



City of Kalamazoo, Ross Township Property “WPS-37” @ Greer Drive & N. 37th Street

Antlerless Archery Hunting Overview 2025

Hunting this property is privilege, not a right.

Archery hunting is a popular and important recreational activity. Hunters play a significant role in deer management at WPS-37 by collecting data on fluctuations in population size, overall health, and mitigating browsing damage. Antlerless Archery Hunting is allowed at WPS-37 in select areas only.

The goal of the City’s Department of Public Services (“City”) hunting program is to reduce the antlerless deer population to sustainable numbers that will result in healthier forests and a healthy deer herd. City Staff will monitor who accesses the property to ensure a safe & enjoyable experience for everyone.

Hunters will be required to comply with all MDNR rules and regulations, including obtaining a base license, one MDNR permit/tag, and submitting any requested samples for collection.

The City has obtained MDNR Deer Management Assistance Permits (DMAPs) that allow limited antlerless archery hunting on designated properties. This Archery Hunting Program is in cooperation with Ross Township. In the future, the process may be open to the public and conducted as a lottery. An informational Hunting Packet will be provided by the City.

Hunters must apply for the City’s Archery Hunting Permit each year, August 1st to 31st.

Hunters may apply as an individual or as a hunting group (up to 3 people per application).

MDNR Base Licenses and at least one tag must be purchased separately by the hunter through the current MDNR permit application process

(<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/hunting/deer>) and the MDNR Hunting Digest must be followed. All MDNR rules & regulations apply.

Allowable licenses for WPS-37 are for Youth age 9 and under, Youth age 10-16, Resident age 17-64 years and Resident senior age 65+ years.

Hunting Packet: Includes a City hunting permit, DMAP License (kill tag), liability form, parking pass, tree stand card, harvest data sheets/QR code, maps, and other important information.

Reporting to the City

Hunters will be required to provide data after deer removal, such as the condition of the deer when harvested, etc. The harvest report must be submitted to the City at the end of the season, no later than January 15th. Tasteful photos of your harvest are encouraged and may be included in the City’s media outreach. Data collected may be shared with MDNR, local, state and federal partners to help promote important wildlife management and research.

IMPORTANT: City harvest reporting does not relieve the hunter of the obligation to report deer harvests to the MDNR as required.

Reporting to the MDNR

Deer hunters are required to report a successful harvest to the MDNR within 72-hours or before transferring possession of the deer (to another person, a processor or taxidermist). To report, go to <https://www.mdnr-eligible.com/harvestreport> or use the QR code below.

Hunters MUST use the City's designated **DMAP License number** and **DATE of BIRTH, 1-1-1918** to report a harvest. This is provided on all City deer permits and tree stand cards.

When reporting harvests to MDNR be prepared to also report the unique kill tag license number that was attached to the deer, the township (Ross), the type of deer harvested (fawn/antlered/adult doe), and date of harvest. In addition, some hunters will be asked additional management-related questions.

Reference Information

Refer to the City's **Archery Hunting Permit Application Process** for important dates, permit fees, etc. at ProtectYourWater.net/Resources/Hunting.

QR Codes are provided below for easy access to information referenced in this packet.

<p>QR CODE to City website pending</p>	<p>QR CODE to DMA Maps pending</p>	<p>QR CODE to City reporting</p>	<p>QR CODE to MDNR reporting</p> 
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Important Deadlines

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| August 1 to 31 | Apply for the City's Archery Hunting Permit each season |
| Sept. 1 | Starting this date, City applications will be processed and awarded |
| Sept. 13 to Jan 1 | City-allowed Regular Hunting Season |
| January 15 | City Deer Harvest Reports Due |
| March 1 | Tree Stand Removal Deadline |

Meat Processing

The City is not currently participating in any deer harvest donation program but may choose to do so in the future. For 2025, hunters are responsible for using the City's DMAP License number and birth date when tagging the deer and taking their harvest to a meat processor.



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Antlerless Archery Hunting Permit Application Process

Applications are taken each season by the City from **August 1st to 31st** and are available online at ProtectYourWater.net/Resources/Hunting. Applications are specific to available Deer Management Areas (DMA) each season.

City-allowed Regular Season Hunting dates:

- **Liberty hunt:** Sept. 13 – 14, 2025. Open to eligible youth and hunters with disabilities. One antlered deer or antlerless deer per license/permit.
- **Early antlerless firearm:** Sept. 20 –21, 2025 (hunters must wear orange) Archery equipment can be used during this season, but NO FIREARMS are allowed.
- **Independence hunt:** Oct. 16 – 19, 2025 hunters with disabilities.
- **Archery:** Oct. 1 – Nov. 14, 2025 and Dec. 1, 2025 – Jan. 1, 2026 (hunters must wear orange in December - January)

Archery Hunting Permit Application Requirements

1. Signed copy of the City’s Hunting Permit Application Form (attached)
2. Initialed copy of Hunting and Tree Stand Policy (attached, 1st page)

***** City Hunting Permits are NO COST to applicants *****

Submit the Application 1) the City’s QR code, 2) by email to talandaj@kalamazoocity.org, or by mail to COK Deer Hunting Program, 1415 N. Harrison St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Questions? Visit www.ProtectYourWater.net/Resources/Hunting

Email talandaj@kalamazoocity.org or **Text** 269-370-1939

Call 311 (from inside the City) or (269) 337-8000 (if outside the City).

Hunting Packet

Applications will be processed and awarded starting Sept. 1st. All applicants will be notified of awards via the contact information listed on the application. Hunters may only apply once per year and can request to be wait-listed on the application. Hunters whose names appear on more than one application will be disqualified.

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Hunters will attend a **mandatory in-person meeting** on (Date) _____ from (Time) _____ at (Location) _____ to receive their Hunting Packet of materials. Some exception may be allowed to receive materials digitally via email or mail. Signed liability release forms are required before hunting and can be by email to talandaj@kalamazocity.org or mailed to *COK Deer Hunting Program, 1415 N. Harrison St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.*

Hunting Packet: Includes a City hunting permit; DMAP License, liability form, parking pass, tree stand card; harvest data sheets and QR code; maps; and other important information.

***** Only hunters who submit harvest sheets will be eligible to hunt the next season.*****

Use and Restrictions

- 1) The parking pass must be prominently displayed in vehicle dashboard while hunting.
- 2) The unused City Hunting Permit must be carried by the hunter while hunting on City-owned property. Copies of Permits are NOT permitted.
- 3) The Permit is for the sole use of the hunter(s) named and can only be used by a person listed as part of the hunter's group (1 or 2 others) on the application. The hunter shall present the City tag/permit, photo ID, and base hunting license upon the request of a law enforcement officer or designated City Staff to verify they are the hunter(s) named on the permit.
- 4) Field dressing is allowed at the kill and tag location.
- 5) Tree stand markers must be placed on all tree stands.



Department of Public Services

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Hunting & Tree Stand Policy

Hunting Policy

***** ABSOLUTELY NO FIREARMS are permitted on City of Kalamazoo-owned properties. *****

- DAILY Registration is required when hunting by text to 269-370-1939 or email to talandaj@kalamazoocity.org. The INFORMATION REQUIRED includes the City’s DMAP license # (i.e. WPS-37-1) and names of each hunter.
- Per the City’s Permit, hunters are only allowed to hunt in the assigned hunting Deer Management Area (i.e. DMA-1).
- Motorized vehicles are not allowed except in designated parking areas. When parking, DO NOT block gates, roadways, or access drives. Vehicles found to be in violation may be TOWED at the owner’s expense.
- Property lines will be marked by the City. NO HUNTING is allowed in Safety Zones designated as being within 150 ft of any building on off-site property, or within 100 ft of the property boundary.
- NO BAITING is allowed.
- The City’s Harvest Report is required and can be submitted anytime but no later than January 15th using: 1) the City’s QR code, 2) by email to talandaj@kalamazoocity.org, or by mail to *COK Deer Hunting Program, 1415 N. Harrison St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007*.
- Deer harvest must be registered with the MDNR per the MDNR Hunting Regulation Guide.
- Field dressing is allowed at the kill and tag location.
- Only a minimum of branches may be removed, using hand pruners, to improve shooting lanes. Branches cannot be cut with saws or loppers or torn by hand.
- Only temporary blinds may be used. Please review the TREE STAND POLICY before using a tree stand.
- Report suspicious activity to the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office at (269) 488-8911.
- All other State Regulations apply.

Tree Stand Policy

Tree Stand vs. Tree Blind? A tree stand is an elevated platform that a hunter uses to sit or stand while hunting. A tree blind or elevated box blind is a fully enclosed ground-level structure.

- AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, only temporary portable stands or platforms can be used on City property. Stands cannot be affixed or attached to any tree by nails, screws, or

bolts. Stands and blinds cannot be placed on City-owned properties any earlier than **Sept. 13th and must be removed by March 1st**. Stands and blinds left on City-owned properties outside of these dates will be deemed abandoned and may be disposed of by the City per its discretion.

- Hunter or Group ID must be prominently displayed on the stand or platform.
- Stands / tree steps cannot cause excessive damage to trees. No screw-in steps allowed.
- Stands cannot be placed in black cherry, oak, or walnut trees; it is the responsibility of the hunter to identify tree species.
- Stands must not be visible from the main roads (Greer Drive and N. 37th Street), and cannot be located within 150 feet of any building on off-site properties.

***** Any hunter harassment by other hunters, visitors or dogs on or off a leash should be promptly reported to management at (269)-337-8000. *****

Reporting Deer Kill/Harvest

- AS REQUIRED in the City's Archery Hunting Overview and the MDNR Deer Hunting Regulation Summary.

Other Policies

Although WPS-37 consists of forested vacant parcels, the City maintains several test wells on the property for future use. The wells are spray-painted and flagged in bold colors and marked on the maps provided. If necessary, City Management will do its best to inform hunters of operational activities at the site during business hours.

DMA Maps



Program Info

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Acronyms

City - City of Kalamazoo, Department of Public Services

DHA - Designated Harvest Areas (City of Kalamazoo)

DMA - Deer Management Assistance Permit (MDNR)

MDNR - Michigan Department of Natural Resources

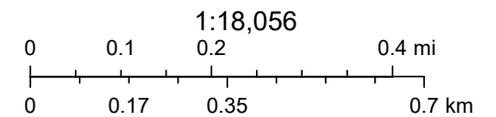
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Designated Harvest Areas (DHA)

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| Address Points | County Local Road | Parcels 2022 |
| Government Units | County Local Road - Tertiary | Lakes |
| Street Centerlines | Private/Non-Certified Road | ParcelAddresses |
| County Primary Road | | |



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Kalamazoo County

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Archery Hunting Program 2025

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County: Kalamazoo

Township: Ross

Size in Acres: 57

Hunt types Allowed: Bow archery, antlerless

Hunting Permits Allowed: 25



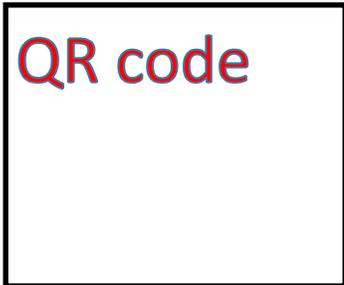
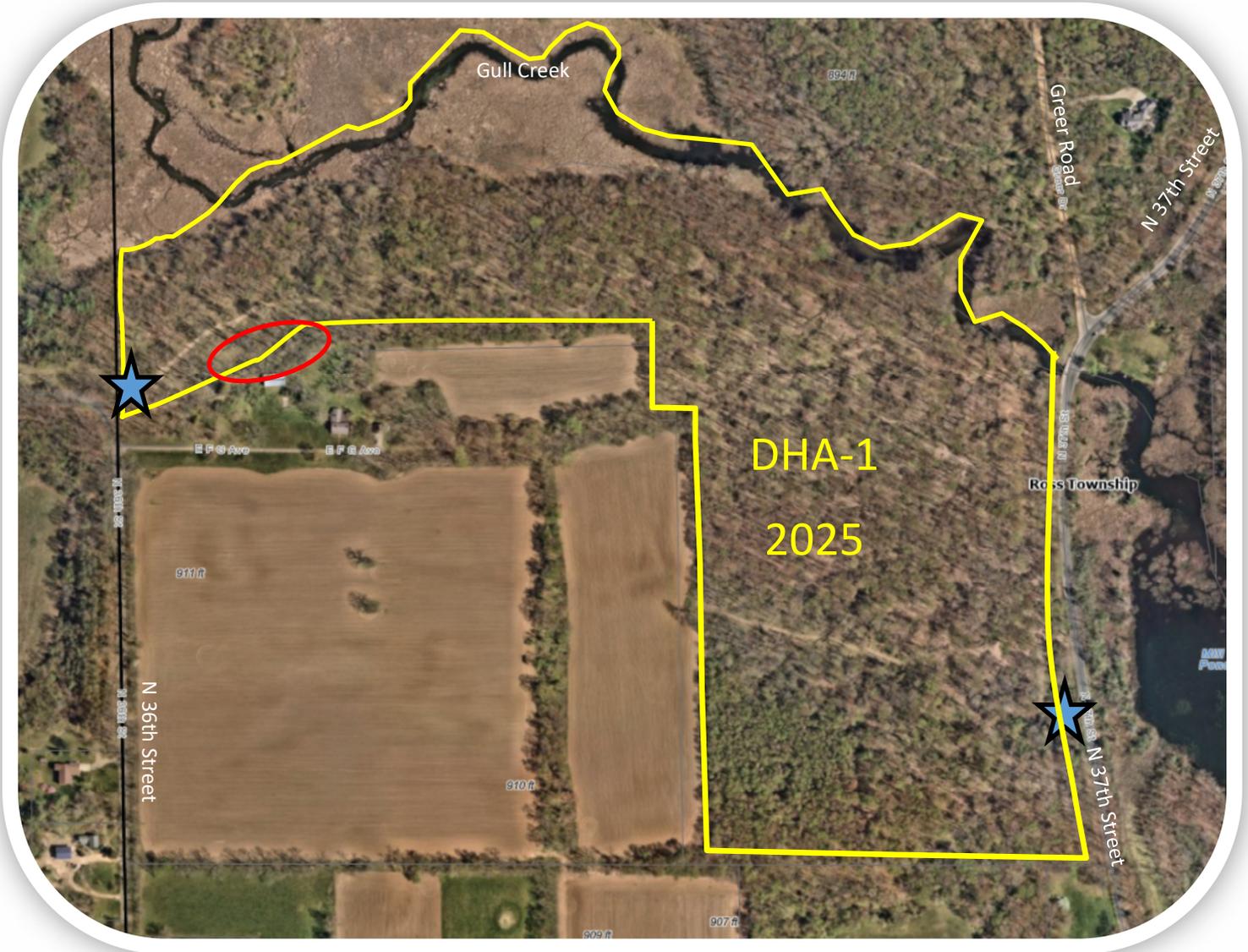
Access & Parking/Field Dressing



Designated Harvest Areas (DHA)



Safety Zone—houses/structures



For more information on the Archery Hunting Program, scan this QR code (on the left) with you smartphone or similar device OR visit www.ProtectYourWater.net/Resources/Hunting

HUNTER SAFETY ZONES of 50 yards (150 feet) are enforced at ALL TIMES around all buildings and structures. Be aware of all property boundaries; Do not trespass onto adjacent lands.

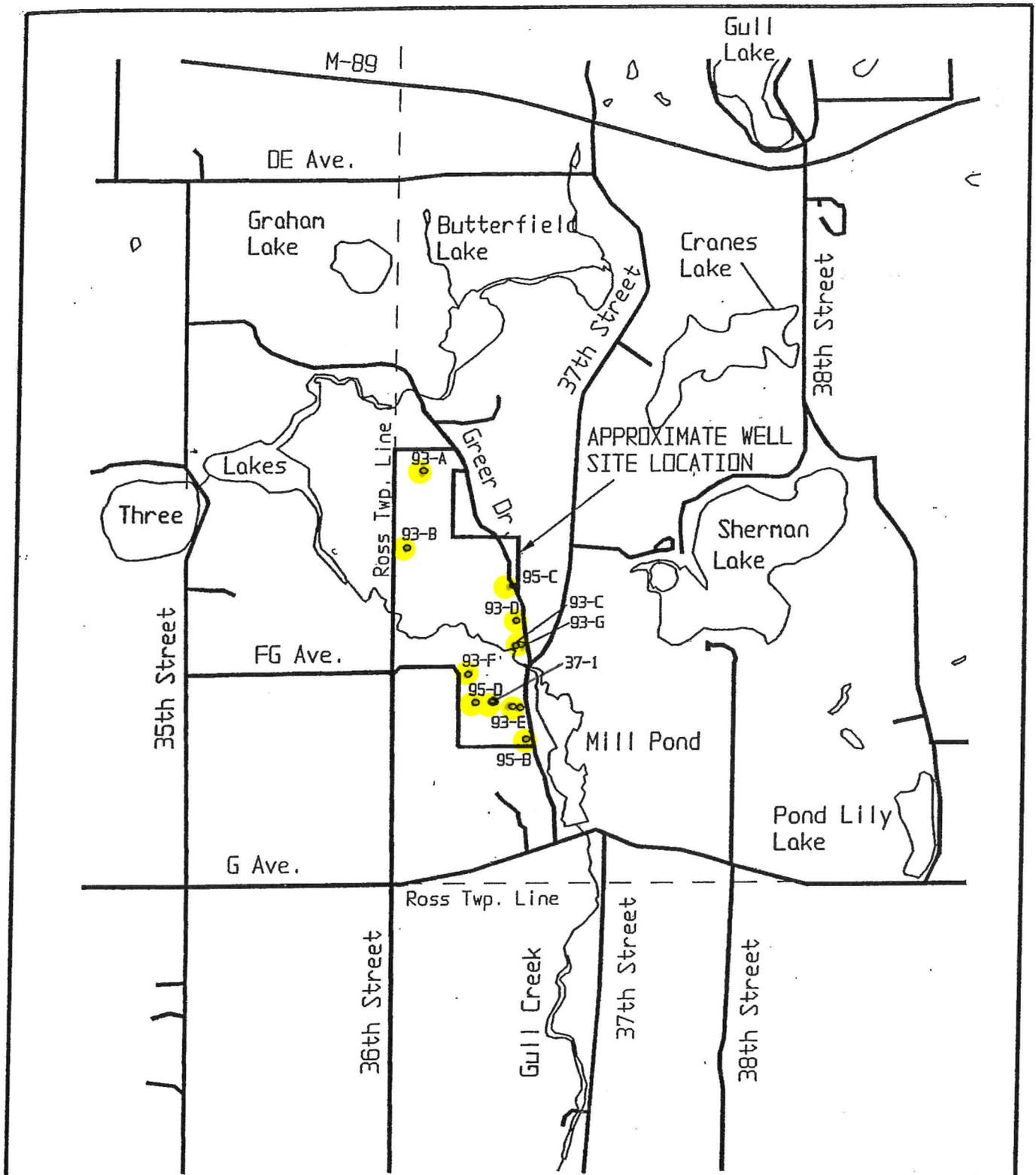
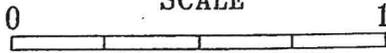


Figure 1

○ = Monitoring Well

SCALE



MILE

1" = Approximately, 2640'

City of Kalamazoo
 Ross Township Wellfield
 Site Location Map

NORTH





**City of Kalamazoo
Deer Archery Hunting Release**

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE
Please read carefully before signing
This is a release of liability and waiver of certain legal rights**

In consideration for being permitted to participate in a “Deer Archery Hunting Program” and related archery hunting activities (the “Hunting Activities”) at the City of Kalamazoo property know as WPS-37 @ Greer Drive and North 37th Street in Ross Township, Kalamazoo County. I agree to the following Release of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue (the “Release”):

1. **Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks.** I understand that the Hunting Activities are inherently dangerous and involve significant risks of personal injury, death, and property damage. I hereby assume and accept responsibility for all risks of personal injury, death, and property damage which might be associated with my participation in the Activities whether known or unknown and whether attributable to my actions or inactions or the actions or inactions (including negligence) of anyone else.

2. **Release of Liability and Covenant not to Sue.** I hereby release and discharge the CITY of Kalamazoo, Michigan and its commissioners, officers, volunteers, members, employees, and agents (the “Released Parties”) from any and all responsibility, liability, claims, damages, costs, attorneys’ fees, expenses, and from any and all causes of action either known or unknown, relating to or arising out of my participation in the Hunting Activities. Further, I hereby covenant not to sue or assert any claim of any nature against the Released Parties relating to or arising out of my participation in the Hunting Activities.

3. **Indemnity.** I agree to pay the Released Parties for any and all claims, costs, expenses, or liability (including attorneys' fees), attributable to personal injury or death, or to damage or destruction of property relating to or arising out of my participation in the Hunting Activities. I attest I have health insurance. If I am signing this Release on behalf of a minor, I agree to pay the Released Parties for any and all claims, costs, expenses, or liability (including attorneys' fees), attributable to personal injury or death, or to damage or destruction of property relating to or arising out of the participation in the Hunting Activities by the minor on whose behalf I am signing this Release (to include health coverage).

4. **Representations.** I represent that: (I) I am 18 years old or older; (ii) I know of no reason, medical or otherwise, which would prevent me from participating in the Activities; (iii) I understand and agree that this Release is binding upon me, and my heirs and assigns; and (iv) if I am signing this Release on behalf of a minor, I represent that I have full legal authority to do so and realize the binding effect of this Release on them, as well as on myself.

5. **Consent to Medical Treatment.** If I, or the minor on whose behalf I am signing this Release, is injured or becomes ill, I consent to and authorize the provision of emergency first aid or medical treatment.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE, I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT. I HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND I INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF RELEASED PARTIES TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW FOR SAID HUNTING ACTIVITY.

Print Name of Participant _____ Age of Participant _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

If Participant Is Under 18 Years Old:

Print Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Participant _____ Age of Participant _____



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City Bow Hunting Application (must be returned before permit awarded)

Date _____ Signature _____

First and Last Name _____

Street Address _____

(line 2) _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Other _____

Email _____

An MDNR Base License is required to qualify, no exceptions.

License number _____

Will you sign the City's Release of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue form? Yes / No

What is the best way for the City to contact you? _____

If not awarded permit, do you want to be wait-listed? _____

In-person meeting is mandatory (pg 4). Other arrangement? _____

Did you read the Hunting & Tree Stand Policy? _____

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City Harvest Report (must be returned by January 15th)

Date _____

First and Last Name _____

City Permit number _____

Number and type of deer harvested (fawn/antlered/adult doe)

Conditions of Deer (healthy, diseased, injured, other)

Do you hunt with a bow or crossbow? _____

Other comments to share with the City? _____

Would you return to hunt at this location again? _____

Overall, did you enjoy your hunt at this location? _____

How to Submit the Harvest Report:

QR code shown

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