



## DEER MANAGEMENT REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete and submit Volunteer Registration, Waiver, Release of Liability Form.
2. Return form **AND** a copy of your driver's license to our office:  
Meridian Township Service Center (in Nancy Moore Park)  
Gaylord C. Smith Court  
Haslett, MI 48840  
OR place in drop box  
OR email to Jane Greenway at [greenway@meridian.mi.us](mailto:greenway@meridian.mi.us)
3. Meridian Township will run a background check and process your application
4. If approved, you will be contacted to enroll for the Archery Workshop at the MSU Demmer Center on September 11, 2018 at 6 pm.
5. Returning hunters will not be required to take the proficiency test at the Demmer Center, but **WILL** be required to attend the Archery Workshop (Sept. 11 at 6 pm).
6. After you have passed the proficiency test, you will be assigned to a property and will receive an information packet with your deer tags, a map, sign for your dashboard, and hunter ID.
7. Returning hunters have first priority and generally receive their first choice of hunting property.



## Meridian Township Deer Management Program - 2018 Volunteer Registration, Waiver, Release of Liability

Meridian Township is seeking volunteers to participate in special controlled deer harvests on specific township-owned properties. These deer harvests have been developed to reduce the whitetail deer population.

1. The Deer Management Program is ARCHERY ONLY.
2. Approved hunters are allowed to be on their assigned property seven days a week from ½ hour before dawn to ½ hour after dusk, per State of MI and DNR rules, during the regular bow and firearm seasons (October 1, 2018 through January 1, 2019).
3. Bow hunting is allowed during the firearm season, as long as the hunter is carrying a combination license or a firearm license, per DNR rules.

### **APPLICANT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WAIVER**

To Whom It May Concern:

I authorize Meridian Township to investigate my personal history, character, and police records, as they may be relevant to determine my suitability as a volunteer working with the deer management program. I understand that such an investigation may also include a driving record check, and criminal history check.

I hereby release and hold harmless Meridian Township, its agents or others from any liability or damage which may result from furnishing the information requested.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Driver license number \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\*WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE - YOU MAY MAKE A COPY AT THE MERIDIAN SERVICE CENTER**

### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY BY A VOLUNTEER FOR PARTICIPATION IN DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

In consideration of receiving permission from Meridian Township, I, the undersigned, state and agree as follows:

The undersigned states and agrees as follows:

1. I have read and will abide by the Meridian Township rules and regulations dealing with the deer management activities, as well as all applicable MDNR hunting rules and regulations.

2. I will use only hunting equipment that I know how to operate and use safely. I will not undertake any deer management activity until I have been informed of and understand my role in the deer management activities, including the actions I am to take in those activities.

3. I am in good health and I am aware of no physical problem or condition which will limit or interfere with my ability to participate in the deer management activities under either predicted or emergency conditions. I also understand that medical attention may not be readily available.

4. I understand that the activities in which I will be participating may be inherently dangerous and/or involve strenuous activity. I agree to take all reasonable precautions to avoid injury to myself and to others and damage to property in connection with deer management activities. I agree that I am participating at my own risk, and acknowledge that Meridian Township makes no warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the condition or safety of the property where I will be participating in the deer management activities ("the Property") or any equipment to be used in the deer management activities.

5. I waive and release, and covenant not to sue, Meridian Township, its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, and volunteers, from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses resulting from any injury to me or damage to my or their property arising out of my or their presence at the Property, travel to or from the Property, or our participation in the deer management activities. I further agree to be responsible for any injuries caused by my negligence, and will hold Meridian Township harmless for such.

6. I understand that I have no right to participate as a volunteer in this program. Meridian Township has the sole discretion in selecting volunteers, and may make its decision based on whatever factors it deems appropriate. I also understand that if I am selected as a volunteer, Meridian Township may revoke that selection at any time for any reason without liability.

7. I am at least 18 years of age, and I understand the contents of this Release.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**HUNTER COMMITMENT TO DEER MANAGEMENT**

The Meridian Township Deer Management Program has a limited number of spaces. As a result, we require a strong hunting commitment from the hunters and ask that you commit to hunting a minimum of one day per week. We regularly check records and if you are not regularly hunting your assigned property, your "spot" may be replaced by another hunter who is able to commit more time to our program.

\_\_\_\_\_ : I commit to hunting my assigned property on a weekly basis  
(hunter signature & date)

**Include your preferred hunting locations below (see map of Meridian Township Deer Management Areas):**

Have you previously participated in Meridian Township's Deer Management program? (yes/no)

\_\_\_\_\_

\*There is absolutely NO guarantee that you will receive your top choice

First choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Third choice: \_\_\_\_\_

**Private Property Hunting:**

Are you interested in having your name on a list of hunters that may be provided to private homeowners in Meridian Township who would like their property to be hunted?

\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_ NO

**Notes:**

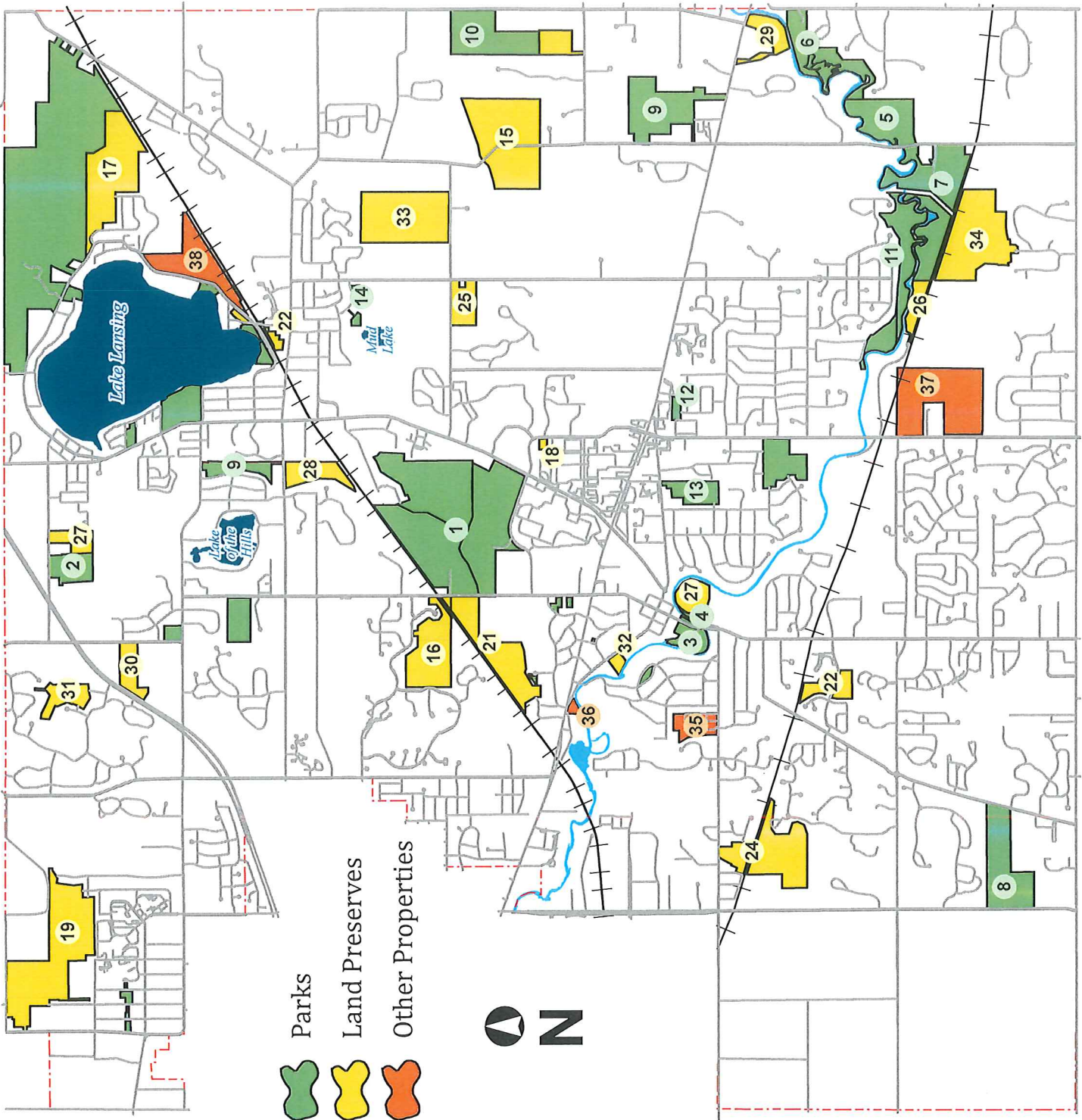
1. Meridian Township's hunting rules do not apply to hunting arrangements with private land owners, but the State of MI rules do apply.
2. Private landowners understand that Meridian Charter Township has NO responsibility or control of the hunters involved in this program.



## Deer Management FAQ's

- 1. How can I participate in the Meridian Township Deer Management Program?**  
To submit your name for the waiting list please call or visit the Meridian Township Service Center at 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court Haslett, MI 48840 to fill out an application, view hunting maps, rules, and regulations.
- 2. What are the requirements to hunt in the Deer Management Program?**  
Placement in the program is **limited to Meridian Township residents**. All hunters must submit to a background check, and pass a proficiency test and equipment check. There are also minimum participation requirements throughout the hunting season.
- 3. When and where does the hunt take place?**  
The deer management program coincides with the archery season, running from October 1, 2018 through January 1, 2019. Hunting occurs seven days a week from ½ hour before dawn to ½ hour after dusk. All participating properties are posted at obvious points of entry.
- 4. What safety precautions has the township taken to prevent hunting related incidents?**  
Hunting is limited to **archery only**. Designated properties have a predetermined number of hunters based on the property size, huntable area, and public use. All hunters are required to have a background check, pass a proficiency test, and pass an equipment check. Hunter participation is reported as far as property entrance and exit times, their stand locations, and deer in process of being tracked.
- 5. Can I hunt on private property in Meridian Township?**  
Yes, be sure to obtain written landowner permission and follow all State rules and regulations. **Meridian Township parks and land preserves are not open to public hunting.**
- 6. What do the hunters do with the venison?**  
Hunters are allowed to keep the meat themselves, but are encouraged to donate the deer through Michigan Sportsman Against Hunger (MSAH), so that the meat can be donated to local food banks.
- 7. How many reported deer car collisions occur in Meridian Township?**  
2017: 148  
2016: 164  
2015: 144  
2014: 137
- 8. Who can I call to report a dead deer along the roadway?**  
Contact the Dead Animal Recovery Team (DART) through the Ingham County Sherriff's Office at 517.676.8220. Leave your name, phone number, the location, and the type of animal.
- 9. How can I remove a dead deer/animal from my yard?**  
Most pest and nuisance animal control professionals offer carcass removal service. Meridian Township does not offer this service.
- 10. I believe someone is poaching on my property or illegally feeding deer, who do I call?**  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources RAP line (Report All Poaching 800.292.7800)

# Meridian Township Deer Management Areas



- 1 Central Park
- 2 Towner Road Park
- 3 Wonch Park
- 4 Ferguson Park
- 5 Harris Nature Center
- 6 Eastgate Park
- 7 Legg Park
- 8 Hartrick Park
- 9 Ted Black Woods
- 10 North Meridian Rd. Park
- 11 Red Cedar Natural Area
- 12 Forest Hills Natural Area
- 13 Tacoma Hills Park
- 14 Orlando Outlot B
- 15 Davis/Foster Preserve
- 16 Hubbel Preserve
- 17 Lake Lansing North Preserve
- 18 Newman Equities Preserve
- 19 Towar Woods Preserve
- 20 Lake Lansing South Preserve
- 21 Central Meridain Uplands
- 22 Sower Woods Preserve
- 23 Tihart/Cornell Wetland
- 24 Southwest Meridian Uplands
- 25 Sumbal Preserve
- 26 Red Cedar Glen Preserve
- 27 Towner Wetland Preserve
- 28 Meridian Central Wetland
- 29 Red Cedar River East Preserve
- 30 Forest Grove Preserve
- 31 North Ridge Preserve
- 32 Mandenberg Woods
- 33 Tihart Preserve
- 34 Ponderosa Preserve
- 35 Glendale Cemetery
- 36 Riverside Cemetery
- 37 Ingham County Farm
- 38 Transfer Station