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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Morgantown Urban Deer Hunt Numbers Increase 160%**

*No injuries or accidents were reported for the second year in a row.*

MORGANTOWN - The Second Annual Morgantown Urban Deer Archery Hunt ended on December 31, 2012, and the program's organizer is happy to announce the results of the city's deer harvest.

Rick Bebout of the Deer Commission is reporting to City manager Terrence Moore that 118 deer were taken during the four-month hunt – up 73 from last year's numbers.

The largest portion of these deer was harvested from the Dorsey's Knob Park area, which yielded 21 deer.

The hillside adjacent to Green Bag Road, the WVU Dairy Farm and Farm Woodlot, and the South Pointe Circle were the next three most popular areas to hunt, netting 20, 14, and 12 deer respectively.



Hunters also had the choice again this year to donate their kill to local soup kitchens to benefit the City's homeless and hungry. These generous donors gave 62 deer, supplying 1,617 pounds of ground meat to the Caritas House, the Bartlett House, and the Trinity Episcopal Church Community Kitchen.

The 2012 UDAH expanded on the 2011 hunting grounds, featuring more private properties suggested by landowners. Last year, a lot of WVU ground was used that outlines the perimeter of the city, but Bebout says that by identifying more hunting grounds inside city limits, it has greatly increased the amount of deer harvested.

"The properties hunted last year were the fringes," said Bebout. "This year we got further into it, numbers jumped, and it really illustrates the problem we have with deer *in* the city."

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Early planning for the 2013 Urban Deer Archery Hunt is already beginning in anticipation of a third year of wild growth in the program. Many are already calling to be considered for next year's hunt, and more private land owners are asking to be included.

A presentation of the 2013 UDAH results will be given at the January 29, 2012 City Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

***If you have a suggestion for a new hunting ground for next year or would like more information about the results of the Urban Deer Archery Hunt, contact Rick Bebout by emailing him at [rbebout2@hotmail.com](mailto:rbebout2@hotmail.com).***

### **More Information**

Urban Deer page on MorgantownWV.gov

<http://www.morgantownwv.gov/residents/urban-deer/>

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