Managed Deer Hunting Program Pre-Screening Information:

Thank you for your interest in the M-NCPCC, Department of Parks, Montgomery County Managed Deer Hunting Program. The following is a description of the program and instructions for how to seek approval to participate. Please read this information carefully and fill out the required forms completely. PLEASE NOTE: Pre-Screening Application forms are accepted throughout the year with a deadline of the 1st Friday in August for the upcoming program year. Pre-Screening Applications received after the 1st Friday in August will not be considered, but will be retained for consideration the following program year. Participation of individuals under the age of 18 years is limited to Little Bennett Regional Park, only. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by their parent or guardian.

In an effort to relieve impacts resulting from deer in and around select parks, the Department of Parks conducts deer population management programming. The first managed deer hunts for the Department of Parks began in December, 1996. Our foremost objectives are to maintain safety and to harvest an appropriate portion of the deer population annually, in order to achieve a stable or negative recruitment rate. However, we work hard to provide participants with a quality hunting experience and success. Currently, all managed hunts allow for shotgun hunting only and occur in four park locations during the fall and winter. Three parks only permit treestand hunting, while one permits hunting from the ground or from a treestand. All shots are restricted to 80yds or less, and participants are required to pass a State Shooting Qualification test annually.

In an effort to uphold the Department’s priority of program goals (1. Safety 2. Management Objectives 3. Hunter Satisfaction) We seek participants who:

1. Understand and support the goals and objectives of the Deer Management Program.
2. Will prioritize safety and regulations above personal interests.
3. Are experienced, safe hunters capable and willing to harvest multiple antlerless deer.
4. Are consistent, reliable and willing to dedicate time and effort under a variety of conditions.

In order to be approved to participate in the Department’s Managed Deer Hunting Lottery, applicants must first submit the attached waiver and questionnaire and demonstrate having completed a State hunter education/safety course (photocopy of certificate and/or card required. Numbers by themselves will not be accepted). Only State-sanctioned certifications will be accepted. Staff will review the Pre-screening questionnaire for knowledge of safety practices, regulations, deer hunting experience and ability to read, comprehend and follow instructions etc... In addition, a background check will be conducted to investigate prior infractions that might compromise the integrity of the managed deer-hunting program.

Following staff review, applicants will receive notification informing them of approval or denial to participate. Assuming that there is no reason for dismissal from the program, one only needs to be approved once to apply to the hunt lottery annually. If approved, around the 2nd week of August each year participants receive Lottery Application materials to participate (most correspondence occurs by email). Detailed information regarding participation requirements and procedures will be included in these application materials prior to the lottery and/or in the selection materials issued following the lottery. If you are denied the opportunity to apply, you may continue to submit the pre-screening packet, to try to become approved (unless otherwise indicated). However, you may only submit one pre-screening application per season.
Any questions about the application process or the managed hunting program may be directed to wildlife staff at (301) 962-1352. Please print and complete the attached Pre-screening ethics statement/waiver and questionnaire.

Apply online for a background check before the 1st Friday of August:
1. Access the background check service via the following link:
   2. https://montgomeryparksdeermgtrescreen.quickapp.pro/
3. Follow the prompts on the website and the results will be sent directly to Wildlife Ecology Staff

Return the following items to the address below before the 1st Friday of August:
1. Ethics Statement/Waiver of Liability
2. Pre-Screening Questionnaire
4. Photocopy of Driver’s License (or other photo I.D. such as a passport or student I.D. if under 18 years of age)

MNCPPC, Dept. of Parks, Montgomery County
Attn: Deer Management
12535 Milestone Manor Lane
Germantown, MD 20876

Thank you for your interest in the Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program.
Statement of Hunter Ethics & Waiver of Liability

As an approved participant of the Department of Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program, I hereby agree to adhere to the hunter ethics standards below at all times while hunting or scouting:

- I will obey all of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (hereinafter referred to as the “DNR”) Hunting Regulations and follow all Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (“hereinafter referred to as the M-NCPPC”), Department of Parks Rules and Procedures.
- I will respect members of the public while participating in scouting and hunting activities.
- I will respect the rights of other participants at all times.
- I will use rifled slugs or sabot slugs of 20 gauge – 12 gauge, only.
- I will make every effort to avoid unnecessary wounding of wildlife and will shoot at stationary targets less than 80 yards only.
- I will take the utmost precaution to assure the safety of others and myself.
- I will honor the Department’s priority of program goals (Safety → Management Objectives → Hunter Satisfaction) and place them ahead of my personal, recreational goals.

Assumption of Risk and Indemnification

I _____________________________ (name of participant), the undersigned, assume all risks and shall be responsible for all personal or bodily injury to myself and others and damage to my property and the property of others, arising from my activities as a participant in M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting.

Furthermore, I agree to indemnify and defend the M-NCPPC and hold it harmless from and against any and all claims, suits, damages, liabilities and expenses, including attorney’s fees and the county’s cost of defense, in connection with the loss of life, personal or bodily injury and/or damage to or loss of property that arises from my participation in the program. This indemnification is not to be deemed as a waiver of any immunity that may exist in any action against the M-NCPPC.

__________________________________                   ______________
Signature of Participant                                                   Date

__________________________________                   ______________
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian                                       Date
(If participant is less than 18 years of age)

By signing this form, the participant hereby grants permission to the Department of Parks, Montgomery County, to conduct background investigations regarding Criminal, Civil and Natural Resources violation history. Authorization to participate in the program will be terminated if the participant is found to have been dishonest in word or deed or if he/she engages in other behavior or activities inconsistent with the goals of the program. Furthermore, the participant agrees to abide by all State and Federal hunting rules and regulations in addition to all rules and regulations of the M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks Managed Deer Hunting Program.

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Pre-Screening Questionnaire

Full Name: ___________________________ M.I ____ Daytime Telephone: ___________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________ Email Address: ___________________________

Date of Birth: ___________________________

☐ If you are a previous participant of this program who left in good standing and you wish to seek reinstatement to participate, please place a checkmark in the box shown. You may stop here and you do not need to complete a background check. Wildlife Ecology Staff will review existing records and notify you of your approval or denial to participate based on findings. If records cannot be verified, you will need to complete the Pre-Screening Process in full.

For New Applicants:

1. How many years have you hunted deer? ___________________________

2. How many deer have you harvested/Field dressed? ___________________________/____________________

3. How many years have you hunted deer with a shotgun? ___________________________

4. How many deer have you harvested with a shotgun? ___________________________

5. Have you ever and do you currently participate in other Managed Deer Hunting Programs in the State of Maryland?________/_________. Have you ever been expelled from another managed hunting program?_____ If so, Why? ____________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

6. How many days would you be able to hunt if opportunities were available?____________________

7. The Department allows participants to harvest an unlimited number of female deer. How many female deer are you willing to harvest per day? How many female deer are you willing to harvest per season?__________________________

8. Have you ever plead guilty to and/or been convicted of a DNR or game law violation(s) (hunting, fishing, boating etc.)? ________ Note: paying a fine constitutes a guilty plea

If yes, When? Where? What was the violation(s)? Please explain (use back of page if necessary):

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9. Have you ever plead guilty to and/or been convicted of a crime(s) (other than general traffic violations)?......................................................................................................................................................................................
   If yes, When? Where? What was the crime? Please explain (use back of page if necessary):

10. When did the M-NCPPC, Department of Parks, Montgomery County first managed deer hunts occur?........_________________

11. This program requires participants to abide by State hunter safety orange requirements. How much hunter safety orange are you required to wear while hunting in Maryland?..__________

12. What types of ammunition are you allowed to use in this hunting program?.....______________

13. What is the maximum distance allowed for shooting deer in this managed hunting program?

14. Assuming that all equipment is in good, working condition, while hunting, what are the two most important things to be sure of prior to squeezing the trigger?
   1. ___________________________________________________
   2. ___________________________________________________

15. List, in order, the priority of goals for the Managed Deer Hunting Program:
   1. _________________________________
   2. _________________________________
   3. _________________________________

16. How/Where did you hear about this Managed Deer Hunting program? ______________________

Thank you. You will be notified of your approval or denial to apply to the managed deer hunting lottery program.