TOWN OF PERINTON
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT (HUNTING) POLICY

The Town of Perinton is initiating a Hunting Policy/Program that will authorize registered individuals to hunt on select town properties.

Purpose:

The Town of Perinton experiences one of the highest deer/automobile accident rates in Monroe County. Nuisance wildlife complaints within the Town have also risen dramatically within the past few years. The implementation of this policy will decrease the incidents of collision, curb the rate of nuisance wildlife reports and institute a greater degree of safety for all users of the selected properties.

Hunting already exists on a limited number of Town properties without consent of the Town. There are currently no controls in place that allow the Town to know where and how many people are using Town owned lands to hunt. This policy will not increase the number of hunters, rather it will better limit, manage and identify the hunters, properly manage the population of select wildlife, and establish hard data related to the harvested game.

Properties:

The only properties where hunting will be permitted are as follows:
>   (The former) DeWitt property on Turk Hill Road
>   Carter/Furman Road Open Space
>   Thayer Road Open Space
>   Howell Road town property (east and west side of Howell Road)
>   McCoords Woods Open Space
>   White Brook Open Space (north and south side of NYS Rte 31)

Select properties will support only specific game hunting.

Wildlife (Game):

The only species of game that will be managed include the following:
>   Deer, waterfowl, turkey, coyote and fox.

Management:

- All New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) rules and regulations will be strictly adhered to.
- Only Town of Perinton resident hunters with valid DEC hunting permits and proper game tags will be considered for the program.
- The total number of hunting permits issued by the Town of Perinton will be determined by the size of the selected property. The smaller the property, a lesser number of permits will be issued. The number of permits issued could range from two, to eight, dependent on the size of the property.
- All hunters will be issued a permit that will include a hunter identification number, and must be carried on the hunter at all times.
- Bows and crossbows will be permitted. Select firearms may be used for waterfowl and coyote/fox.

- The Town of Perinton Parks Department and Animal Control Officer will manage the program. All registered hunters must provide personal contact information to the parks department.
- All hunters will meet with the Parks Director to ensure their understanding of the rules, regulations and restrictions of the program, prior to their permit being issued.
- Questions, concerns and complaints can be directed to the Parks Director and/or Town Animal Control Officer.
- This program does not change, nor violate current Perinton Town Code.

Benefits:
- The primary benefit of this program is that it will increase the safety of all users of the property by limiting and identifying the individuals that are hunting the property.
- The rate of wildlife/automobile collision will decrease.
- The frequency of nuisance wildlife incidents will decrease.
- This program will support DEC wildlife management plans.
- Increase shared use and stewardship for town open space property use.
- The hunter will have the option of donating the venison in an effort to fight hunger.

Contact:
- Questions, concerns and complaints can be addressed to the town Animal Control Officer or Parks Director. Their contact information is as follows:

  Monday – Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm:

Animal Control Officer	(585) 223-5115
Parks Director	(585) 223-5050

  All other times, including holidays, call the After Hours number: (585) 425-7380

This policy/program has been developed through a collaboration of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Town of Perinton Department of Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks, and Animal Control Officer.