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TOWN OF SOUTHOLD
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2020/2021 Southold Town
Deer Management Program
for
RESIDENTS ONLY

The Southold Town Board continues to recognize that a Deer Management Program would be the most efficient and effective means currently available for reducing the population of white-tailed deer at designated open space properties owned by the Town of Southold and this year four properties that are jointly owned with Suffolk County.

Since the initial 2008 hunting season with 7 deer harvested, we have grown each year to a total of 392 deer taken during the 2019 season, with 244 donated. In cooperation with Fish & Wildlife Unlimited our program to date has donated over 60,000 pounds of venison to the NYS Venison Coalition, feeding the hungry on Long Island. In our twelfth year (2020) we anticipate another successful season. We have opened the program to over 100 hunters (residents and Suffolk County Veterans on a lottery basis), providing maps of the 31 properties and Deer Management Assistance Tags. The Town has the refrigerated truck available again this year to ALL hunters for donated harvested deer. The Town in conjunction with NYS DEC provides a check station located in Peconic at the Recreation Center as well.

The Southold Town Board has selected the use of archery as a deer management tool. Archery is a technique that permits trained bow hunters to safely remove deer from both rural and urban areas. This method maximizes safety and discretion and provides a level of efficiency. It is generally the least expensive cost per deer. Accidents involving archery are very low.

The Southold Town Board and staff will continue to pursue the implementation of other, non-lethal management methods of the white-tail deer when suitable options become available. Alternate solutions have not been implemented to date.

An “Earn a Buck” program will remain in effect for the 2020/2021 season. In general, only antlerless deer may be harvested, except as provide below:

No hunter shall harvest a buck on Town property before two DMAP tags (tags issued through this office) are used and accounted for. Additionally these deer must be reported to the Dept of Public Works. **NOTE: All deer harvested must be reported to the Department of Public Works, 765-1283. This procedure will be strictly enforced, there are NO exceptions. The “Earn a Buck” program encourages the harvesting of does to help balance the deer population and helping correct the damage to our fragile ecosystem in the area. Any hunters found to be in violation of these rules will be subject to removal from the program pending an investigation by the Town of Southold Deer Committee.**

Hunting Dates

The 2020 season is open October 1 - January 31, 2021 for all properties. Some properties are open to HUNTERS and HIKERS seven days a week. Please review list of properties and maps included in your packet carefully.

Please refer to the Suffolk County website for additional properties owned by Suffolk County available for hunting on the North Fork open to all Suffolk County hunters.

*****Turkey hunting is permitted on Town properties only during the turkey season:**

November 21 – December 4 only. Please refer to DEC guidelines and rules for additional information.

Deer Hunting Locations and Hunters per Location (One hunter per zone)

<u>VALID LOCATIONS :</u>	<u>S.C.T.M. #:</u>
<u>Ackerly</u> - Ackerly Pond Lane, Southold (2 acres)- 1 Zone	69.-5-1
<u>Adamowicz</u> - Sound Avenue, Mattituck (10 acres)- 1 Zone	121.-5-4.4
<u>Arshomomaque Preserve</u> – Chapel Lane, Southold (51.2 acres) – 2 Zones	45.-1-9.1
<u>Blocker Property</u> – Takaposa Rd., Southold (45.03 acres) – 4 Zones	87.-6-12.1
<u>Brushes Creek</u> - Peconic Bay Blvd, Laurel (25.5 acres)- 2 zones	127.-8-17.3 127.-3-10.2, 10.3, 9.2 8
<u>Carroll</u> - Carroll Avenue, Peconic (10.03 acres)- 1 Zone	75.-1-6
<u>Damianos</u> -43295 Cr. 48, Southold (22 acres)- 2 Zones	54.-6-20
<u>Downs Farm</u> – 23800 Rte 25, Cutchogue (50 acres) – 2 Zones	116.-3-3.3
<u>Evergreen Drive</u> , Cutchogue Woods, Cutchogue (12 acres) – 2 Zones	102.-1-4.14
<u>Greenfield</u> , Greensfield Rd., Southold (1.5 acres) – 1 Zone	59.-4-5.9
<u>Hogs Neck, Section I</u> -North Bayview Rd. Extension, Southold (25 acres) 3 Zones	79.-2-7.7
<u>Hogs Neck, Section II</u> - North Bayview Rd., Southold (37 acres) 3 Zone	79.-4-17.25
<u>Hogs Neck, Section III</u> – North Bayview Rd., Southold (16 acres) - 2 Zone	79.-5-20.15
<u>Hummel Pond</u> - Lighthouse Road, Southold (8.8 acres) – 2 Zone	50-6-4, 5.7, 5.11

<u>Laurel Lake Preserve (McFeeleys)</u> – Route 25, Laurel (42.28) acres - 2 Zones	125.-1-14
<u>Manor Grove</u> – c/o Albertson & Rte 25, Greenport (10.38 acres) – 2 Zone	53.-1-1.2 & 1.3
<u>Marratooka Preserve</u> – Rte 25, Mattituck (10.64 acres) – 1 Zone	115.-3-1.4
<u>Mill Road-</u> Mill Road, Mattituck (25.6 acres)- 2 Zones	106.-6-20.3
<u>Pekunka</u> – Pipes Neck Rd., Greenport (10 acres) – 2 Zones	53.-1-6
<u>Reese Property-</u> Rte.25, Greenport (48.5 acres)- 5 Zones	45.-5-5
<u>Ruth Oliva Preserve @ Dam Pond,</u> Route 25, East Marion (36 acres) – 3 Zones	31.-5-1.2 & 22.-3-22.1
<u>Sinatra Property, Kayleigh’s Court, East Marion</u> (10 acres) -	22-3-5.1
<u>Sound View Dunes,</u> Sound View Ave., Peconic (57.1 acres) – 2 Zone	58.-1-1.1
<u>Stackler Property-</u> Shore Drive, Greenport (35.4 acres)- 2 Zones	45.-5-7.3
<u>Stoutenburgh Preserve-</u> Main Road, Southold (54 acres)- 3 Zones	56.-1-6 & 56.-1-10.1
<u>Strawberry Fields</u> – CR 48, Mattituck (7.5 acres) – 1 Zone	113.-12-15
<u>Tall Pines-</u> Paradise Point Rd, Southold (22.6 acres)- 3 Zones	79.-8-16.1
<u>Whitcom Marsh Preserve,</u> Mulford Ct., Orient (16.34 acres) - 1 Zone	14.-2-1.4
<u>Young-</u> Route 25, Mattituck (Laurel) (10 acres)- 2 Zones	125.-1-6.3

Permit Requirements:

1. An annual access permit issued by the Town of Southold shall be required for any person wishing to hunt on designated open space land. The access permit will be strictly for archery. An individual shall not be issued more than one access permit per season. Permits will be issued in accordance with the application process and drawing.
2. The Town of Southold Deer Managed Archery Access Permit must be carried on a permitted hunter’s person while hunting in a designated open space hunting area. In addition, in accordance with the N.Y.S.D.E.C. requirements, a current valid N.Y. State hunting license and Archery Certificate is required.
3. All junior hunters must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The accompanier must have current bow hunting privileges and one year experience, in addition to the Town of Southold Archery Access Permit. Junior hunters and their guardian must stay in the zone they pick to hunt.
4. A registrant must sign a waiver of liability.
5. As a condition of the permit all hunters must report any deer harvested within 48 hours of the harvest. **All deer MUST be legally tagged and reported to the Department of Public Works at 631-765-1283** and the N.Y.S.D.E.C., along with the following information; permit #, tag # and which of the zones and properties the deer was harvested from. *****Failure to comply may result in denial of a permit for the following year and or suspension from the program.**

6. **Your permit is for use by you only. It is NOT transferable to another hunter. Any violators will be subject to revocation of their permit.**

Application Process:

- All Southold Town residents with a valid N.Y.S. D.E.C. hunting license and an Archery Certificate are eligible to participate in the drawing for the 2020 Deer Management Program.
- All applicants must pick up and fill out an application form at the Southold Town Clerk's Office located at 53095 Main Road, Southold. All forms can be picked up beginning Tuesday, September 1st at 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18th. Any applications submitted after the September 18th closing date will be put on a waiting list if quotas have been met.
- There are no fees required for participation in the Town program.
- If needed, a drawing will be held at **9:30 a.m.** on Friday, **September 25th.**
- **Applicants do not need to be present for the drawing.** All applicants whose names have been drawn will be notified promptly by telephone or email. Packets containing permits will be available for pickup on Monday, September 28th at a brief meeting at the Town Hall in Southold at 7:00 PM. **The permit must be picked up by 3:00 p.m. on September 30th.** If the permit is not picked up, the applicant's name will be withdrawn and a new applicant will be picked by drawing from the pool of remaining applicants.

Program Operations:

- All hunting locations shall be available to permit holders on a first come, first serve basis.
- At each hunting location there will be a board or a post indicating each zone that is available. Each hunter is responsible to mark which zone they are hunting so that there will be no conflict with other hunters. Tags will be available at the time the permit is picked up. The tags are to be placed on the board on which zone you will be hunting. **The hunter MUST remove the tag when leaving the site for ANY reason. There are NO exceptions to this rule.** For example, when leaving for breakfast or lunch the tag must be removed from the site even if the hunter plans to return. Failure to comply may result in the loss of hunting privileges. **It is your responsibility to report anyone breaking these rules. The hunters permit # is located on their zone tag. Call the Department of Public Works, 765-1283, with their permit #. Do not try to resolve any conflict on your own.**
- At each location the hunting zones will be clearly marked. It is the hunters' responsibility to scout these areas. Maps of the areas will be provided to hunters who are chosen in the lottery when they pick up their permit.
- **The 150' setback law is a privilege that we do not want to lose. It opens more acreage and brings hunters closer to dwellings and private property. It is imperative that hunters use a sense of decorum when parking and entering a hunting area in a residential area. At all times, hunters must be respectful of private property. If you need to follow a wounded deer onto a property, please knock on doors and get permission to follow said deer. If you are confronted in any way please call this office, DEC or the Town Police for assistance.**

- Hunters shall not park at any assigned location for more than two hours before sunrise or for more than one hour after sunset.
- A hunter who must remain in the park for more than an hour after the end of permitted hunting, in order to track a wounded deer, must call local law enforcement or must leave a clearly visible note at his or her parked vehicle.
- The Town of Southold Archery Parking Permit that is issued with the Town of Southold Archery Access Permit must be displayed on the driver's side dashboard and be clearly visible when a hunter is parked at one of the assigned locations for the purpose of participating in the Deer Management Program.
- The Town of Southold, with compliance from the D.E.C., will provide Deer Management Assistance tags. These tags will be antlerless deer tags only.

Rules of Conduct
Town of Southold Deer Management Program

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The locations covered by this program are comprised of land managed by the Town of Southold to protect and enhance their natural values and provide for compatible public uses. Common sense and respect for property are essential to ensure its continued availability. The use of this area is a privilege, not a right. Please follow the hunting rules and regulations printed below.

An “Earn a Buck” program will be in effect for the 2019 season. In general, only antlerless deer may be harvested, except as provide below:

No hunter shall harvest a buck on Town property before two DMAP Carcass tags (tags issued through this office) and/or DEC issued DMP Deer Tags are used and accounted for. Additionally these deer must be reported to the Dept of Public Works. **NOTE: All deer harvested must be reported to the Department of Public Works, 765-1283. This procedure will be strictly enforced, there are NO exceptions. The “Earn a Buck” program encourages the harvesting of does to help balance the deer population and helping correct the damage to our fragile ecosystem in the area.**

1. Hunters must stay within their assigned zone (as long as you are outside of the 150’ of a dwelling). Keep in mind the zones are larger due to the new 150’ law. Hunters must carry their valid Town of Southold Archery Access Permit at all times when hunting.
2. Only commercially manufactured hang-on, climbing, ladder stands and sticks are permitted. Such stands shall be attached to the tree by use of a cable, chain or strap to minimize injury to the tree. **Ladder sticks and ladder stands may be left in place at properties that do not have walking trails**.** **The following properties have walking trails, DO NOT leave stands in place at these properties: **Mill Lane, **Stoutenburgh, **Arshomomaque, **Ruth Oliva @ Dam Pond and **Soundview Dunes.** Leaving a stand in place is done at the risk of the owner and the Town will assume no responsibility. Stands left in place, where allowed may be used by other hunters. Having a tree stand in place does not entitle you to hunt that property automatically. The rule first come, first served still stands. All other stands must be removed daily.
3. Unnecessary shooting is strictly forbidden; no target shooting or shooting across open fields, marshes or roads. Be sure of your target and shoot to make a clean kill. Indiscriminant or wild shooting will not be tolerated.
4. Antlerless deer only may be taken or possessed (except as above). Hunters are strongly encouraged to take does only. Please make every effort to be sure of your target and avoid taking shed bucks.
5. Do not litter. Remove all trash and retrieve all arrows.
6. Alcoholic beverages and smoking are strictly prohibited.
7. All harvested deer must be legally tagged. **The hunter MUST contact the Department of Public Works at 765-1283 along with the N.Y.S.D.E.C.,** so they can keep record of the harvest and which of the properties the deer was harvested from.

8. If you fill a DMP (Deer Management Permit) Carcass Tag in bowhunting-only in the WMU (Wildlife Management Unit) 1C, you can apply for a bonus permit for another antlerless deer. Bonus permits may be obtained from the Town of Southold Department of Public Works or regional wildlife staff at predetermined locations. For complete information, visit the D.E.C. website or call a D.E.C. regional wildlife office for WMU 1C at 1-631-444-0310.
9. Hunters are to park at the Town of Southold assigned parking areas only. Motor vehicles will be not be permitted to ride around the preserves.
10. All signs posted by the Town of Southold and the DEC shall be obeyed, and all applicable provisions of the Environmental Conservation Law shall be in effect.
11. Permits are valid only for the year in which they were issued and are not transferable.
12. Permits must be shown to any person requesting to see them.
13. No rifles, shotguns or pistols may be used or carried afield in the area.
14. No target or promiscuous shooting is permitted in the area.
15. Any person may be refused a permit and any person may be ejected from the area for disorderly conduct, intoxication, or any other conduct which endangers the public welfare.
16. The following acts are prohibited: littering; building fires; damaging signs, fences or gates; damaging standing crops or newly planted fields; damaging nesting structures or boxes; damaging or removing trees, shrubs, plants, or rocks; hunting or shooting near or otherwise disturbing persons who may be working on the land.
17. No spike or screw-in tree steps are allowed and no permanent tree stands may be constructed.
18. Tree stands may not be placed until opening morning of the respective hunting season. Any tree stand abandoned or left unattended for unspecified length of time will be confiscated by the Town of Southold.
19. No live trees or vegetation shall be cut or otherwise damaged in the parks. Only minimal trimming/clipping of vines and twigs to clear the lane for the target is permitted.
20. No animals other than deer shall be shot.
21. Hunters must make every reasonable and legal effort to retrieve an injured animal.
22. Hunters pursuing an injured animal off town property must have the permission of the landowner before pursuing the deer on private land.
23. Field dressing of deer harvested shall only occur off site.
24. The driving of deer on Town owned property through this program is strictly prohibited.
25. **All New York State DEC laws must be strictly observed. Any hunter found guilty of violating Article 11 of the DEC Environmental Conversation Law will be immediately be suspended from the Town program pending Committee review of infractions or violations after which said hunter will be notified of disciplinary action.**

26. If anyone sees hunters breaking any of these rules of conduct or engaging in any activities that go against the Deer Management Program operations, **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL 765-1283**, The Department of Public Works, to report any incidents.

Failure to abide by the above "Rules of Conduct" or conducting oneself in an unsafe or unruly manner will result in expulsion from the hunting site and forfeiture of future hunting privileges.

DEER COOLER HOURS

OCTOBER

Closed Monday, October 12th

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SATURDAY 12:00 P M - 3:00 PM

SUNDAY 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

NOVEMBER

Closed Tuesday, Nov 3; Wednesday, Nov 11; Wednesday, Nov 25 (PM); Thursday, Nov 26 ;

Friday, Nov 29

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SUNDAY 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

DECEMBER

Closed Thursday, Dec 24 (PM), Friday, Dec 25; Thursday, Dec 31 (PM),

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

SUNDAY 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

JANUARY

Closed Friday, January 1, 2022 & Monday, January 18 , 2020

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

THE COOLER IS CLOSED ON HOLIDAYS. PLEASE WATCH FOR TIME CHANGES AND CLOSINGS ON POSTED SIGN AT THE COOLER.