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Honorable Scott Lavender
Township of Long Hill
915 Valley Road
Gillette, NJ 07933

Dear Mayor Lavender:

Attached please find a copy of the schedule for the Morris County Park Commission's (MCPC) 2023/24 White-Tailed Deer Management Program. Please note that Passaic River County Park in the Township of Long Hill are included in this year's program. This program and its implementation are consistent with the regulations of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (NJDFW). Details about the 2023/24 program, including maps of all hunting areas, will be posted on the MCPC's website.

Please note that this is not a recreational hunt. This controlled management program is being conducted to help reduce and maintain white-tailed deer populations at levels that will allow for the re-establishment of native plant communities within the park system that have been severely damaged by deer over-browsing. These communities are critical for the sustainability of our preserved natural areas and for the support of native wildlife species. The MCPC has attempted to reduce the public inconvenience of park closings by limiting the number of dates on which parks will be closed to the minimum number that we feel can ensure a successful program.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Darrell Jones, Superintendent of Natural Resources Management at (862) 325-7745 or djones@morrisparks.net.

Sincerely,

Dave Helmer
Executive Director

cc: Randy Bahr, Administrator, Township of Long Hill
Alexis Ciambriello, Lieutenant, Township of Long Hill

Morris County Park Commission - 2023/24 Deer Management Program

Hunt Schedule

Park	Town	Bow Seasons		Permit Shotgun, 6-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader
Deer Management Zone 6				
Jonathan's Woods	Denville, Rockaway, & Boonton Twp.	Sept. 9 - Jan. 31		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Mahlon Dickerson Reservation	Jefferson & Sparta	Sept. 9 - Jan. 31		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Minnisink Reservation	Jefferson & Roxbury	Sept. 9 - Jan. 31		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Mount Hope Historical County Park	Rockaway	Sept. 9 - Jan. 31		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Silas Condict County Park	Kinnelon	Sept. 9 - Jan. 31		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Deer Management Zone 8				
Black River Facilities (Cooper Gristmill, Kay Environmental Center, Bamboo Brook & Willowood Arboretum)	Chester Twp. & Bedminster	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		Dec. 4, 7, 14 Jan. 11, 18 Park & Trails Closed
		Saturdays Permitted		
Schooley's Mountain County Park - Core	Washington	Sept. 11 - Feb. 16		None
		Saturdays <u>Not</u> Permitted		
Schooley's Mountain County Park - Outer	Washington	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Deer Management Zone 9				
Mount Paul Memorial County Park	Chester Twp. & Mendham Twp.	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Alamatong Wellfield (Morris County MUA Property)	Roxbury, Randolph & Chester Twp.	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Deer Management Zone 13				
Central Park of Morris County	Parsippany Troy-Hills	Sept. 11 - Oct. 27	Oct. 28 - Feb. 17	None
		Saturdays <u>Not</u> Permitted	Saturdays Permitted	
Deer Management Zone 13 (cont.)				

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Fosterfields Living Historical Farm - North	Morris	Sept. 11 - Oct. 24	Oct. 28 - Feb. 17	None
		Mon and Tues Only	Saturdays Permitted	
Fosterfields Living Historical Farm - South	Morris	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Frelinghuysen Arboretum - Main	Hanover & Morris	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Frelinghuysen Arboretum - North Tract	Hanover & Morris	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
James Andrews Memorial County Park	Randolph	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Lewis Morris County Park	Harding, Mendham Twp. & Morris	Sept. 11 - Oct. 27	Oct. 28 - Feb. 17	None
		Saturdays <u>Not</u> Permitted	Saturdays Permitted	
Loantaka Brook Reservation	Chatham Twp, Harding, Madison & Morris	Sept. 25 - Dec. 29	Jan. 1 - Feb. 17	None
		Saturdays <u>Not</u> Permitted	Saturdays Permitted	
Passaic River County Park	Chatham Twp & Long Hill	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Deer Management Zone 36				
Old Troy County Park	Parsippany Troy-Hills	Sept. 11 - Oct. 27	Oct. 28 - Feb. 17	None
		Saturdays <u>Not</u> Permitted	Saturdays Permitted	
Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area	Boonton Twp. Kinnelon & Montville	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		
Tourne County Park	Boonton Twp. Denville & Mountain	Sept. 25 - Feb. 16		None
		Saturdays <u>Not</u> Permitted		
Waughaw Mountain Greenway	Kinnelon	Sept. 9 - Feb. 17		None
		Saturdays Permitted		

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