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## Antietam National Battlefield News Release

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### **Input Sought for White-tailed Deer Chronic Wasting Disease Plan**

In 2007, the National Park Service (NPS) began developing an Environmental Assessment for a Chronic Wasting Disease Detection and Initial Response Plan for white-tailed deer at Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland and Monocacy National Battlefield in Frederick, Maryland.

It is important to note that, Chronic Wasting Disease has not been detected in white-tailed deer in Maryland. The purpose of this plan is to develop a range of strategies for the detection of and initial response to Chronic Wasting Disease in white-tailed deer, since the disease has been detected within 60 miles of the park units and may threaten park units in the future.

The initial public scoping as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for this project also took place in 2007. Since then, the NPS has continued to review and discuss a range of potential disease management alternatives.

Information on this planning process can be reviewed at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/anti>.

Throughout October and early November, the National Park Service at Antietam National Battlefield is inviting interested groups and agencies to meet with park staff to review the issue and provide input into the process for consideration in finalizing management alternatives. Appointments may be scheduled by contacting either Superintendent John Howard at 301/432-7648 ([john\\_howard@nps.gov](mailto:john_howard@nps.gov)) or Ed Wenschhof at 301/432-2243 ([ed\\_wenschhof@nps.gov](mailto:ed_wenschhof@nps.gov)). Two additional days of public meetings at the two battlefields will then be held later this year to formally present the range of alternatives to the public prior to preparing the draft Environmental Assessment.

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