

CITY OF DUBUQUE

# DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



*A program designed to control excess deer within the city limits of Dubuque and the surrounding outlying area.*

**NEW THIS SEASON:  
CHECK-IN  
REQUIREMENT, P. 5**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2015–JANUARY 10, 2016**



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**DUBUQUE**  
*Masterpiece on the Mississippi*



# SPECIAL ZONE RULES

Each hunter must possess a State of Iowa deer hunting license and a City of Dubuque deer hunting permit which consists of the following:

1. Each hunter must show proof of certification from the International Bow Hunter Education Course or the Iowa DNR Bow Hunter Education Course.
2. Each hunter must pass an annual shooting proficiency test which consists of three out of five shots to a 9-inch target, twenty yards away.
3. Hunter agrees to comply with all Iowa DNR rules covering bow hunting of deer.
4. Maintain a minimum distance from residential area and property lines, at the property owner's and neighbor's discretion, OR 75 feet from any property line, occupied building or street/trail, whichever is agreed upon by abutting property owners. A minimum distance requirement of 75 feet from any property line, street or trail is required for public property.
5. Hunter agrees to report to the City the following: date, time, type and place of deer harvested, number of arrows shot, and any complaints received from citizens. Hunters must also report deer harvested in the DNR ELSI system.
6. Check-in deer at Fire Headquarters, 11 W. 9th St., daily from 7 a.m.–9 p.m.
7. Only portable stands (provided by the hunter) may be used on City property, and must be removed by the end of the season.
8. Hunter agrees to obtain permission from property owners before hunting on private land.
9. A minimum of 3 acres is required for private property hunting. Hunting on less than 3 acres of property is permissible if the following criteria are met:
  - No homes/businesses within 150 ft. of property
  - Adjacent to a 3-acre or greater parcel of habitat
  - Timber, field/prairie
  - CRP
  - Crop field
  - Tree planting
  - Property otherwise suitable for hunting as determined by the Health and Leisure Services Departments
  - Hunter must submit information regarding the property on a form provided by the City (see page 6). Application forms are available online at [www.cityofdubuque.org/healthservices](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/healthservices).
10. Hunters on private property must abide by the rules of the property owner, in addition to the Iowa DNR rules.
11. Field dressing on City property is not allowed.
12. Deer must be covered or enclosed when transporting.
13. No baiting, driving, or stalking of deer is allowed.



For questions or information not covered in this brochure, please contact:

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## MANAGEMENT GOAL

The Environmental Stewardship Advisory Commission and the Dubuque City Council recommend the following management goals:

1. Limit deer populations within defined areas in the city of Dubuque below 20 deer per square mile;
2. Provide public education regarding deer, their habitats, impact on natural habitats, deterrents and population management, cost of property damage if nothing is done, and potential health risks resulting from a large deer population to citizens of Dubuque and to deer.
3. Encourage eligible property owners to allow qualified deer hunters on their property.
4. Discourage citizens from feeding deer.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To hunt within the city of Dubuque, the hunter must obtain:

- The Iowa or International Bow Hunter Safety Course Certificate
- Iowa small game hunting license
- Habitat stamp
- City of Dubuque special hunt permit
- Completed indemnity agreement for private and/or City property. **Each hunter must have their own individual indemnity agreement signed by the landowner.**

**Indemnity landowner permission forms** are available at the Health Services Department, City Hall Annex, 1300 Main Street, and also at locations where licenses are sold. Permission must be obtained from private property owners, through a signed indemnity agreement. Reporting of deer harvested must be provided to the City of Dubuque.

## HUNTING ON CITY PROPERTY

City property available for hunting includes:

- Eagle Point Park \*
- Veteran's Memorial Park \*
- Roosevelt Park \*
- Marshall Park/Arboretum \*
- Bunker Hill Golf Course
- Behind Medical Associates West Campus
- Behind Dubuque Technology Park, Hwy. 151/61
- Land south of the Fremont Bridge, following the creek and railroad

(\* denotes City park)

See a map of locations in this brochure.

### HUNTING TIMES IN CITY PARKS:

**OCTOBER 26, 2015–JANUARY 10, 2016**

1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

## LICENSES

Iowa Department of Natural Resources issues special antlerless deer management zone licenses for \$28 for the first tag and \$13.00 for each additional antlerless deer tag. Tags and incentive tags will be available August 15, 2015 at the following locations:

- Bait Shack, corner of Fengler and Kerper;  
Phone: 582-9395
- Elite Outdoors, 3125 Cedar Crest Ridge #1;  
Phone: 556-0254
- Tri-State Archery, 2100 White St.;  
Phone: 582-8514 ext. 3

## PROFICIENCY TESTING

All hunters participating in the Deer Management Program must complete and pass an annual proficiency test which consists of three out of five shots to a 9-inch target, twenty yards away. Proficiency testing is offered:

- Monday, August 31, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.  
at Veterans Memorial Park by Field #1 (rain date is Wednesday, September 2, 2015)

**OR** at the following locations during business hours:

- Bait Shack, corner of Fengler & Kerper, 582-9395
- Elite Outdoors, 3125 Cedar Crest Ridge #1, 556-0254
- Tri-State Archery, 2100 White St., 582-8514 ext. 3

## INCENTIVES

The hunters who harvest a minimum of three (3) does by the end of the season will be eligible to purchase a dedicated either-sex license for 2016-2017 hunting season. Button buck, spike buck or other unantlered male deer classified as antlerless do not qualify for the incentive licenses, **only female deer.**

Hunters must also report killed deer to the IDNR to be eligible for the incentive, either by phone at 1-800-771-4692 or online at <https://jc.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/iowadnr/harvest/mainharvest.do>.

Tag Reimbursement Incentives: Hunters who harvest an adult doe will be eligible for a \$13.00 reimbursement for the cost of their second deer tag. Reimbursement will be automatic and taken from the check-in sheet at Fire Headquarters.

Coyote Incentive: For each coyote harvested, the hunter will receive reimbursement for a deer license tag (tag # must be provided on sign in sheet at Fire Headquarters), including the first \$28 tag. Hunters must harvest coyote with a bow and it must be checked in at Fire Headquarters, similarly to deer. Coyotes must be recorded on check-in sheet, including zone harvested in, at Fire Headquarters in order to receive automatic reimbursement.

## REPORTING

**All City hunters must check-in killed deer or coyotes at Fire Headquarters** in Dubuque between 7:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m. daily for reporting purposes and to be eligible for the incentive program. If firefighters are out on a call, please report to back at a later time.

**Fire Headquarters: 11 W. 9th St.; 563-589-4160**

Information required at the time of check-in:

- Date
- Tag number
- Location/Zone
- Type of deer
- Hunters must remove one ear from female deer **at the time of check in**

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## SAFETY COURSE

All hunters hunting within the city of Dubuque must show proof of passing the Iowa or International Bow Hunter Safety Course. This is a requirement of the City bow and arrow hunting permit.

Bowhunter safety course information is available on the DNR website: <http://www.bowhunter-ed.com/iowa/>.

If you do not have internet access, contact Laura at the Health Services Department, 563-589-4181, for assistance.

## DEER FOR THE NEEDY

Hunters wishing to donate deer to the needy may participate in the IDNR's Help Us Stop Hunger (HUSH) program.

HUSH is a cooperative effort among deer hunters, the Food Bank of Iowa, meat lockers and the Iowa DNR. The two main goals of HUSH include:

- (1) Reducing the deer population; and
- (2) providing high-quality red meat to the needy in Iowa.

Whether you're a deer hunter, a locker owner, or volunteer in your community, there is a vital role you can play.

Participating lockers in the area are:

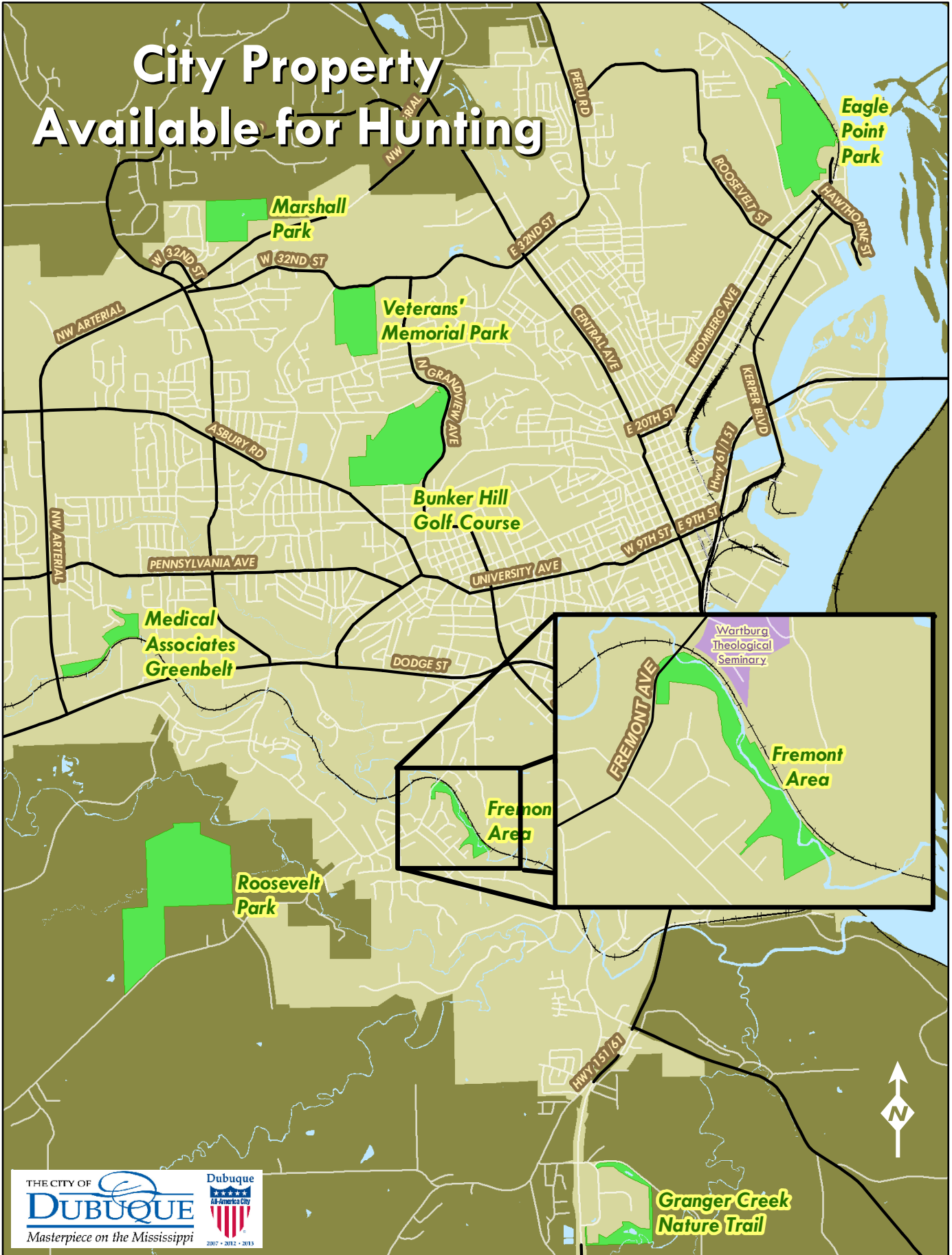
- Edgewood Locker, Edgewood: 563-928-6814
- Sherrill Deer Shack, Sherrill: 563-552-1404
- Dan's Locker, Earlville: 563-923-2515
- Coyle Butchering, Epworth: 563-876-3139

For more information:

[http://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/DeerHunting/HelpUsStopHunger\(HUSH\).aspx](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/DeerHunting/HelpUsStopHunger(HUSH).aspx)

**NEW!**

# City Property Available for Hunting



 City Property Available for Hunting

**CITY OF DUBUQUE  
URBAN DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
PERMISSION TO HUNT ON LESS THAN 3 ACRES OF LAND**

NAME OF HUNTER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADJOINING PROPERTY(IES) DESCRIPTION AND ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF PROPERTY:**

TIMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

FIELD/PRAIRIE: \_\_\_\_\_

CRP: \_\_\_\_\_

CROP FIELD: \_\_\_\_\_

TREE PLANTING: \_\_\_\_\_

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**STAFF USE:**

REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

NOT APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_