First Turkey Hunting Season on New York City Water Supply Lands Begins October 1 on 7500 Acres



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Commissioner Emily Lloyd of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced today that the first turkey hunting season on protected New York City water supply lands will begin October 1 and run through November 17.

This summer, the DEP designated 20 parcels comprising 7500 acres throughout eight watershed counties for an expanded hunting program including small game, turkey and bear. Previously, only deer hunting had been allowed on DEP watershed lands. Next year, the Department intends to extend the new hunting program to all City watershed lands where deer hunting is currently allowed, except in cases where individual towns, villages or counties object.

Information about recreation on DEP lands is available on the Web at <u>nyc.gov/watershed</u>. Also available on the watershed recreation Web site is a new online application for DEP Access Permits that allows users to receive a new Permit instantly and to print out copies of existing Permits they may have lost. Hunt Tags, which are required in addition to Access Permits in order to hunt on DEP lands, will be available on the Web soon. However, Hunt Tag applications that can be printed and mailed are available at the site

As always, all hunting and other recreational activities on DEP land must be in compliance with applicable State regulations, including permit requirements.

The DEP has increased its hunting areas this year by over 4,000 acres and now has over 36,000 acres open for deer hunting. A total of over 74,000 acres of DEP lands are open to the public, with over 25,000 acres and 21 reservoirs or controlled lakes available for fishing. Over 105,000 people have Access Permits and over 11,000 people received Hunt Tags last year.

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) manages New York City's water supply, which is collected from three watersheds comprising nearly 2000 square miles, 19 reservoirs and three controlled lakes and

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provides over one billion gallons of quality drinking water daily serving over half the population of New York State. The DEP manages 14 in-City wastewater treatment plans, as well as nine-treatment plants upstate. DEP's operations and investments translate into 1833 jobs in the West of Hudson watershed, and DEP pays over \$100 million a year in taxes in the watershed.

DEP 2006 – 2007 SMALL GAME HUNTING AREAS							
County	Hunting Area	Town(s)	Location	Acres			
Delaware	Weaver Hollow Unit	Andes & Middletown	Weaver Hollow Road	622			
	Barbour Brook Unit	Tompkins	Barbour Brook Road	344			
	Peakes Brook Unit	Delhi	Peakes Brook & Frank Hafele Roads	194			
Dutchess	East Fishkill Unit	East Fishkill	Route 52 & Leetown Road	584			
Greene	West Hollow Unit	Ashland	Sutton Hollow Road	88			
	Mount Hayden Unit	Windham	Nauvoo & Bagley Roads	698			
	Balsam Mountain Unit	Lexington	Spruceton Road	379			
Putnam	Big Buck Unit	Kent	Farmers Mills & South Lake Roads	32			
	Dean Pond Unit	Kent	Horse Pound Road	201			
	White Pond Unit	Kent	White Pond Road	197			
Schoharie	West Conesville Unit	Conesville	Route 990V & Bull Hill Road	245			
	Hubbard Hill Unit	Gilboa	East Conesville Road	290			
	Bluebird Road Unit	Conesville	South Mountain & Blue Bird Roads	222			
Sullivan	Conklin Brook Unit	Neversink	Woodard Road	143			
	Blue Hill Unit	Neversink	Blue Hill & Hunter Roads	314			

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	West Neversink Unit	Neversink	Aiden Hill Road	1,194
Ulster	Mink Hollow Unit	Woodstock	Mink Hollow Road	614
	South Rondout Unit	Wawarsing	Route 55 & Sherman Road	704
	Big Indian Cluster	Shandaken	Route 28	272
Westchester	Louden Point	North Castle	Route 120	180

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