



Pilot Archery Deer Culling Program Details

The City of Rockville (City) wishes to engage the services of a qualified archery group to perform deer culling operations at John Hayes Memorial Forest located at 852 Avery Road Rockville, Maryland 20851. To be selected for the program groups must complete a City of Rockville Hunt Group Application. The Recreation and Parks Department will review and evaluate the proposal and select the group who best suits the needs of the City. Only one group will be selected.

As of June 22, 2020, the Mayor and Council have authorized the Recreation and Parks Department to conduct a pilot archery only culling operation at the park. Recent game camera surveys indicate the deer population in the general area is 180 deer per square mile.

The components of the program include the following:

Location: Croydon Creek Nature Center @ Civic Center Park (in the John Hayes Memorial Forest Preserve) 852 Avery Rd, Rockville, MD 20851

Means: Modern archery equipment only (compound bows and crossbows)

Dates:

November 21 – November 29, 2020

December 19 – December 27, 2020

January 9 – January 16, 2021

Hunting allowed Monday thru Saturday from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Sunday hunting is ½ hour before sunrise to 10:30 am. Dates will coincide with MD DNR Regulations for 2020. The John Hayes Memorial Forest Preserve will be closed during these dates and times.

Access/Parking: Entrance to the park is at the Croydon Creek Nature Center at 852 Avery Rd, Rockville, Maryland 20851. Details for parking and access will be determined once a group has been selected.

Safety Zone: A safety zone (no hunting area) will be identified and marked in the field. The safety zone will encompass a 50-yard buffer around the entire property. See attached map.

Proposals

- Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on group and participant experience, written proposal, references and proof of insurance.

- The written proposal shall include the following: structure of the organization, number of members, success rates, qualifications, three similar culling operations, demonstration of understanding the City program, projects of similar nature with references with the proposal for this project and a description of how the group will successfully perform the culling operation.
- Proposals are due: **August 7, 2020**

Participant Selection

The Department of Recreation and Parks is soliciting Request for Proposals from non-profit deer management organizations. Selection will be based upon years of experience, harvest records, qualifications of individual participants and the written proposal.

Group Requirements

- Group Name
- Identified Group Leader(s)/Coordinator(s).
- At least 6 intended participating hunters (pending qualifications).
- Possession of group Liability Insurance (min \$1,000,000 per occurrence with Mayor and Council, City of Rockville named as “Additional Insured”).
- Resume’ outlining group experience.
- Verifiable references.
- Mandatory attendance of pre-season safety and procedural training meeting. Date and location of training to be determined.

Individual Participant Requirements

- Member in good standing with group (Proof of membership).
- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Hold a state sanctioned Hunter/Safety Education Card.
- Hold a state sanctioned and/or NBEF Bowhunter Education Certification.
- Provide 5-year DNR deer archery harvest records.
- Fulfillment of the requirements of a background check. City will provide access to the website for background checks.
- Valid Maryland Shooter Qualification Card (For locations to qualify visit: https://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/shoot_qual_cal.pdf) or successful completion of MNCPPC archery qualification.
- Vehicle identification including year, make, model, color and license plate number.
- Valid photo ID.
- Valid Maryland Hunting License and Archery Stamp.
- Signature of and adherence to City of Rockville Department of Parks & Recreation Statement of Hunter Ethics and Waiver of Liability document.

Participant Identification: Approved participants must have the following identification on their person while hunting on the property.

- Valid Driver’s License
- Valid Maryland Hunters License including Archery Stamp

- Rockville Identification Card (Provided by City)

All participants must attend a pre-hunt meeting with Recreation and Parks staff. The meeting will cover safety, responsibility, coordination, carcass handling, restrictions and reporting.

Regulations for Hunt

The Department of Recreation and Parks reserves the right to change program-specific regulations, as necessary and appropriate, at any time. Hunting authorization for participants and/or groups may be revoked at the discretion of Recreation and Parks staff.

- Hunting of white-tailed deer; only.
- Modern archery equipment; only (compound bows and crossbows).
- The following is a list of regulations for reference only. Participants are obligated to comply with all applicable laws.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

- Hunting permitted to occur 1/2 hour before sunrise – 1/2 hour after sunset.
- Hunters shall not hunt while under the influence of alcohol or any narcotic drug.
- Sunday hunting is permitted as governed by the State and Montgomery county.
- Hunters shall not shoot on, from, or across any public road.
- Hunters shall not hunt or shoot at wildlife within 100 yards of an occupied building or camp without permission of the owner or occupant.
- Hunters shall not hunt without valid Driver's License, valid Maryland Hunters License including Archery Stamp, and Rockville Identification Card (provided by City).
- A compound bow shall have a full draw and pull of not less than 50 pounds.
- A crossbow used for deer hunting shall have a draw of not less than 75 pounds.
- All crossbows shall have a working safety.
- It is unlawful to have a loaded crossbow in, on, or leaning against a vehicle. A loaded crossbow is one that is cocked and has an arrow or bolt in the firing position.
- Arrows used for deer hunting must have a sharpened broadhead with metal points and a minimum width of 7/8 of an inch.
- The use of poisoned or explosive tipped arrows is prohibited.
- Hunters must follow all requirements and procedures for tagging and checking deer.
- For complete State regulations see-<http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/hunting>.

City of Rockville

- Participation will be in accordance with Chapter 13 & 14 of Rockville City Code.
- Parking to occur in designated area only, see attached map.
- Hunting permitted to occur in designated areas only (see attached map).
- Maximum of 6 participants hunting at any given time.
- Visible display of City of Rockville Pilot Archery Deer Hunting Program identification.
- Arrows and bolts must always be quivered while on the ground.

- Arrows and bolts must be labeled with City of Rockville assigned, unique identification number.
- Hunting to occur from portable, commercially manufactured tree stands and ladder stands only (minimum platform height of 10 feet from the ground).
- Hunting participants must wear full-body safety harness, always attached to tree or lifeline, while climbing, hunting and descending.
- Tree stands may be left in the park overnight.
- Filming of hunting activities is prohibited (use of trail cameras for scouting is permitted, at participant's own risk).
- Hunting participants may not shoot onto, from, or across marked trails designed for human use.
- Maximum acceptable shooting range is 30 yards.
- Stationary, broadside and/or quartering away, vital area shots only (no shots intentionally directed to head, neck or rump areas).
- Recovery of harvested deer on/from any adjacent private property requires consultation/assistance of City of Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks. No access onto private property without proper permission.
- Tracking dogs may be used only when necessary and must remain on a leash.
- Evisceration (field dressing) of deer to occur away from roads, trails, and high visibility areas (viscera to be covered with sticks and/or leaf litter).
- Deer carcasses must be fully covered during removal, loading and transport process.
- De-cocking of crossbows must be done in a safe, discreet manner, away from, and out of sight of, roads, trails and the public.
- Absolutely no littering.
- Bag Limits: 15 antlerless deer and 2 antlered deer (consistent with DNR regulations for 2020).
- Mandatory reporting of harvest, observational data, citizen interactions and any incidents within 24 hours of hunting activity. Reports shall be called into the Parks and Facilities Division at (240) 314-8700.
- Hunting permitted to occur during designated timeframes, only.
- Participants must contact the City of Rockville Police Dispatch (240) 314-8900 upon arrival, and check-out upon departure (full name, group name and Rockville identification number).
- Risk of Loss: Participants shall take all reasonable precautions to avoid any loss or damage to their property in connection with their participation in this program. The participants shall be responsible for security and safekeeping of all participant's equipment at all times.

Carcass Handling: All harvested deer must be field dressed on-site and within the adjacent tree line. No viscera piles may be left on paths or in visible areas. All deer must be consumed by the participant or donated to Farmers Feeding the Hungry or other similar food bank program.

Data Collection: All participants will collect the following data using the attached form: number of days hunted, number of deer harvested (doe, fawn or antlered deer, number of points), number of deer shot but not recovered and section of park.

RECORD KEEPING/DATA COLLECTION

**Pilot Archery Harvest Record
John Hayes Memorial Forest Preserve**

Participant's Name: _____

City of Rockville ID Number: _____

Organization: _____

Date Hunted	Success	Buck	Doe	Fawn	Location	Bow
	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Section 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Cross Bow Compound Bow <input type="checkbox"/>
	No <input type="checkbox"/>	#_____			Section 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	
					Section 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	
					Section 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	
					Section 5 <input type="checkbox"/>	
					Section 6 <input type="checkbox"/>	

Total Days Hunted: _____

Total Deer Harvested: _____

Total Deer not recovered: _____

COMMENTS:

Civic Center Pilot Hunting Area @
Croydon Creek Nature Center



