



DMAP for Levels 2 and 3

Preparing to manage your habitat for wildlife

What should you expect at your site visit?

After you have been accepted for enrollment into DMAP, your local DNR biologist will contact you to schedule a site visit for your Level 2 or 3 property or group cooperative. The site visit will set the stage for the collaborative relationship between you and your local department staff that will ultimately result in healthy deer and wildlife habitat on your land.

The first step during the site visit will be to establish achievable goals and objectives for the deer herd and wildlife habitat on your property. Are you interested in increasing or decreasing the number of deer using the property? Is making your property more attractive to other wildlife species important to you? The wildlife biologist can provide their professional opinion and guidance on habitat improvement projects. Property objectives will be measurable so you and the biologist can evaluate progress over time.

After determining the initial goals for the property, you will be asked to lead the wildlife biologist and forester on a walk-through of your land to paint a better picture of what habitats and wildlife species you have and to determine what management techniques might be feasible. The site visit will include a forest stand assessment and a browse survey to help determine habitat quality and the browse impact from past or current deer densities.



What does the management plan include?

Following the site visit, the biologist will compile information collected during the site visit into a habitat management plan specific to your property. The plan will include a description of the current habitat conditions on your land as well as specific recommendations for improving habitat. The areas for the recommendations will be identified on a map of your property to easily identify locations where habitat improvement projects should occur. In addition, you will be provided photos of the habitat on your property that were taken during the initial site visit.



Annual Harvest Report

Each year you will receive an annual harvest report that summarizes data that you may choose to collect on deer harvested on your property. This report will include annual statewide and county specific deer harvest information. You will be able to track age, weight, antler size, and wildlife observations over time.



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