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# Community Hunting Access Program (CHAP)



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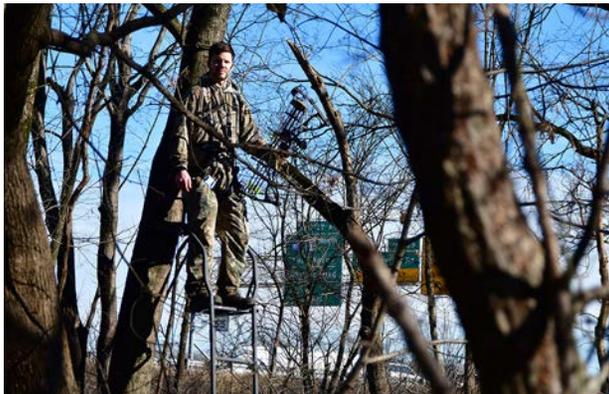
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## What is CHAP?

The Community Hunting Access Program (CHAP) is designed to increase hunting opportunities for white-tailed deer in communities where hunting access is limited. Managed hunting may also help reduce the number of human-deer conflicts in a community. The program will provide partners with financial and technical assistance to administer hunting programs in their communities. CHAP allows each community partner oversight and flexibility to determine the location and time of the hunts and which hunters can participate.

## Why is it important?

Regulated deer hunting is the most practical, cost-effective, and most widely accepted method for deer herd management. It has been implemented successfully in Indiana for many years. However, deer hunting is relatively uncommon in areas with large numbers of people. High densities of human dwellings, complex land ownership, perceived safety concerns, and other factors create a need for expert coordination and management of community hunts.



## Who can apply?

- Communities, including HOAs, parks, golf courses and other entities, complete the online application at [on.IN.gov/dnrchap](https://on.IN.gov/dnrchap) by March 31 each year. Individual landowners are NOT eligible.
- Grants are awarded through a competitive process with priority given to those communities that document human-deer conflicts, are willing to allow hunting access, provide measureable objectives, and demonstrate a community-wide impact.
- Hunters interested in participating in a CHAP hunt may complete a Deer Hunt Registry (DHR) application at [on.IN.gov/deerhuntregistry](https://on.IN.gov/deerhuntregistry). Applying does NOT guarantee placement.

## Funding

- Funding for CHAP is made possible from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Grant, which is supported in part by the sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses.
- Successful applicants with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife can receive up to \$25,000 per hunting season for two consecutive seasons.
- Funding can be used to offset the cost of administering a CHAP deer hunting program. Costs may include hiring a coordinator and purchasing equipment
- Funds will be paid each year upon receipt of annual report documenting the results of the managed hunt.