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August 16, 2023

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,

Executive Director

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

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

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

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