

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION
DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 1, 2016

Notes for 2016

1. Property location information (ex. Address, GPS coordinates) required if applicant address is different than property address
2. Application deadline is MAY 1, 2016

ELIGIBILITY

DMAP applications will be accepted from:

1. Public landowners and managers
2. Private landowners
3. Agriculture lessees who lease land for agricultural activities
4. Hunting clubs established prior to January 1, 2000 that own land in fee title.

DMAP applications will not be accepted from landowners or hunting clubs where a fee is charged for hunting privileges. If land is leased for use by a hunting club, neither the hunting club nor landowner may enroll the leased property.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

General Application Information:

1. *Applications must be postmarked on or before May 1st.*
2. *For an application to be complete, a signature is required.*
3. Separate applications for DMAP areas will not be accepted for areas that are within 1 air mile of another area that is owned, leased, or controlled by the same person, political subdivision, or government agency without an approved deer management plan.

Application Type:

1. *New* – Property was not previously enrolled in DMAP.
2. *Renewal* – Property was previously enrolled in DMAP. Provide DMAP Unit number if known.

Current Unit Number: Please provide the DMAP Unit number from previous year.

Applicant Name and Address: Please provide contact information of person responsible for DMAP application. This information will be used by the PGC for correspondence regarding the application including shipment of coupons.

DMAP Property Address/Location: Please provide DMAP property location information if property is different than applicant's address. Property location information can include property address and/or GPS coordinates from anywhere on the property. GPS coordinates should be provided as decimal degrees (for example 40.262, -76.883).

Types of Applicants:

1. *Private landowner* – Owner of private land.
2. *Public official or employee* – Authorized officer or employee applying on behalf of a Federal or State agency or municipal political subdivision.
3. *Agriculture Lessee* – Individual leasing agricultural rights to private lands.
4. *Joint Applicant* – Individual representing one or more landowners. The applicant must have signed “Landowner Authorization Forms” from each participating landowner.

Type of Property:

1. *Private Land* – Land not defined as public land where the hunting rights are not leased and there is no fee charged for hunting.
2. *Public Land* – Any land owned or controlled by a Federal or State agency or municipal subdivision.
3. *Hunting Club* – A corporation or legal cooperative which owns its enrolled acres in fee title, was established prior to January 1, 2000, and has provided its club charter and list of current members to the Commission.

Property Information: Please provide name of county(ies) and township(s) where enrolled property is located.

Game News Subscription Number: please provide number

Property Acreage and DMAP Coupon Request:

1. *Standard number of coupons* – Where material destruction of commercial or agriculture cultivated crops, fruit trees, Christmas trees, nursery stock, hayfields, pastures, or vegetables by deer has been or can be documented, one DMAP coupon may be allocated for every 5 acres of land enrolled in the DMAP. On other lands, including plantings for wildlife such as food plots and trees, one DMAP coupon will be allocated for every 50 acres enrolled in the DMAP.
2. *More than standard number of coupons* – Additional DMAP coupons may be allocated dependent on current conditions relative to goals and objectives outlined in a Commission-approved management plan.
3. *Management plans* – A management plan must be included if the number of DMAP coupons requested by the applicant is greater than the standard number of DMAP coupons allowed by regulations or if the acreage is 1-4 acres of agricultural land or 1-49 acres of other lands.
4. *Standard coupon rates* – The following table provides standard coupon rates for various acreages.

Agriculture Lands		Other Lands	
Acres	Coupons	Acres	Coupons
1-4	^A	1-49	^A
5-9	1	50-99	1
10-14	2	100-149	2
15-19	3	150-199	3
20-24	4	200-249	4
25-29	5	250-299	5
30-34	6	300-349	6
35-39	7	350-399	7
40-44	8	400-449	8
45-49	9	450-499	9
50-54	10	500-549	10

^A For private lands with less than 5 acres of agriculture or less than 50 acres of other lands, the appropriate management plan must be completed (see pages 7 or 8 of application).

Coupon Distribution: With the Game Commission's electronic licensing system, DMAP coupons will now be redeemed at any license issuing agent. This system gives landowners another option for distributing coupons to hunters.

The first option is, **"Yes, I want to distribute coupons directly to hunters that I choose."** With this option, the landowner will receive the coupons and distribute them to the hunters. The hunters will then take coupon to any license issuing agent or the PGC website to get their permit.

The second option is, **"No, any hunter can get a permit to hunt my property through the electronic licensing system without a coupon."** With this option, no coupons will be sent to the landowner. Any hunter will be able to go to any license issuing agent or the PGC website to get a DMAP permit. If you choose this second option, you should also complete page 4 of the application so DMAP information can be made available to the public on the Game Commission's website.

Required Signature: A signature is required for the application to be complete.

Map of DMAP Area: A map is required for every application, including renewals. Please provide all the requested information so that an individual unfamiliar with the property could locate it. A copy of this map must be provided to every coupon recipient.

Publication of Application Information: Contact information for public lands will be posted on the Game Commission's website and available by mail. Contact information for private lands will not be provided on the Game Commission's website or provided by mail unless permission is granted by the applicant.

Public Contact Information: For public land applications and private land applications where the applicant wants the property information released to the public, the Public Contact Information will be provided to the public. Specific addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, or website addresses that should be made available to the public, should be provided. In addition, special instructions for the public can be added.

Management Plan for DMAP Area: A management plan is required for: 1) applications exceeding the standard coupon rates, 2) public land applications, 3) applications for fewer than 5 acres of agricultural lands or 50 acres of other lands, and 4) for applications enrolling 2 or more areas within 1 air mile of each other on separate applications. Separate applications for DMAP areas will not be accepted for areas that are within 1 air mile of another area that is owned, leased, or controlled by the same person, political subdivision, or government agency without an approved deer management plan. Management plans should include all the information requested in the template provided with the application. Management plans in other formats (for example, Forest Stewardship, Game Commission PLAP) are acceptable as long as they provided the requested information.

Landowner Authorization Form: This form is required when the applicant is not the owner of private land. A Landowner Authorization Form must be completed for each landowner represented by the applicant. This could occur when:

1. *Agriculture Lessee* – the applicant is a farmer who leases land for agricultural purposes and is applying for DMAP permits with the landowner's permission
2. *Joint Applicant* – the applicant is not the sole landowner, but is applying on behalf of one or more landowners

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Mail the following:

- ✓ Completed **and** signed application (pages 1, 2 & 3)
- ✓ Map of the DMAP area (page 4)
- ✓ Public Contact Information, if required (page 5)
- ✓ Landowner Authorization Form, if required (page 6)
- ✓ Private Lands Management Plan, if required (page 7)
- ✓ Public Lands Management Plan, if required (pages 8 & 9)

to the appropriate Game Commission Region Office as determined by the county where the DMAP property is located. Applications will not be accepted at the Harrisburg Office.

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