



DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

2011 NON-AMBULATORY BIG GAME HUNTING PROGRAM

Purpose

The Development Authority of the North Country has developed this program to help manage the deer population in the area of the regional landfill through the provision of a recreational opportunity. This opportunity is being extended to North Country residents that have a permanent physical condition that severely impairs their mobility. These individuals are fully capable of hunting big game but have restricted ability to access land for a quality hunting experience. This hunting program is an effort to provide access and amenities to provide these individuals a safe and successful recreational opportunity.

Location

Located on NYS Route 177 in the Town of Rodman the regional landfill has currently made available six (6) locations on the property for these hunts. Two (2) of these locations are wheelchair-accessible. The facility is in WMU 6K. Hunters must have a valid big game hunting license to harvest a buck and a valid 6K tag for either sex to take a doe, unless the hunter uses a Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) tag available from the DANC Non-Ambulatory Big Game Hunting Program Coordinator.

Background

The Development Authority has maintained a deer management plan to provide habitat enhancement for the deer population since 1992. Over the years the plan has been amended due to changes in the deer population. The existing eight year old plan included an expanded deer management area to include the entire site and reducing the number of management techniques. Rather than reducing the number of management activities further, the Authority opened discussions with the NYSDEC for a limited and controlled whitetail deer hunt in 2010 and beyond. This program is a result of the efforts of the Development Authority, the NYSDEC, and other volunteers.

Method

- Any big game [legal implement](#) may be used during the respective seasons.
- Hunters and their assistants will be required to remain within 50 yards of their designated hunting location (as identified by a numbered Wildlife Observation Point sign).

Registration and Permits

- All hunters must hold a valid New York State Big Game Hunting license and a Non-Ambulatory hunting permit from NYSDEC.
- All Hunters must be register with the Development Authority on-site volunteer assistant prior to their hunt. Upon approval of your registration, you will be provided a permit that must be carried with you during your hunt.
- The permit will only be valid for the period indicated on the permit.
- Access to the property is permitted only between the hours of one hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.
- Maps of the permitted hunt area will be provided with your permit.
- For 2011, up to 6 hunters and their volunteer assistants will be allowed per day on a first-come first-served basis.

Monitoring

- The day of your hunt, you must sign in and out of the facility. The location of the sign in sheet will be noted on your permit.
- The sheet will ask for the time entering and exiting the facility, number of deer of each sex sighted and, if any deer were taken, their statistics.
- The Development Authority reserves the right to check for licenses and/or permits and ensure compliance with all applicable rules/procedures and may revoke any privileges provided under this program.

Safety

A “hunter orange” vest is required while hunting, per NYSDEC regulation.

MAJOR CHANGES FOR 2011

There are now an additional 3 different hunting locations available, for a total of 6 locations.

There will be Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) tags available for use on a first-come, first-served basis. Each hunter will be authorized to sign out one DMAP tag for each hunting activity period (morning or evening), not to exceed two (2) filled tags per hunter per season. If the DMAP tag is not filled, it must be returned to the volunteer assistant at the completion of each hunting activity period (morning or evening) and signed back in.

Hunters and their volunteer assistants will be required to remain within 50 yards of their designated hunting location (as identified by a numbered Wildlife Observation Point sign).

DANC Non-Ambulatory Big Game Hunting Program Procedures - 2011

- 1. For general information regarding the Non-Ambulatory Big Game Hunting Program, contact the DANC Non-Ambulatory Big Game Hunting Program Coordinator at (315) 661-3243 or by e-mail at mtyo@danc.org.**
2. Persons interested in hunting on the property will be sent a DANC hunting information packet. The packet includes an application that must be filled out completely and returned to the DANC Non-Ambulatory Big Game Hunting Program Coordinator at least seven (7) days prior to the proposed hunting date.
3. The DANC Non-Ambulatory Big Game Hunting Program Coordinator will review the application and ensure all the needed information is complete.
4. The hunter will contact the DANC Non-Ambulatory Big Game Hunting Program Coordinator at (315) 661-3243 Monday through Wednesday to schedule for the upcoming weekend.
5. The DANC Non-Ambulatory Big Game Hunting Program Coordinator will contact the volunteers and match them up with hunters for the weekend.
6. The volunteer will contact the hunters to work out any details.
7. Staff will give gate access to the property on day of hunt from 6:00am to 8:00 am, then again from 1:00pm to 3:00pm
8. On call staff will meet the hunters at the front gate at the agreed upon time.
9. Volunteer will escort hunters to Access Control Facility where all hunters will be required to sign in / sign out.
10. The hunter may choose to sign out one Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) tag for use during that daily hunting activity (morning or evening).
11. After the hunters have signed in, they and their volunteer will proceed to the assigned locations.
12. Upon completion of the daily hunting activity (morning or evening), all hunters will be required to sign out at the Access Control Facility and fill out a survey. If the hunter signed out a DMAP tag, the hunter must turn in the unused tag (if unfilled) prior to leaving the Access Control Facility.
13. When hunters are done with their daily hunting activity (morning or evening), the volunteer assistant will be required to call the on-call phone number (783-3143) and let DANC staff know that they have left the site.
14. Photos of the hunters, volunteer assistants, and harvests will be provided to the DANC Non-Ambulatory Big Game Hunting Program Coordinator, (mtyo@danc.org), if available.

Development Authority Contact Information

For Emergencies call 911 first

For Program Information:

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For Problems, questions or emergencies on the property

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