

Deer Management Program

A program to control excess deer within the city limits of Dubuque and the surrounding outlying area.



September 12, 2020–January 10, 2021

PROGRAM GOALS

- Limit deer populations within defined areas in the city of Dubuque below 20 deer per square mile;
- Provide public education regarding deer, their habitats, impact on natural habitats, deterrents and population management, cost of property damage if nothing is done, and potential health risks resulting from a large deer population to citizens of Dubuque and to deer.
- Encourage eligible property owners to allow qualified deer hunters on their property.
- Discourage citizens from feeding deer.

SPECIAL ZONE RULES

Each hunter must possess a State of Iowa deer hunting license and a City of Dubuque deer hunting permit which consists of the following:

1. Each hunter must show proof of certification from the International Bow Hunter Education Course or the Iowa DNR Bow Hunter Education Course.
2. Each hunter must pass an annual shooting proficiency test which consists of three out of five shots to a 9-inch target, twenty yards away.
3. Hunter agrees to comply with all Iowa DNR rules covering bow hunting of deer.
4. Maintain a minimum distance from residential area and property lines, at the property owner's and neighbor's discretion, OR 75 feet from any property line, occupied building or street/trail, whichever is agreed upon by abutting property owners. A minimum distance requirement of 75 feet from any property line, street or trail is required for public property.
5. Hunter agrees to report to the City the following: date, time, type and location of deer harvested, number of arrows shot, and any complaints received from citizens. Hunters must also report deer harvested in the DNR ELSI system. Location of harvest must match location on indemnity form.
6. Check-in deer at Fire Headquarters, 11 W. 9th St., daily from 7 a.m.–9 p.m. **Please wear a mask.**
7. Only portable stands (provided by the hunter) may be used on City property, and must be removed by the end of the season.
8. Hunter agrees to obtain permission from property owners before hunting on private land.
9. A minimum of 3 acres is required for private property hunting. Hunting on less than 3 acres of property is permissible if the following criteria are met:
 - No homes/businesses within 150 ft. of property
 - Adjacent to a 3-acre or greater parcel of habitat
 - Timber, field/prairie
 - CRP
 - Crop field
 - Tree planting
 - Property otherwise suitable for hunting as determined by the Health and Leisure Services Departments
 - Hunter must submit information regarding the property on a form provided by the City. Application forms are available online at www.cityofdubuque.org/healthservices.
10. Hunters on private property must abide by the rules of the property owner, in addition to the Iowa DNR rules.
11. Field dressing on City property is not allowed.
12. Deer must be covered or enclosed when transporting.
13. No baiting, driving, or stalking of deer is allowed.
14. Must be an Iowa resident.

City Hall Annex is not open to the public at this time. For questions or information not covered in this brochure, please call or email:

Health Services Department (563) 589-4181 or health@cityofdubuque.org

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To hunt within the city of Dubuque, the hunter must obtain:

- Iowa or International Bow Hunter Safety Course Certificate
- Iowa small game hunting license
- Habitat stamp
- City of Dubuque special hunt permit
- Completed indemnity agreement for private and/or City property. **Each hunter must have their own individual indemnity agreement signed by the landowner.**

Indemnity landowner permission forms are available by calling 563-589-4181, the Health Services Department, City Hall Annex, 1300 Main Street, and also at locations where licenses are sold. Permission must be obtained from property owners **every season (including the City for city property), through a signed indemnity agreement.** A separate agreement for each hunter must be completed.

Multiple hunters **may not** be listed on each landowner agreement. Failure to complete indemnity forms may affect incentive eligibility or program participation.

HUNTING ON CITY PROPERTY

City property available for hunting includes:

- Veteran's Memorial Park *
- Roosevelt Park *
- Bunker Hill Golf Course
- Behind Medical Associates West Campus
- Behind Dubuque Technology Park, Hwy. 151/61
- Land south of the Fremont Bridge, following the creek and railroad

(* denotes City park)

See a map of locations in this brochure.

NOTE: Eagle Point Park will not be available this year due to park restoration work.

HUNTING TIMES IN CITY PARKS:

OCTOBER 25, 2020 – JANUARY 10, 2021

1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

LICENSES

Iowa Department of Natural Resources issues special antlerless deer management zone licenses for \$28.50 for the first tag and \$15 for each additional antlerless deer tag. Tags and incentive tags will be available August 15, 2020, at the following locations:

- Bait Shack, corner of Fengler and Kerper;
Phone: 582-9395
- Tri-State Archery, 2100 White St.;
Phone: 582-8514 ext. 3

PROFICIENCY TESTING

All hunters who did not participate in the 2019-2020 Deer Management Program must complete and pass an annual proficiency test which consists of three out of five shots to a 9-inch target, twenty yards away. Proficiency testing is offered at the following locations during business hours:

- Bait Shack, corner of Fengler & Kerper, 582-9395
- Tri-State Archery, 2100 White St., 582-8514 ext. 3

No City proficiency test will be offered.

INCENTIVES

The hunters who harvest a minimum of three (3) does by the end of the season will be eligible to purchase a dedicated either-sex license for 2021-2022 hunting season. Button buck, spike buck or other unantlered male deer classified as antlerless do not qualify for the incentive licenses, **only female deer.**

Hunters must also report killed deer to the IDNR to be eligible for the incentive, either by phone at 1-800-771-4692 or online at <https://license.gooutdoorsiowa.com/Licensing/CustomerLookup.aspx>.

Tag Reimbursement Incentives: Hunters who harvest an adult doe will be eligible for a \$15 reimbursement for the cost of their second deer tag. Reimbursement will be automatic and taken from the check-in sheet at Fire Headquarters.

Coyote Incentive: For each coyote harvested, the hunter will receive reimbursement for a deer license tag, including the first \$28.50 tag. Hunters must harvest coyote with a bow and it must be checked in at Fire Headquarters, similarly to deer. Coyotes must be recorded on check-in sheet, including zone harvested in, at Fire Headquarters in order to receive automatic reimbursement.

REPORTING

All City hunters must check-in killed deer or coyotes at Fire Headquarters in Dubuque between 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. daily for reporting purposes and to be eligible for the incentive program. If firefighters are out on a call, please report back at a later time. **Please wear a mask during the check-in process.**

Fire Headquarters: 11 W. 9th St.; 563-589-4160

Information required at the time of check-in:

- Date
- Tag number
- Location/Zone
- Type of deer
- Hunters must remove one ear from female deer **at the time of check in**

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SAFETY COURSE

All hunters hunting within the city of Dubuque must show proof of passing the Iowa or International Bow Hunter Safety Course. This is a requirement of the City bow and arrow hunting permit.

Bowhunter safety course information is available on the DNR website: <http://www.bowhunter-ed.com/iowa/>.

If you do not have internet access, contact Connie at the Health Services Department, 563-589-4181, for assistance.

DEER FOR THE NEEDY - HUSH LOCKERS

Help Us Stop Hunger- Refer to the DNR 2020-21 *Iowa Hunting, Trapping & Migratory Game Bird Regulations* booklet, or www.iowadnr.gov

For more information: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Deer-Hunting>

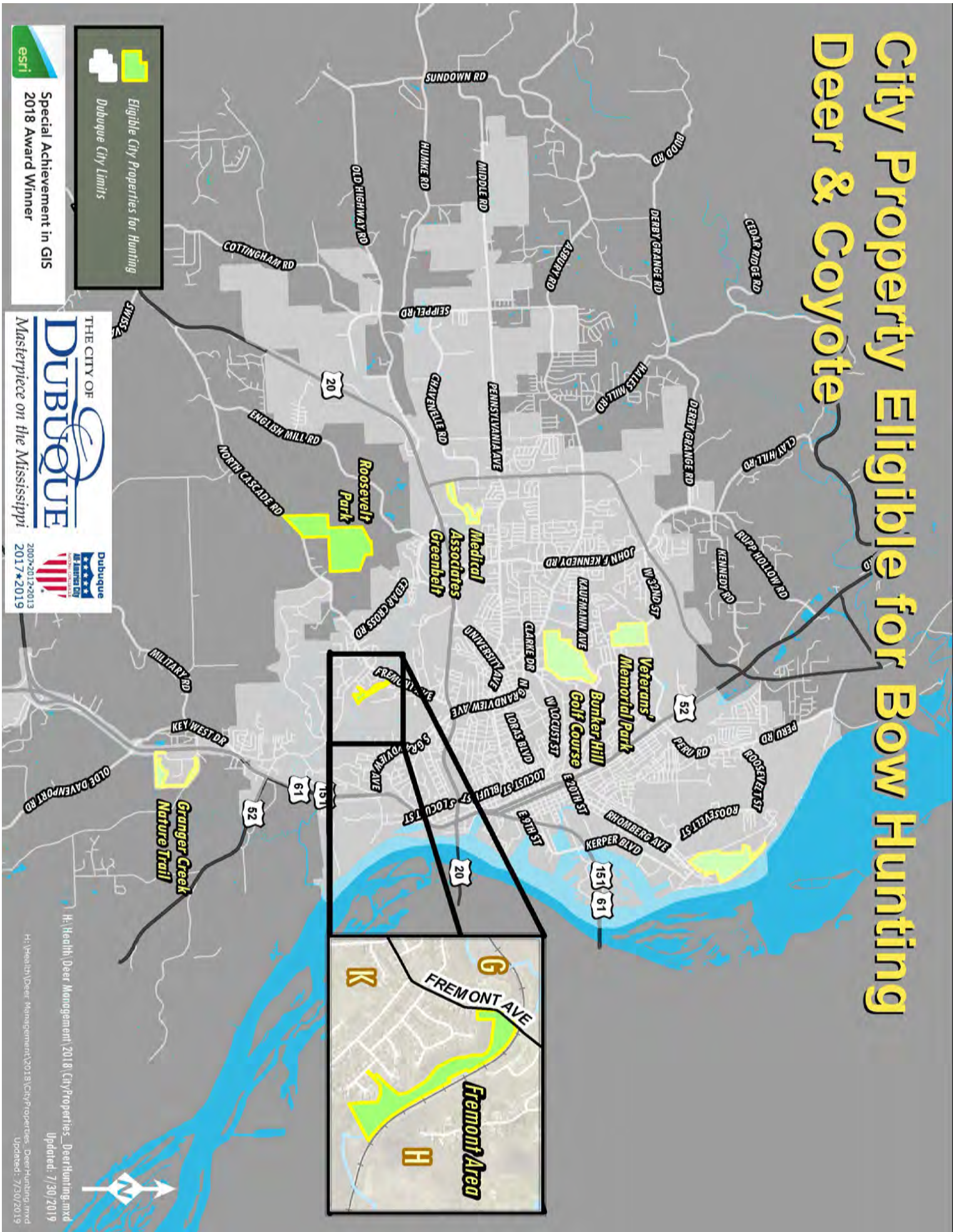
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City Property Eligible for Bow Hunting Deer & Coyote



Eligible City Properties for Hunting
Dubuque City Limits

Special Achievement in GIS
2018 Award Winner

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DUBUQUE
Masterpiece on the Mississippi
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