



# DMAP for the Level 1 Landowner

## Maximizing the wildlife value of your land



**So your land is under 160 acres. No problem! From woodlot to backyard, DMAP has you covered.**

Wisconsin's Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) welcomes all landowners and hunters with an interest in wildlife and land stewardship. DMAP is designed to give you information for improving your land for deer and other wildlife. As a Level 1 landowner you pay no annual fee to participate, and receive access to informational materials designed to help you understand your land's importance to deer and other wildlife. You can easily communicate with local DNR biologists or foresters and have the opportunity to attend DMAP workshops. If Level 2 and 3 benefits are just too attractive to pass up, you can join a group cooperative with neighboring landowners to achieve Level 2 or 3 acreage, strengthen relations with your neighbors and potentially increase hunting opportunities. Best of all, your habitat improvements will benefit local wildlife, and keep them healthy and active for years to come.

### Maximize your impact—join a group cooperative

If your land is within half a mile of at least one other DMAP participant, you may form a DMAP group cooperative. Multiple properties in a cooperative could give you the acreage needed to participate at DMAP Level 2 or 3 (and reap the additional benefits, including site-specific habitat management plans and a site visit from resource professionals). Once part of a cooperative, you will benefit from the exchange of ideas with participating landowners who share similar habitat management goals. You will also be a part of a larger management plan that covers several properties. Habitat improvements over a larger area may distribute deer more evenly and provide enjoyment for everyone. Finally, you will benefit from the knowledge that your cooperative is providing valuable resources to wildlife in your community.



### Deer and Wildlife Management on Small Properties

DMAP aims to enhance habitat quality and wildlife health for deer and other species. Whether you have one acre or 100, you can provide wild animals the resources they need to survive and reproduce. You may choose a simple project to start, such as providing a stable water source, or leap right into habitat restoration with native plants. You will have access to helpful texts directly relating to the species and habitat you want to have on your land, but here are some ideas to get you started.

- **Assess food, water and cover available in your area** to get a sense of what you have and what you might need to attract deer and other wildlife.
- **Create natural travel corridors** for deer between habitat types.
- **Plant native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses** that provide long-term nutritious food (such as nuts and fruits) and shelter to a variety of wildlife. Extra credit if you replace all or part of your lawn with native plants.
- **Restore your habitat** by converting pasture to prairie, adding young forest patches to your woodlot or restoring water flow to a drained wetland.
- **Work with neighboring landowners** to manage local deer numbers and impacts on landscaping and wild tree species.

