

**PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION
2023 DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DMAP)**

GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) is one of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Landowner Programs. The program provides an additional means for landowners to manage deer to meet their land-use goals by providing coupons to purchase antlerless deer harvest permits specific to a property and outside of the larger Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) context. The standard rate is one coupon for every five acres of cultivated land, or one coupon for every 50 acres of non-cultivated land; however, applicants may request more than the standard rate or apply with fewer than 5 acres of cultivated land or 50 acres of non-cultivated, by answering additional questions in the application.

ELIGIBILITY:

Owners or lessees of private land, hunting clubs or authorized officers or employees of political subdivisions or government agencies are eligible to apply.

General Application Information:

1. *Applications must be postmarked on or before **July 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.

(Please see next page to determine which of the three application types you should submit)

APPLICATION TYPES:

1) REGULAR DMAP APPLICATION (PAPER FORM) *see pages 3-5*

Use this application for new properties OR existing private land DMAP units with property boundary changes or increases in permit numbers above the standard rate (if you are unable to use the online renewal) OR any public land owned by a federal agency, state agency, or municipal political subdivision.

- NEW properties, not previously enrolled in DMAP
 - Or if adding a new property over 1 air mile from a previously approved property
- Renewal: already have a DMAP Unit #, but:
 - Public land owned by federal agency, state agency, or municipal political subdivision
 - There are major changes (e.g., applicant or landowner has changed, etc.)
 - There are property boundary or acreage changes within 1 air mile, contact information has changed, or requesting a change from previous year's approved coupon numbers AND you are unable to use the online renewal option
- Private lands with no changes should use a RENEWAL application.

2) ONLINE RENEWAL DMAP APPLICATION *Online instructions in separate document*

Use this application for existing private land DMAP units with no property boundary changes OR for existing private land DMAP units with property boundary changes or increases in permit numbers above the standard rate

- *This option is only available to those that used the online renewal option previously and provided an email address. Those eligible will receive an email with instructions on how to use the online renewal option for their 2023 application in late February to early March.*
- *If you would like to use the online renewal option in the future, please include a valid email address in your Regular or Paper Renewal Application.*
- Already have a DMAP Unit #, it is private land, and there are no changes from previous year
- Already have a DMAP Unit # and there are minor changes from previous year
 - Property boundary changes (within 1 air mile), acreage changes
 - Adding a new property within 1 air mile from a previously approved property
 - Changes in contact info
 - Requesting a change from previous year's approved coupon numbers

3) RENEWAL DMAP APPLICATION (PAPER FORM) *see pages 6-7*

Use this application for existing private land DMAP units with no property boundary changes AND no increase in permit numbers above standard issue rate.

- Already have a DMAP Unit #, it is private land, and there are **NO** changes from previous year AND you are unable to use the online renewal option

INSTRUCTIONS: REGULAR DMAP APPLICATION (PAPER FORM):

USE THE REGULAR DMAP APPLICATION PAPER FORM OPTION IF:

- Enrolling NEW property, not previously enrolled in DMAP
- Adding a new property over 1 air mile from a previously approved property
- Lands owned by federal agencies, state agencies, or municipal political subdivisions
- Already have a DMAP Unit #, but there are major changes (e.g., applicant or landowner has changed, etc.), or there are minor changes, and you are unable to use the online renewal option

If you are not enrolling a new property, please enter the DMAP unit # (if known)

Applicant Name and Contact Information: 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.

Applicant Address: Please provide mailing address of person responsible for DMAP application (where the DMAP Coupons can be mailed).

DMAP Property Address/Location: Please provide DMAP property location information if property is different than applicant's address or if a P.O. box was listed as the mailing 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).

Type of Applicants:

- *Private landowner* – Owner of private land (e.g., applicant is the landowner).
- *Public official or employee* – Authorized officer or employee applying on behalf of a Federal or State agency or municipal political subdivision.
- *Agriculture Lessee* – Individual leasing agricultural rights to private lands.
- *Joint Applicant* – Individual representing one or more landowners.

Type of Property:

- *Private Land* – Land, not defined as public land, where hunting rights are not leased and there is no fee charged for hunting.
- *Public Land* – Any land owned or controlled by a Federal or State agency or municipal subdivision.
- *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 GPS coordinates (as decimal degrees, e.g., 40.262, -76.883), name of county(ies) and township(s) where enrolled property is located and answer a few questions about the property and reason for applying.

Map of DMAP Area: A map is required for all REGULAR applications. 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.*

INSTRUCTIONS: REGULAR DMAP APPLICATION (PAPER FORM): continued

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 (see page 7 or 8 of the application) is required for: a) applications submitted by federal and state agencies and municipal political subdivisions, b) exceeding the standard coupon rates, c) applications for fewer than 5 acres of agricultural lands or fewer than 50 acres of other lands, and d) 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.
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 fewer than 5 acres of agriculture or fewer than 50 acres of other lands, the appropriate management plan must be completed (see page 8 or 9 of application).

INSTRUCTIONS: REGULAR DMAP APPLICATION (PAPER FORM): continued

Coupon Distribution: With the Game Commission’s electronic licensing system, DMAP coupons are now 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 complete page 6 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.

Additional pages (6-9) may be required, depending on your application

Page 6: Publication of Application Information and Public Contact Information: 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. Contact information for public lands will be posted on the Game Commission’s website and available by mail. 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.

Page 7: 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, OR 2) Joint Applicant – the applicant is not the sole landowner, but is applying on behalf of one or more landowners

Page 8: Management Plan for PRIVATE LAND DMAP Area:

Page 9: Management Plan for PUBLIC LAND DMAP Area:

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INSTRUCTIONS: RENEWAL DMAP APPLICATION (PAPER FORM):

USE THIS RENEWAL DMAP APPLICATION (PAPER FORM) IF:

- Private land, you already have a DMAP Unit #, and there are **NO** changes from previous year
- And you are unable to use the online renewal option.

Renewal of existing DMAP Unit #: Please provide the DMAP Unit Number from the previous year.

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Publication of Application Information: 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. Contact information for public lands will be posted on the Game Commission’s website and available by mail.

Applicant Certifications: All appropriate boxes must be checked in order to be eligible for renewal.

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

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Mail filled paper application and any additional required documents 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.**

Applications must be postmarked by JULY 1st

