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## **City Looks Forward to 3rd Successful Year of Urban Deer Harvest**

*Archers are being organized for the 2013 Urban Deer Archery Hunt.*

MORGANTOWN – Urban sportsmen are being called upon again in 2013 to help the City of Morgantown manage the abundant deer population within city limits.

The City of Morgantown's Urban Deer Archery Hunt is in the early stages of its third year, and this year they're holding new hunter registration early to gauge future details for the hunt, scheduled for September-December 2013.

The goal of the Urban Deer Archery Hunt is to lower the amount of complaints about destruction of property due to deer and the number of urban deer/vehicle accidents, but there's an additional underlying bonus: it helps to feed the hungry here in Morgantown.

Last year, Rick Bebout, hunt organizer, reported that 118 deer were harvested, and 1,617 pounds of venison was processed by Backwoods Taxidermy and donated to kitchens and shelters in the City, including the Bartlett House and the Ronald McDonald House. In 2011, during the first hunt, 45 deer were harvested.

The 2012 UDAH expanded on the 2011 hunting grounds, featuring more private properties suggested by landowners. Bebout says that by identifying more hunting grounds inside city limits, it has greatly increased the amount of deer harvested. In this third year, they hope to identify additional property owned by residents that may be suitable for an urban deer hunt, especially adjacent plats of land that can be grouped for large acreage and additional safety to surrounding land.

To register, residents can visit the Citizen's Request Manager, found under the "Residents" menu on [MorgantownWV.gov](http://MorgantownWV.gov). Click "Make A Request," and then select [Urban Deer Archery Hunt](#) from the "Animal Control" category. There, they can specify whether they'd like to hunt and/or if they are a landowner and have property that they would like to suggest for the upcoming hunt.

Additional information can be found on the Urban Deer Archery Hunt Page at <http://www.morgantownwv.gov/residents/urban-deer/>.

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