



Heritage Conservancy

WCGM HANDBOOK

A partnership handbook for the WCGM Program through
Heritage Conservancy.



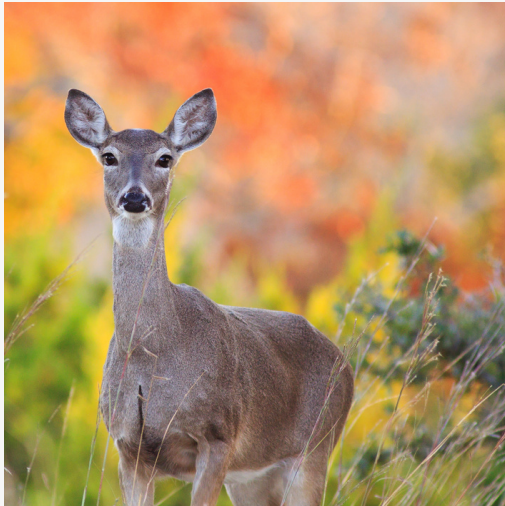


ABOUT HERITAGE CONSERVANCY

Land. History. Community.

Heritage Conservancy is a community-based, nonprofit organization that works in partnership with communities, landowners, businesses, governments, and other mission-focused organizations to ensure that the landscapes that make our region special endure and flourish, for the benefit of both people and nature. Founded in 1958 and based in Doylestown, PA, Heritage Conservancy has worked to protect more than 16,000 acres of open space, farmland, wildlife habitat, and important watershed areas throughout Bucks and surrounding counties.

We own and manage more than 50 properties, hold conservation easements on more than 250 properties, and actively pursue habitat restoration initiatives across the region. Heritage Conservancy also holds historic preservation easements and maintains a Register of Historic Places with over 700 entries. In our work to connect people to the environment and history of our region, to educate, and to inspire advocacy for land and watershed protection, we interact with thousands of community members every year, including more than 2500 students. Heritage Conservancy is nationally accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission.



PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The purpose of the WCGM program in coordination with Heritage Conservancy is to be a necessary deer management program for Heritage Conservancy properties. Hunters in the program are expected to harvest as many deer as possible on their assigned property each season to assist in maintaining and managing local deer populations. Deer are to be hunted respectfully, and following the laws and regulations provided by the state.





PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

To maintain your spot in the WCGM - Heritage Conservancy Deer Management Program, each hunter is **REQUIRED** to complete the items listed below. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program.

- 8 hours of volunteer service **PER HUNTER** with Heritage Conservancy for the season (seasons run from August 1st to July 31st. Hours outside of this time frame will not count unless specifically agreed upon by staff prior)
- Be a member of Heritage Conservancy at a **MINIMUM** of \$35 **PER PERSON** regardless of hunters age - membership helps to fund the coordination to make this program available
- Minors in the program must be accompanied by an adult member of the program and must abide by all laws and regulations
- Hunters must be an active participant during the season as the purpose of the program is for deer management
- Abide by all hunting and safety laws
- Complete a volunteer waiver annually and sign form acknowledging you read this handbook and understand all terms



SAFETY

PROGRAM SAFETY AND TREE STANDS

To maintain your spot in this program, you must abide by all hunting safety requirements as dictated by the state and by our program. Please see the following rules below.

- All tree stands must be maintained and away from trails
- Tree stands CANNOT be placed on Ash Trees/dead trees due to safety.
- Tree stands and feeders MUST BE REMOVED by March 1st
- Do NOT cut any trees/plant life
- Park ONLY at designated location
- Follow all trail camera regulations
- Respect neighbors and report any problems
- It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to know where the property boundaries are





RECEIPT OF HANDBOOK

This is to acknowledge that you have received a copy of the Heritage Conservancy WCGM program handbook and understand all terms. If you have any questions regarding anything in the handbook, please reach out to the contacts below. By signing below, you agree that you have read and received the handbook and will abide by the requirements to maintain your position in the program. Failure to comply with the items mentioned above may result in removal from the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contacts:

For WCGM Questions - Pat at pat@wcfgm.org

For Heritage Conservancy Questions - Jim at jdrennan@heritageconservancy.org

For Volunteering Questions - Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@heritageconservancy.org
