with cool off days between hunts, and owners can be notified before a hunt. Commitments are tracked season to season; hunters who fail our strict conditions lose their membership. Hunter management is the cornerstone of deer management, and accountability is everything.

CONFLICT FREE BY DESIGN

Written, exclusive consent from every owner, so no two groups share a property. NYSDEC setbacks checked on every stand: 150 ft from homes for bows, 500 ft for crossbows in Suffolk. Elevated stands so every shot uses the ground as a backstop. Every hunt is documented, and the program is funded by our membership, free to property owners.

LICENSED, INSURED, AND ON THE RECORD

NYS licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (#2374). \$2 million general liability plus a \$5 million umbrella; the municipality can be named additional insured, and every SCDM hunter is covered. Author of Southampton Village's deer management plan, adopted 2023, current agreement through 2029. Runs free programs for the hamlet of Remsenburg since 2013 and the Village of Shoreham since 2025, and manages private estates under NYSDEC Deer Damage Permits.

COST

Typically \$10,000 to \$30,000 a year, set by the municipality's size, expectations (meetings, 24/7 contact, field work) and goals.

NEXT STEP

A 20 minute presentation to your board.

MUNICIPAL REFERENCE

Village of Southampton

Program client since 2023. Contact through Village Hall.



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