

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION Community Deer Management Assistance Program

The Community Deer Management Assistance Program (CDMAP) is a voluntary program administered by the Wildlife Resources Commission. The primary objective of CDMAP is to reduce or maintain deer numbers in residential or other highly-developed areas to minimize human-deer conflicts while preserving or improving herd health. To help communities accomplish this, CDMAP provides additional opportunity for licensed hunters to harvest deer on enrolled properties with landowner permission. Please thoroughly read the following information before completing your application for CDMAP.

- <u>Tag allocation and season dates:</u> The appropriate number of CDMAP tags and season dates are
 determined by the NCWRC District Biologist, and are dependent on site specific circumstances and deer
 management objectives. Prior to submitting applications, contact your District Biologist:
 http://ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Hunting/Documents/WMDistrictBiologistContacts.pdf
- 2. **Enrollment requirements:** Individuals or entities who own or represent residential or other highly-developed properties may apply. Adjoining landowners or landowners in close proximity may combine their properties and enroll as a single entity. There is no minimum acreage requirement.
- 3. <u>Harvest validation, reporting and registration requirements:</u> Licensed hunters hunting on any property enrolled in CDMAP shall report all deer harvests using registration methods provided by the Commission.
 - Harvests shall be validated by hunters with either annual CDMAP tags allocated specifically for the property or the hunter's Big Game Harvest Report Card if the harvest occurs during the open season for taking deer.
 - If using CDMAP tags, each adhesive tag shall be attached through the hamstring at the site of harvest. Harvests which utilize CDMAP tags do not count as part of the possession and season limit for the hunter.
- 4. **Biological data collection:** Applicants are not required, but may choose to assist the Commission in the collection of information from all harvested deer (harvest authorization #, harvest date, sex, jawbone, weight and antler characteristics) and recording of the data onto biological datasheets.
 - Datasheets are supplied by the Commission or downloaded through the CDMAP link at www.ncwildlife.org/deer. Jawbones and completed datasheets can be forwarded to the District Biologist. An electronic data submission option is also available upon request.

The failure of an applicant to meet or comply with the above guidelines will result in denial of the authorization for participation in CDMAP for the current or future years, whichever is applicable.

Enrollment of properties in CDMAP does not obligate private landowners to allow hunting on their property, nor does it eliminate the ethical requirement of hunters to obtain permission from the landowner before hunting. Hunters are legally required to obtain written permission from the landowner to hunt on posted property. Additionally, enrollment in CDMAP does not supersede any local ordinance, rule, or covenant that may prohibit discharge of weapons.

Applications must done electronically through GoOutdoorsNorthCarolina.com. If you need assistance please see the "Online Application Instructions via your Go Outdoor account" document.

