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Morgantown City Manager Announces Final Locations, Donations for Inaugural Urban Deer Archery Hunt

Morgantown's 3rd Annual Urban Deer Archery Hunt will run September 7 – December 31, 2013.

MORGANTOWN – Organizers say permits have been distributed, rules finalized, and tree stands installed in preparation of the 2013 Urban Deer Archery Hunt, set to begin tomorrow.

Last year's properties included the West Virginia University organic farm, both dairy farms, the WVU Farm Woodlot, the WVU Arboretum, private properties, and portions of City Parks. This year's properties include:

- BoParc - Dorsey's Knob Park
- BoPARC - Krepps Park
- BoPARC - White Park
- Green Bag Road hillside
- Harner Street
- Sabraton Avenue
- City of Morgantown - Green Bag Road/MUB Woodlot
- Powell Avenue/Route 7
- Munsey Avenue
- White Avenue/Panrell Property - Conrad Place
- Sabraton hillside
- Liberty Street
- 4 Parcels in South Pointe Circle
- WV Botanic Garden
- WVU Arboretum
- WVU Dairy Farm
- WVU Dairy Farm - Bypass Hollow
- WVU Dairy Farm - Lower West Run
- WVU Falling Run Property
- WVU Farm Woodlot
- WVU Motorpool
- WVU Organic Farm
- WVU Research Park
- Chalfant Lane

In 2011, 67 hunters brought in almost 45 deer. In 2012, the hunting list was expanded to 77 permitted hunters, who far surpassed the previous year's harvest with 118 deer.

The West Virginia Department of Natural Resources has also approved a change to the rules. You are now allowed to take two deer on the same day, provided they are not both antlered (bucks).

But the Urban Deer Archery Hunt isn't just cutting down the overwhelming deer population. It's also giving hunters a chance to make sure Morgantown's less fortunate have a hot meal.



The processed meat will be distributed to area soup kitchens and shelters for use in their daily hot meals. Last year, 118 deer were donated to this cause, resulting in more than 1,600 pounds of fresh venison for local shelters.

Year	Hunters	Donated Venison
2011	67	400 lbs.
2012	77	1,617 lbs
2013	90	

Mikorski also says the City Manager's office plans to publicize data as the hunt progresses. Final counts for the 2013 Hunt are anticipated to be released around late January or early February 2014.

Site locations, as well as the Urban Deer Archery Hunt Ordinance and rules, site map, and the Urban Deer Study, are available at <http://www.morgantownwv.gov/residents/urban-deer/>.

Alternate methods of deterring urban deer in a humane fashion can be found at <http://www.morgantownwv.gov/residents/urban-deer/deer-resistant-landscaping/>.

Daily updates from organizer Rick Bebout can be found on the Morgantown Urban Archers Facebook group.

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