

Blog Post - Hunting's Importance

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Hunting has been a controversial argument. Is it necessary for survival? Believe it or not, hunting has more important impacts on the environment than you think. Some people may argue that hunting is unsafe, ineffective, and unnecessary. But in reality, hunting is an effective wildlife-management tool.

Hunting ensures that wildlife populations of species are sustainable for generations. For many wildlife species, hunting also helps to maintain populations at levels compatible with human activity and land use. It requires that a diversity of natural habitats be kept intact, unpolluted, and undisturbed - hunters support all these efforts. Like stated before, hunting manages wildlife populations keeping nature a healthy balance of available habitat. It has served as an essential part of preserving native biodiversity, and even helps prevent deer from eating your vegetable and flower garden! Money generated from hunting activities can be used for maintaining parks which increases the wildlife habitat, as well as improving water quality, and keeping healthy ecosystems. Hunting also maintains the biomass (the weight of total living organisms of one animal) as well as prevents the spread of diseases. For example, when food is short, the animals immune systems can be weakened leading to these diseases. Additionally, it has been scientifically proven that hunting has never led to threatened or endangered wildlife populations.

As of 2019, the New Canaan animal control has warned residents of increased deer and coyote activity. The rise in population has affected the number of deer-motor vehicle accidents reported. In 2020, a total of 423 deer crashes occurred in just 3 months. This has caused the expanding number of bow hunters in the area during the deer season, causing people seeking to reduce the number of deer on their land. In conclusion, if done correctly, hunting is beneficial to the environment in many ways, and keeps the population of animals and plants a good and healthy balance. This activity has benefits you might not even think of. For example, Nick Caruso who is also a hunter says, "a lot of hunters donate the gain or meat to shelters to provide a food source for people in need."

Moreover, the rising deer population has been such an issue on the NCLT properties, that cages were built around growing plants in order to protect them from getting eaten by deer and other animals. On these properties, we are trying to preserve our native plants while keeping them healthy to provide food and pollination for animals.

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