



2026 DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
**REGULAR LANDOWNER/LESSEE APPLICATION**

Type of Property (check one)

- Private Land**
- Public Land**
- Hunting Club** (see Instructions for eligibility requirements)

Provide name of county or counties and township(s) where property is located. If property is located in more than 3 counties or more than 3 townships, check the appropriate box.

	Name of County	PGC Use Only	Township	PGC Use Only	Township	PGC Use Only	Township	PGC Use Only	More than 3 townships? (Check here)
County #1									<input type="checkbox"/>
County #2									<input type="checkbox"/>
County #3									<input type="checkbox"/>

More than 3 counties? (check here)

Is a fee charged to hunt this property? (check one)

- Yes**
- No**

Is this property open to public hunting? (check one)

- Yes**
- No**

Is this property enrolled in the Hunter Access Program (formerly known as Public Access)? (Check one)

- Yes**
- No**

**CHECK ONE** main reason for enrolling in DMAP.

- Forest Regeneration**
- Custom Deer Management**
- Urban/suburban deer management**
- Biodiversity**
- Agricultural Damage**
- Other; Please specify** \_\_\_\_\_

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Reviewing Biologist Employee #	Region No.	WCO District No.	WCO District No.	WMU 1	WMU 2	License Year	Coupons Approved	Assigned DMAP Unit # (Record once entered into DMAP System)	DMAP Application Number provided by system.

Agriculture Lessee	Joint Applicant
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Map of DMAP Area: required for every REGULAR application**

Please attach a printed map on a separate sheet of paper or a map can be drawn in the box below

**Maps must include the following items:**

1. Identify and describe the boundaries of the DMAP area and how these boundaries are marked on the ground (for example, posted signs, painted trees, flagging tape, fence rows, neighbor's signs, tree blazes, roads, etc.)
2. Indicate locations of any buildings on or adjacent to the property. These are safety zones.
3. Description of area to include:
  - a. Land cover types (forest, row crops, hayfield, pasture, wildlife food plots, orchards, etc.)
  - b. Hunttable areas
  - c. Safety zones
4. Nearby roads with road names
5. Distance and direction to nearest town, city, or village

*(NOTE: You are required to provide a copy of this map to every coupon recipient)*

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**Property Acreage and DMAP Coupon Request**

Number of acres in commercial or agriculture cultivation (*see below for more details*) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres not cultivated + \_\_\_\_\_

Total acres (*add cultivated and not cultivated acres*) = \_\_\_\_\_

*Standard issue rate for cultivated land including crops, fruit trees, nursery stock, hayfields, pastures, and vegetables is 1 coupon for every 5 acres. For all other lands such as forest, wildlife plantings, food plots, etc., the standard issue rate is 1 coupon for every 50 acres. Applicants may request a DMAP coupon allocation less than or equal to the standard issuance rate described without submitting a management plan.*

**Total number of DMAP coupons requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you requesting more than the standard number of DMAP coupons, enrolling fewer than 5 acres of agricultural land, fewer than 50 acres of other lands, or 2 or more properties within 1 air mile of one another on separate applications? (**check one**)

- Yes**     If Yes, additional questions must be answered associated with a management plan (see page 7 or 8 of application)
- No**

**Coupon Distribution**

Do you want to distribute coupons to hunters? (**check one**)

- Yes, I want to distribute coupons directly to hunters whom I choose.**
  - Email me my coupons as a PDF upon approval.
  - Print and mail me my coupons. Coupons will be mailed to the address provided in the Applicant Info section on page 1.
- No, any hunter can get a permit to hunt my property through the electronic licensing system without a coupon. (see form on page 5)**

**Required Signature**

I certify that the information I am providing on this application is true, correct, and complete.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please see pages 5-8 as they may be required for your application)*

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE GAME COMMISSION REGION OFFICE FOR THE COUNTY WHERE THE DMAP UNIT IS LOCATED – SEE PAGE 9 FOR REGION MAILING ADDRESSES. DO NOT MAIL TO THE GAME COMMISSION’S HARRISBURG OFFICE.**

***This page is required for public landowners and private landowners who want to make their property's information available on the Game Commission's website and via mail.***

**Publication of Application Information**

For public landowner applicants, the names, public contact information (see below), and number of coupons requested will be posted on the Game Commission's website and made available via mail. Please complete the public contact information below as this may be different than the application information provided earlier in this application.

Private landowner and hunting club applicants can be posted to the website with applicant permission. If you would like your public contact information posted on the Game Commission's website and made available via mail, please check the box below and complete the public contact information below.

***YES, I give the Game Commission permission to make my property's information available on the Game Commission's website and via mail. (Fill out below)***

**Public Contact Information**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First M.I. Last Suffix (Jr., Sr.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Organization, Political Subdivision, or Agency*

Applicant Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip*

(\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Daytime Phone Number Evening Phone Number*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Email Address*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Website Address*

Additional Instructions (up to 255 characters):

***This page is required ONLY if the applicant is an Agriculture Lessee or Joint Applicant***

**Landowner Authorization Form**

*A Landowner Authorization Form must be completed for every landowner of the property being enrolled by the Applicant.*

**Landowner Name and Contact Information**

Landowner: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First M.I. Last Suffix (Jr., Sr.)*

Landowner Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City State Zip*

(\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
*Daytime Phone Number Evening Phone Number*

**Landowner Permission to Applicant**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a/the landowner of the property being  
*Landowner Name*  
enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program, and I have given permission to  
\_\_\_\_\_ to enroll my land in DMAP for the  
*Applicant Name*  
upcoming hunting seasons.

Landowner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This section is required if this is an application for PRIVATE LAND and:*

- 1) you are requesting more than the standard number of coupons or*
- 2) you are enrolling 2 or more areas that are within 1 air mile of each other on separate applications or*
- 3) you are enrolling fewer than 5 acres of cultivated land or fewer than 50 acres of other lands*

### **Management Plan for PRIVATE LAND DMAP Area**

*Responses to the questionnaire can be completed on a separate 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper, but all the information requested below must be provided.*

1. Number of DMAP permits requested? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of hunters annually hunting area in past: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe deer management problem on this area. Please provide area specific information to substantiate the deer problem, reason for enrolling 2 or more areas within 1 mile of each other, or requesting DMAP for land areas of less than 5 acres of cultivated land or less than 50 acres of other land. For example, how many deer do you observe on your property, how many deer would you like to observe on your property, describe and quantify amount of damage to crops, forests, and/or landscaping or other deer-related impacts.
4. Describe deer management goals and objectives for this area.
5. Describe how additional DMAP permits will solve the deer problem and achieve management goals and objectives.

*This section is required for ALL PUBLIC LAND applications including municipal political subdivisions. Inclusion of scientific references to support objectives, indicators, and measures is strongly recommended.*

*Subsection questions (i.e., i, ii, iii, etc.) are provided as guidelines to focus information content included in the management plan. All subsection questions should be answered in the affirmative or otherwise clearly explained in the management plan.*

## **PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN CONTENT**

- I. **Mission Statement of the public entity**
- II. **Problem Statement with justification** – This should clearly identify the problem and how DMAP will solve the problem. Particular attention should be given to length of time the problem has existed, and actions taken to date and results, including previous DMAP use and results of previous deer hunting activities.
  - i. *Is there a clearly stated problem related to deer impact?*
  - ii. *Can increased antlerless harvest solve the problem?*
  - iii. *Is the justification based on data?*
- III. **Goals with rationale as to how they relate to DMAP** – Goals should explain what is to be achieved (for example, ‘we want healthy forest’). Goals should be specific to deer and other wildlife, habitat, and DMAP. Other goals are likely beyond the scope of the DMAP. Within the text of the management plan, the rationale of each goal should be explained and the relationship between the goal and deer impacts should be described.
  - i. *Are the goals explained and clearly related to deer impacts?*
  - ii. *Can increased antlerless harvests meet the goals?*
- IV. **Objectives** – Objectives should define a specific level of achievement for each goal (for example, ‘we will consider forest healthy when plots have adequate regeneration’). Basis for choosing a particular objective and specific level of achievement should be explained.
  - i. *Are the objectives directly related to a goal?*
  - ii. *Are the objectives quantitative?*
  - iii. *Are the quantities used for each objective supported in the text?*
- V. **Indicators/Measures** – This section of the plan will be similar to the methods section of a paper. A description of data to be collected to monitor progress towards goals and thresholds of success will be included.
  - i. *Is the analysis to determine whether indicators/measures meet objectives clearly described?*
  - ii. *Do the indicators/measures provide representative samples?*
- VI. **Non-deer-related factors affecting goals and management actions being taken to address these factors** – In this section, non-deer factors that could be affecting achievement of goals should be identified. A description of other management actions being taken on the area (historically and at present) to address non-deer factors should be included. Habitat management activities that create early successional habitat should be included.
  - i. *Are factors other than deer being addressed?*
  - ii. *Despite factors other than deer, is an increase in the antlerless harvest justified?*

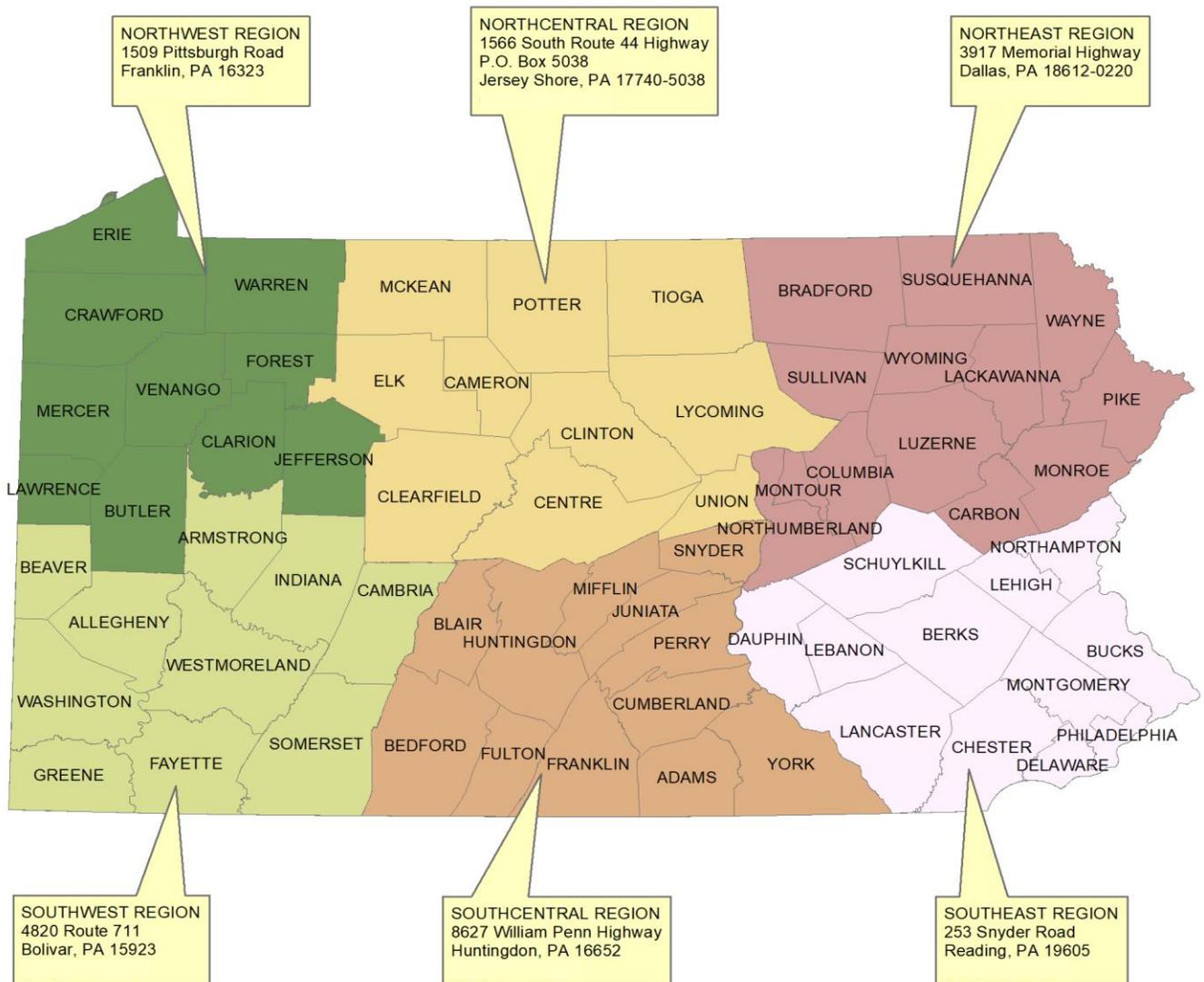
**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

Mail the following 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

**CHECKLIST FOR REGULAR DMAP APPLICATIONS:**

- ✓ Completed **and** signed application (pages 1-4)
- ✓ Map of the DMAP area (page 3)
- ✓ 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 (page 8)



If you have any questions, call 1-833-PGC-HUNT (1-833-742-4868) and ask to speak to your Regional Wildlife Management Supervisor.