

Greenbelt Hunting Policy

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Hunting is allowed with written permission on some Essex County Greenbelt Association (Greenbelt) land for white-tailed deer, waterfowl and certain other species. Hunting is allowed without written permission on a few Greenbelt properties as a result of conservation restrictions (easements) held by the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

For more information, inquire with the Greenbelt contact shown below.

For properties that require permission, all permissions are issued prior to the opening of each hunting season by Greenbelt's Director of Land Stewardship.

Hunting permits are issued only to current Greenbelt members. Permits are issued annually, and previous permit holders are generally given preference. The permit must be in the hunter's possession at all times while hunting on a Greenbelt property. All Massachusetts and Federal laws apply.

Requests to obtain written hunting permission should be submitted in via mail or email to:

Director of Land Stewardship
Essex County Greenbelt Association
82 Eastern Avenue
Essex, MA 01929
978-768-7241 ext. 14.
dwr@ecga.org

The letter/email request to Greenbelt should include your contact information (with email address and cell phone number if available), as well as information about your hunting background, what species will be targeted, methods (archery or firearms), and what property or properties you wish to hunt on. Info on Greenbelt properties can be found at www.ecga.org/trails.

Requests for access to a specific property are preferred and it is advised to contact the Director of Land Stewardship to determine the status of a property before you spend time and energy scouting. All requests will be dated upon arrival and filed.

Specific requests for deer hunting are reviewed annually in August/September and permits sent out before the season opens. Requests received after the opening of archery season are deferred to the following year. The majority of deer hunting permissions are issued for archery equipment only.

Greenbelt properties with Mass. Wildlife conservation restriction easements:

Donald Woodland, Newbury

GPS Location

Latitude 42.775534, Longitude -70.941015

Google Map Locator

Conservation Restriction

Granted 2012 by Greenbelt to Mass. Dept. of Fish and Game

Public may hunt – Greenbelt written permission not required

Hans Morris Reservation, Newbury

GPS Location

Latitude 42.777307, Longitude -70.887324

Google Map Locator

Conservation Restriction

Granted 2010 by Greenbelt to Mass. Dept. of Fish and Game

Public may hunt - Greenbelt written permission not required

Wet Meadows, Newbury

GPS Location

Latitude 42.788601, Longitude -70.908921

Google Map Locator

Conservation Restriction

Granted 2007 by Greenbelt to Mass Dept. of Fish and Game

Public may hunt - Greenbelt written permission required

Lagoulis Reservation, Newbury

GPS Location

Latitude 42.778958, Longitude -70.876544

Google Map Locator

Conservation Restriction Granted 2014 by Greenbelt to Mass. Dept. of Fish and Game

Public may hunt - Greenbelt written permission required

Great Swamp Brook, Rowley

GPS Location

Latitude 42.727473, Longitude -70.917905

Google Map Locator

Conservation Restriction

Granted 2010 by Greenbelt to Mass. Dept. of Fish and Game

Public may hunt - Greenbelt written permission required

Reinert Reservation, Essex

GPS Location

Latitude 42.648333, Longitude-70.779547

Google Map Locator

Conservation Restriction

Granted in 2018 by Greenbelt to Mass. Dept. of Fish and Game

Public may hunt - Greenbelt written permission not required

Brewer Field, Ipswich

GPS Location

Latitude 42.681729, Longitude -70.814504

Google Map Locator

Conservation Restriction

Granted in 2019 by Greenbelt to Mass. Dept. of Fish and Game

Public may hunt only in the salt marsh portion of this property. Written permission is not required

Ox Pasture and Mill River, Rowley

Ox Pasture GPS Location

Latitude 42.742605, Longitude-70.890358

Ox Pasture Google Map Locator

Mill River GPS Location
Latitude 42.747337, Longitude-70.886034

Mill River Google Map Locator
Conservation Restriction
Granted in 2018 by Greenbelt to Mass. Dept. of Fish and Game
Public may hunt - Greenbelt written permission not required

Mapping information for some of the properties above can be found on the MassWildlife Land Viewer

Greenbelt membership information can be obtained at our offices or from our website at www.ecga.org. Contact the Director of Land Stewardship with questions.