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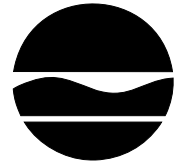
Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

Bureau of Wildlife, Region 1 Headquarters

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Joe Martens
Commissioner

Dear Deer Damage Permit (DDP) applicant,

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) is responsible for managing New York's white-tailed deer. The Department relies on traditional hunting seasons in order to manage New York's deer population. In Suffolk County there is a three month long archery season and a Special Firearms Deer Season. These seasons allow for the taking of deer by NYS licensed hunters. Additionally, the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) available in Suffolk County allows private land owners to take additional antlerless deer during the hunting season. All damage permit applicants are urged to apply for a DMAP permit as well to take advantage of the liberal hunting seasons to control problem deer.

In some cases hunting alone may not be enough to resolve site-specific deer problems. Deer Damage Permits are issued to farmers and landowners to take deer that are causing damaging outside of available hunting seasons. The most effective way to control the deer population is to take antlerless deer and for that reason DDP's are for the taking of antlerless deer only. The exception is for those landowners that are experiencing rub damage on trees from antlered deer and in situations where the taking of antlered deer is likely to abate damage.

Enclosed is the application for a Deer Damage Permit. The application must be completely filled out and returned to this office before a permit can be issued. In addition to the completed application, a tax map of the damage site(s) showing property boundaries and clearly labeled roads, and any required written permission from neighboring properties must be returned to this office. The permit applicant must also read and sign the Standard Conditions for Deer Damage Permits.

If you have not previously had a DDP or if there has been a change in the land (area or crop type) covered by an existing permit; a field inspection of your property will be required before a new permit can be issued. Once your application is received a wildlife staff member will call to set up a field inspection for your property to determine if a DDP is appropriate at your site.

Permit holders are urged to select competent, consistent and effective shooters that are willing to harvest antlerless deer while damage is occurring. Please note that DDP's do not allow for the discharge of a firearm or bow within 500 feet of a dwelling without the written permission of that dwelling's owner and the permittee is responsible for the actions of their designated agents.

If you have questions about the application or the Deer Damage Permit processes please contact the Wildlife Office at (631) 444-0311.

Sincerely,

Joshua Stiller
Wildlife Biologist



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DEER DAMAGE PERMIT APPLICATION

Complete and return to:
NYS DEC Bureau of Wildlife,
50 Circle Rd, Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409
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All information must be provided. Incomplete applications will be returned.

Landowner Name:	Phone (home): ()	Phone (business): ()
Street Address:	Organization (Business/Farm name):	
City/State/Zip:	Date:	

Type of Problem (check all that apply):

☐ Corn ☐ Beans ☐ Grain ☐ Forage ☐ Orchard ☐ Vineyard ☐ Truck Farm ☐ Nursery ☐ Ornamental
☐ Home Garden ☐ Community Garden ☐ Airport ☐ Christmas Trees ☐ Other: _____

Estimated Annual Damages: \$ _____ Acres in Production: _____

Location of Problem:

County: _____ Town: _____ Nuisance Site Address: _____

You must **attach a copy** of a tax map or similar map indicating locations of all occupied buildings located within 500 feet of your property boundary.

Are buildings owned by someone else other than yourself located within 500 feet of your property boundary? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, attach written permission from building owners to discharge a firearm with 500 feet of buildings.

Agent's (shooter) Name:	Second Agent's (shooter) Name:
Address:	Address:
Phone: ()	Date of Birth: / /
Third Agent's (shooter) Name:	Attach a copy of the front of each agent's hunting license. The property owner should list <u>himself</u> as the first agent if he/she intends to shoot.
Address:	
Phone: ()	

Alternatives tried: ☐ Scare device ☐ Repellent ☐ Noise Device ☐ Fence ☐ Other : _____

Do you allow deer hunting on this property? ☐ Yes ☐ No If No, why not? _____

Approximately how many hunters used this property last season? A: archery _____ B: firearms _____

How many deer did hunters take on this property last season? A: archery _____ B: firearms _____

Approximately how many deer use your property? _____

Landowners or lessee signature: _____

Return with: A) map B) written permission from adjacent building owners

Landowner's Permission to Discharge within 500' of a Building

I, _____, being the owner of occupied building(s) located within 500 feet of the boundary of property owned by _____, do hereby grant permission to said property owner and/or his designated agents, to discharge: bows and arrows or shotgun with slugs only (*circle one or both*) within 500 feet of buildings owned by me.

Such permission is granted only for shooting under the auspices of a Nuisance Deer Permit issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and only during the following hours: _____, and on the following dates: _____.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

Town: _____

Special Conditions, if any, that must be adhered to by shooters who are granted permission to discharge a firearm within 500' of my dwelling: _____
