

CRWMA Membership Agreement

Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

1. I support CRWMA's three primary goals.
2. To the best of my ability, I agree to protect fawn and yearling bucks from harvest.
3. I agree to make a good-faith effort at promoting this association to my neighbors and to hunters.
4. I understand that this agreement is not binding and I am in no way obligated to CRWMA.
5. This agreement does not give any unauthorized person the right to trespass.
6. Annual membership dues are \$10, and all memberships expire on Dec. 31 of each year.
7. New members will receive two association signs. Additional signs are available for donations of \$5 each.
8. I would like to receive the free *Covey Headquarters* newsletter (circle one): Yes No
9. I would like to receive a free subscription to the *Missouri Conservationist* magazine (circle one): Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Number of extra signs desired (\$5 donation each): _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Please mail completed agreement and dues to:

Cuivre River Wildlife Management Association

Address

City, state and ZIP code

Habitat Is Key

Habitat is the primary factor affecting wildlife populations on the landscape. Consequently, CRWMA is working to promote habitat improvement within the target area. We are consulting with professionals to develop wildlife management recommendations for the area that landowners can implement. Members will receive a CRWMA wildlife enhancement plan outlining these practices.

Board of Directors

President

Vice President

Secretary/Treasurer

At-Large Board Members

MDC Advisory Member

It is not necessary for every member to agree with every objective of the association, rather each member should support the general principles of wildlife conservation.



*Sample landowner
wildlife management cooperative
promotional brochure.*



*Working Together
to Make a Difference*

Join today!

(Established in 2008)

What We Are About

We all know that wildlife are not constrained by property boundaries. Species like deer and turkeys have home ranges encompassing hundreds of acres. Consequently, management of wildlife on private land poses challenges, especially when quality whitetails are a goal. By encouraging neighbors to band together and adopt similar wildlife management practices, the Cuivre River Wildlife Management Association (CRWMA) represents a means of overcoming these challenges. Formed by area residents, CRWMA is a cooperative effort of landowners, hunters and wildlife conservationists working toward the common goals of enhanced wildlife populations and better hunting opportunities on the landscape.

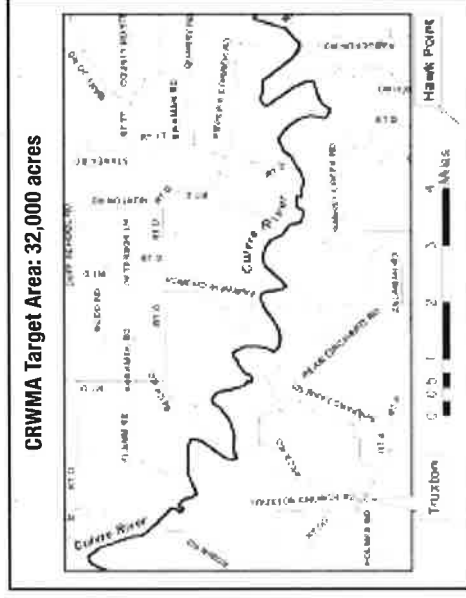
CRWMA Goals

CRWMA was organized around these three goals:

1. To improve the quality of the white-tailed deer herd on the landscape by managing for more bucks and a more balanced adult sex ratio.
2. To enhance wildlife populations on the landscape through the promotion of habitat management, with early successional species such as bobwhite quail being a high priority.
3. To recruit youths into hunting who are safe, ethical and knowledgeable about the principles of wildlife conservation.

Where We Are Working

As shown on the map below, the initial CRWMA target area is 32,000 acres in western Lincoln County, near Hawk Point and Truxton. However, membership is open to anyone wishing to promote wildlife in their area. Regardless of the location, the more neighboring landowners and hunters who join the effort, the more successful everyone will be in reaching their wildlife management goals.



*Due largely to the number of landowners interested in improving their property for wildlife, this area has also been selected by the Missouri Department of Conservation as a **Missouri Quail Focus Area**. As a result, enhanced cost-share incentives are available for many habitat improvement practices.*

Will you join our effort?

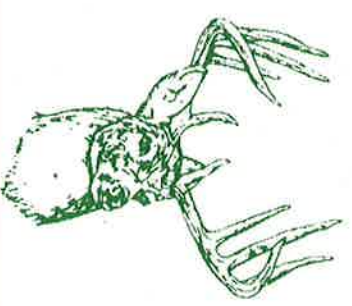
How Membership Can Benefit You

- **Increased odds of quality deer management success.** More people passing on young bucks means more big deer in the woods. Even if you already follow quality deer management harvest practices, your neighbors may not. Placing a CRWMA sign on your fence may influence your neighbors to do the same.
- **Better control of trespassing.** You will receive association signs to announce your participation. Participation in the association will likely lead to increased vigilance among members.
- **Access to workshops and presentations** by professional wildlife managers on topics such as wild turkey management and food plot strategies.
- **Increased land value.** Quality hunting land is becoming an increasingly sought-after commodity, and this association will likely attract the attention of people looking to buy or lease land for hunting.
- **Magnified results of habitat management.**
- **Improved relations among neighbors.**
- **Potential discounts** on items such as seed and herbicides for wildlife habitat.
- **Potential equipment-sharing opportunities.**
- **Potential labor-sharing opportunities**, such as for assembling prescribed burn crews.
- **Youth education opportunities.**
- **Better hunting.**

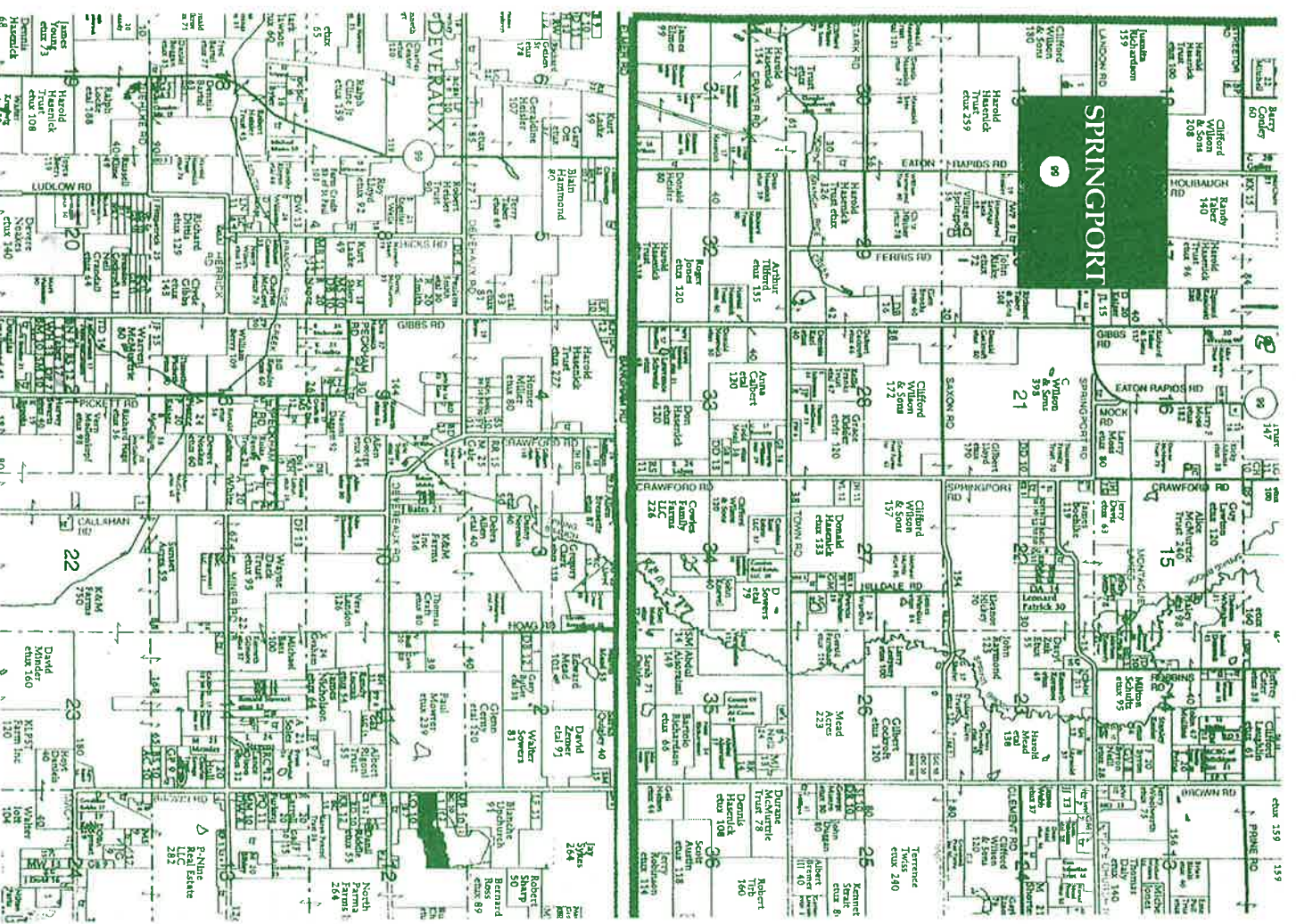


Deer Cooperative
of
Northwest Jackson County,
Michigan

Like-Minded
Landowners
& Hunters
working together
to improve the
Quality of our Deer
and of our
Hunting Experience!



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Respect Private Property: Participation in the co-op does not imply any rights to enter upon the land of another. Do Not Trespass!



Spring Brook Deer Cooperative

What is this All About? We are an informal group of "Like-Minded Landowners and Hunters" who work together to improve the quality of the deer herd and our hunting experiences. We encourage hunters to pass on young bucks and small-racked bucks so that they grow older and develop into larger heavy-antlered bucks.

Achieving Natural Balance - Our vision is to utilize the traditions of deer hunting to assure:

- #1 - The herd is sustainably balanced with its habitat.
- #2 - The herd exhibits balanced age structure, sex ratio, good physical condition and reproduction.
- #3 - The herd is healthy.

How Does this Work? Participation in the co-op is informal and voluntary. There are no rules, no by-laws, no election of officers and no dues or fees. We respect each other's opinion. By cooperating with each other, bucks that are passed up on one piece of property will likely be passed up on the neighboring property too.

How Large is the Co-op? As of January 2010 there are over 150 area landowners and hunters who have signed up to be on our mailing list. Currently there are over 4,500 acres of land entered into the co-op as well.

The main area of the co-op generally runs along the Spring Brook Creek drainage that flows north through the center of Parma and Springport Townships. However, there are participants throughout northwest Jackson County. We don't exclude anyone who wants to participate.

What are the Co-op's Rules? We avoid setting rules. The co-op encourages hunters and landowners to set their own rules to protect younger bucks. What works for one person may not work well for another. There are many ways to achieve our common goals.

Some co-op members try to only take deer that are at least 2-1/2 or perhaps 3-1/2 years old. Other members like to use antler point restrictions, inside-spread, gross score and other types of self imposed restrictions. Which rule you choose is not as important as using a rule or restriction that works well for you.

What About Youth and Senior Hunters? Young hunters and senior hunters should not necessarily be expected to follow the same rules and restrictions that other hunters are encouraged to follow. An exception for someone special shouldn't make much of an over-all difference.

Some of the co-ops biggest supporters are youths and seniors. Many new hunters are not interested in taking small bucks. Many senior hunters are sick and tired of only seeing small bucks and does.

Is this Just About Trophy Hunting? Absolutely not! Does, fawns, spikes, fork horns, basket racks and heavy-antlered bucks alike are all beautiful creatures and fine trophies in their own right. Given a choice, most hunters want the opportunity to take a wall-hanger size buck. By agreeing to pass on the young and small bucks, hunters in the co-op have a greater chance of at least seeing that *Big Boy* in the future. Simply put, dead deer don't grow bigger.

How About Hunting Does? There are differences of opinion on this. The co-op respects that. Some co-op participants are 100% against taking does. Others believe it is important to harvest does in order to keep the herd's size in check. There are many members that will only take a buck if it has heavy-antlers and also choose to take a doe for the freezer. We encourage every hunter to do what they believe is correct and to respect the other hunter's right to do the same.

Most wildlife experts agree that there should be a balance of bucks and does in a herd. We encourage every hunter to make an informed decision and then do what they believe is correct and to respect the other hunter's right to do the same.

Does this Fit With QDM? Herd Management is one of the four corner stone principles of Quality Deer Management. Restricting the taking of young and small-racked bucks is a key element of that corner stone principle.

Many co-op participants practice some form of QDM. Many are also members of the Quality Deer Management Association.

The co-op has received financial help and support from the local Southeast QDMA branch. Our activities are strongly supported by the QDMA national headquarters as well. The Southeast Michigan QDMA branch includes Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw counties. Contact the QDMA at 800-209-3337.

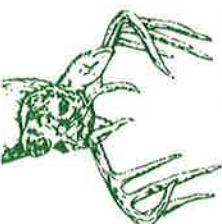
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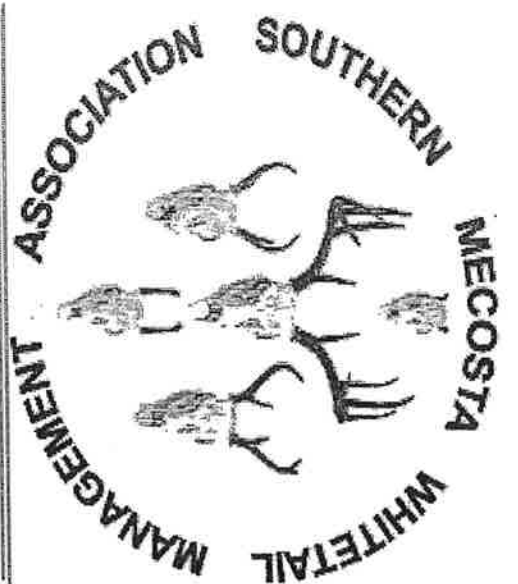
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Allen

or

John





Like-minded landowners and hunters
working together to improve the quality of
deer and our hunting experiences.

Contacts:

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Treasurer Dave [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]



Southern Mecosta Whitetail Management
Association

What is a co-op?

We are an informal group of "like-minded" landowners and hunters who work together to improve the quality of the deer herd and our hunting experiences. We encourage hunters to pass on shooting young bucks so that they can grow older.

How does it work?

Participation is informal and voluntary. It is an entirely voluntary participation in trying to improve the local hunting experience. You make rules on your property that fit your harvest goals and your hunters' needs. By cooperating with each other, bucks that are passed up on one piece of property will likely be passed up on the neighboring property too. This can effectively help to turn your property into a much larger piece that is more likely to correspond with a buck's natural range.

Does my property open up to other hunters?

Not if you don't want to. ~~Hunters~~ ^{Hunters} are not a hunting club. It is a cooperative. We simply are a group who will collectively agree on some guidelines that we will apply to the best of our abilities to our own properties.

How does this fit with Quality Deer Management?

Quality Deer Management (QDM) promotes the idea of reducing the harvest of young bucks so that they can grow to be older, allowing landowners and hunters to benefit by having a chance to see and harvest mature deer. Many co-op members practice QDM and are members of the QDMA, but membership is not a requirement to be part of the co-op.

What are the co-op rules?

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Others may want to use point restrictions or spread restrictions. Most importantly, use rules or restrictions that work for you on your property. The one thing most participants share in common is the desire to improve the age structure of bucks, which usually involves some sort of approach to passing up younger bucks. It is widely believed that setting a 15" inside spread credit minimum will save nearly 90% of the 1½ year old bucks. Another simple rule of thumb readily applied is, "if you shoot a buck, have it mounted."

What about youth and senior hunters?

Young hunters and senior hunters should not necessarily be expected to follow the same guidelines as other hunters. An exception for someone special shouldn't make much of an overall difference. A lot of kids get their first buck mounted regardless of rack size and in subsequent years can become more selective.

What about hunting does?

Many co-op participants think it is important to harvest does but others are resistant to doing so. We encourage every hunter to do what they feel is correct and to respect the right of other hunters to do the same. Most deer experts believe a good balance between bucks and does is important for the health of the herd.

How can I join?

You join by just joining in. It's free! If this co-op idea makes sense to you and you are voluntarily willing to restrict the taking of young and small bucks, then you have already joined us. Please just get on the mailing list and come to our gatherings. We want to hear your ideas and grow the co-op both in QDM concepts and in membership.

How do I participate?

We will be getting together about twice a year to talk things over. We will sometimes have educational speakers at the meetings. We will swap photos and bring in our mounts and antlers. We will also send out a few newsletter updates every year.

We have co-op signs for you to put up on your property and we maintain a map of all the participating properties. Please display your sign as a proud, active member of this co-op, and make an effort to protect all co-op property. Members should make it very clear that trespassing will not be tolerated. Please look out for each other and help to ensure quality hunting experiences for fellow co-op members. With some effort and selective hunting, this co-op can be a huge success.

Does it work?

Co-ops have worked well in other areas. Sharing information with other co-op members and seeing other co-op members successfully harvest mature deer should be rewarding. By passing young deer, you are contributing to the success of other co-op members. Likewise, they will be contributing to your success.

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Quality Deer Management Co-Op

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How Large is the Co-op? As of January 2011 there are over 100 area landowners and hunters who have signed up to be on our mailing list. Currently there are over 7,000 acres of land entered into the co-op as well.

The main area of the co-op generally runs along US 127 on the west, to St. Clair Rd on the East. The Looking Glass River on the South and Centerline Rd. to the North. We don't exclude anyone who wants to participate.

What are the Co-op's Rules? We avoid setting rules. The co-op encourages hunters and landowners to set their own rules to protect younger bucks. What works for one person may not work well for another. But we suggest that the deer have at least a 15" spread equal to its ears. There are many ways to achieve our common goals. Some co-op members try to only take deer that are at least 2-1/2 or perhaps 3-1/2 years old. Other members like to use inside-spread, gross score and other types of self imposed restrictions. Which method you chose is not as important as using a rule or restriction that works well for you. But a 15" spread credit will save nearly 90% of 1 1/2 year old Bucks.

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correct and to respect the other hunter's right to do the same. Most wild life experts agree that there should be a balance of bucks and does in a herd. We encourage every hunter to make an informed decision and then do what they believe is correct and to respect the other hunter's right to do the same.

Does this Fit With QDM? Herd Management is one of the four corner stone principles of Quality Deer Management. Restricting the taking of young and small-racked bucks is a key element of that corner stone principle. Many co-op participants practice some form of QDM. Many are also members of the Quality Deer Management Association. The co-op has received financial help and support from the local Clinton-Ionia QDMA branch. Our activities are strongly supported by the QDMA national headquarters as well. The Clinton-Ionia QDMA branch holds meetings approximately every month. Contact Dave Curtis (517) 490-5661 or on the web at www.sportsmenofmichigan.com

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We have a supply of co-op signs for purchase to help us get the message out.

If you want to get on the mailing list, or you want to add your area to the co-op map or you want to buy co-op signs just contact:

Kirk [redacted]

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Jim [redacted]

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Co-Op Mission:

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Does it work? Co-ops have worked well in other areas. Sharing information with other co-op members and seeing other co-op members successfully harvest mature deer should be rewarding. By passing young deer, you are contributing to the success of other co-op members. Likewise, they will be contributing to your success.

If you've routinely harvested nice bucks without the co-op, that's super! This co-op, however, can only serve to make things better. A few landowners in what will be the center of this co-op have been practicing QDM for several years and have had great success already (*please see front and back covers*).

We are very excited to make this a success with you! Please feel free to call us anytime with suggestions or concerns.

Contact: Kip Collier (734) 581-2158 or Kenny Webb (617) 507-2288

<https://www.facebook.com/landownersandhunters>



Kenny Webb - 2014



Jamie Webb - 2013



Ken Webb - 2012



Steve Webb - 2012



Kenny Webb - 2012



Kenny Webb - 2011



(734) 581-2158



Kip Collier - 2014

Laird Creek Deer Cooperative

How does the co-op work? Participation is informal and voluntary. There are no rules, officers, requirements, dues or fees. It is an entirely voluntary participation in trying to improve the local hunting experience. By cooperating with each other, bucks that are passed up on one piece of property will likely be passed up on the neighboring property too. This can effectively help turn your property into a much larger piece that is more likely to correspond with a buck's natural range.

Am I going to have to let others hunt my property? No. This is not a hunting club. We simply are a group who will collectively agree on some guidelines that we will apply to the best of our abilities to our own properties. The more neighbors that participate in selective harvests and habitat improvement, the better things get.

What are the co-op rules? We avoid setting rules. We encourage land owners and hunters to make their own rules on their own property. What works on one property won't necessarily work on another property.

How does this fit with Quality Deer Management? Quality Deer Management (QDM) promotes the idea of reducing the harvest of young bucks so that they can grow to be older, allowing landowners and hunters to benefit by having a chance to

see and harvest mature deer. Many co-op members practice QDM and are members of the QDMA, but membership is not a requirement to be part of the co-op.

What bucks are harvested? The one thing most participants share in common is the desire to improve the age structure of bucks, which usually involves some sort of approach to passing up younger bucks.

Some co-op members will set goals to only kill 2½ year old bucks and older, while others may want to protect 2½ year old bucks and go for older bucks. Others may want to use point restrictions or spread restrictions. Most importantly, use rules or restrictions that work for you on your property that can help achieve better buck age structure.

Some example guidelines others have followed:

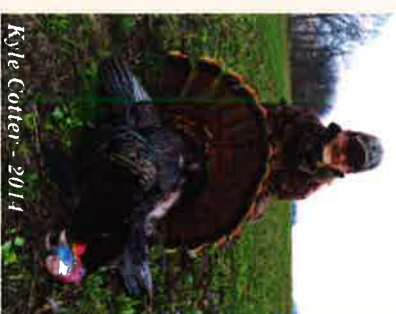
- *15" inside spread ("out to the ears").*
- *If you shoot a buck, have it mounted.*

It's widely believed that these two simple guidelines alone will save nearly 90% of the 1½ year old bucks.

What about harvesting does? Many co-op participants think it is important to harvest does but others are resistant to doing so. We encourage every hunter to do what they feel is correct and to respect the right of other hunters to do the same. Most deer experts believe a good balance between bucks and does is important for the health of the herd.

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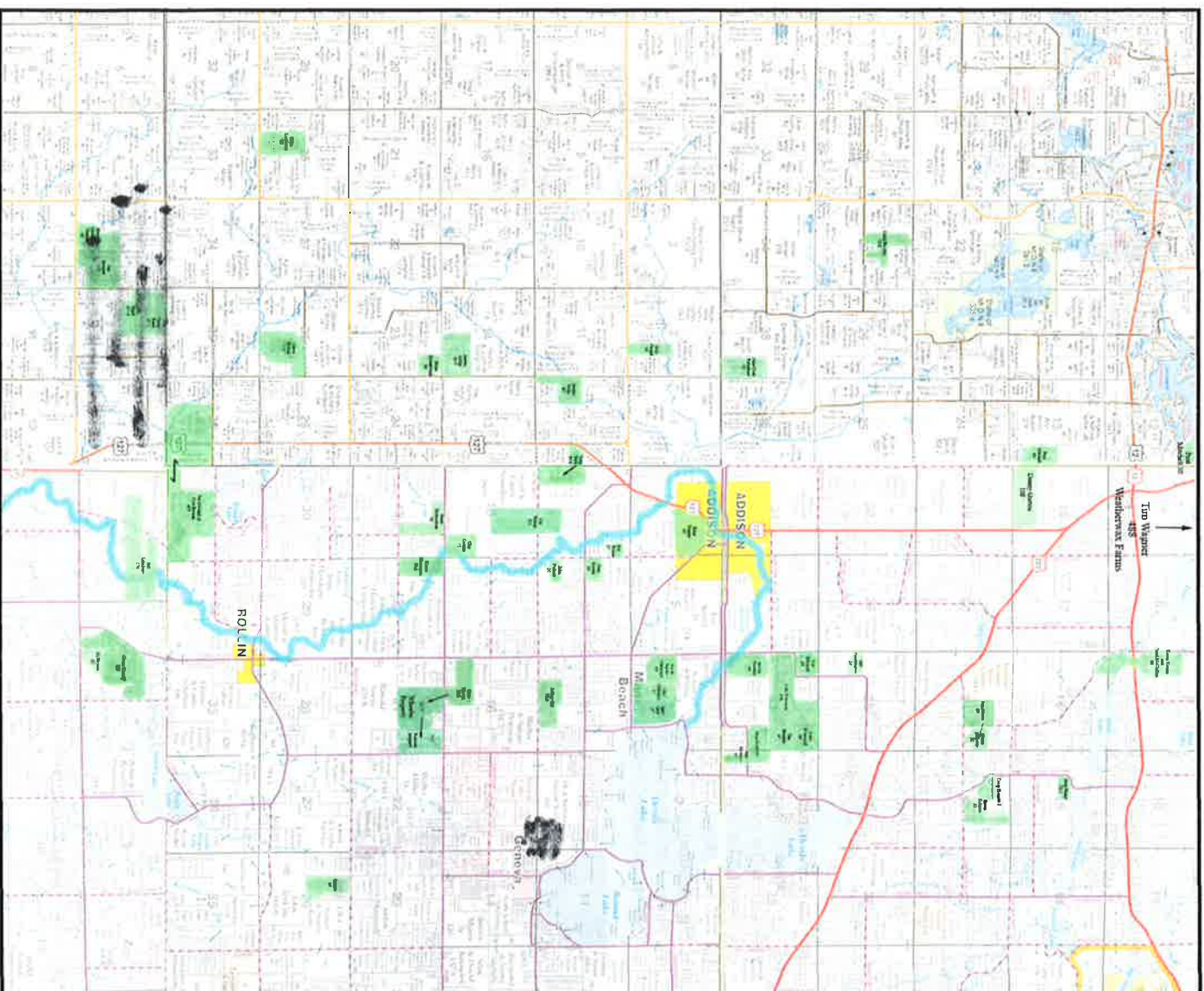


Kyle Cotter - 2014

How do I participate? Ideally we will get together at least once before and once after each season to talk things over. We will attempt to have educational speakers at these meetings and we may also line up some habitat day property walks.

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DEER COOPERATIVE
OF IENAWEE & HILLSDALE COUNTIES

**Like-Minded Landowners
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Bean Creek Deer Cooperative

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Does it work? It has worked in other areas. For example, the Springbrook co-op in Jackson county has over 130 landowners and hunters, and over 4000 acres in the co-op, and they are seeing results of more mature bucks in the herd, such as the one below killed by Tony Smith last year in a cooperative in Eaton county.



How does it work? Participation is informal and voluntary. There are no rules, no officers, no requirements, no dues, no fees. It is an entirely voluntary participation in trying to improve the local hunting experience. You make rules on your property that fit your harvest goals and your hunter's needs and desires.

Am I going to have to let others hunt my property? Not if you don't want to. This is not a hunting club. It is a cooperative. We simply are a loosely knit group who will collectively agree on some guidelines that we will apply to our own properties. The idea is, that what is good for one property is good for the neighbors. The more neighbors that participate, the better things get.

What are the co-op rules? There aren't any rules. We encourage property owners/hunters to

make their own rules on their own property.

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What about youth and senior hunters? Young hunters and senior hunters should not necessarily be expected to follow the same guidelines as other hunters. An exception for someone special shouldn't make much of an over-all difference. Some of the biggest superstars in local co-ops are youths and seniors. Just take a look at this young lady and her 2009 buck from a co-op in Hillsdale county.



What about hunting does? Many co-op participants think it is important to harvest does but others are resistant to doing so. We encourage every hunter to do what they feel is correct and to respect the other hunter's right to do the same. Most deer experts believe a good balance between bucks and does is important for the health and well-being of the herd. In areas where there is a high ratio of does to bucks, harvesting does may result in a more intense rut, better survival of fawns, and reduced dispersal of bucks to other areas.

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How do I participate? We will be getting together about twice a year to talk things over. We will sometimes have educational speakers at the meetings. We will swap photos, and bring in our mounts and antlers. We have two locations where you can bring your deer in and have it weighed, and we will extract the jawbone for you and age the deer. We also send out a few newsletter updates every year. We have co-op signs you can buy for cost and put up on your property. We also maintain a map of all the participating properties.

If you want to get on the mailing list, or add your hunting property to the map, or want to buy co-op signs just contact:

Jake [REDACTED]
OR: Jim [REDACTED]
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Vision:

Ultimately we support the hunting community to preserve the right to hunt, and pass on the hunting heritage. We are a group of like-minded hunters that strive to pass up 1 1/2 year old bucks to advance the age class of the local deer herd. This advancement in age class provides a more exhilarating hunt while watching the behaviors of antlered deer change through their lifetime. We are also the ultimate conservationists as we work to provide the best habitat for a wide variety of wildlife.



"Managing deer for a better hunting experience."

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How large is the Co-op?

Generally speaking we are looking for members who own, lease or hunt properties in Sandstone, Blackman, Tompkins or Rives townships.

What are the Co-op's Rules?

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What about Hunting Doe's?

There are differences of opinion on this and the Co-op respects that. Some Co-op participants are 100% against taking does. Others believe it is important to harvest does in order to keep the herds size in check.

Most wildlife experts agree that there should be a balance of equal bucks to equal does in a deer herd. We encourage every hunter to make an informed decision and do what they believe is correct and to respect other hunters right to do the same thing.

How Can I Join?

You can join by just joining in, it's free. If you hunt in the area and are willing to voluntarily restrict the taking of young and small racked bucks, then you have already joined us. Please contact Phil at [REDACTED] if you are interested in receiving more information or in attending future meetings. We plan to meet at least twice a year.

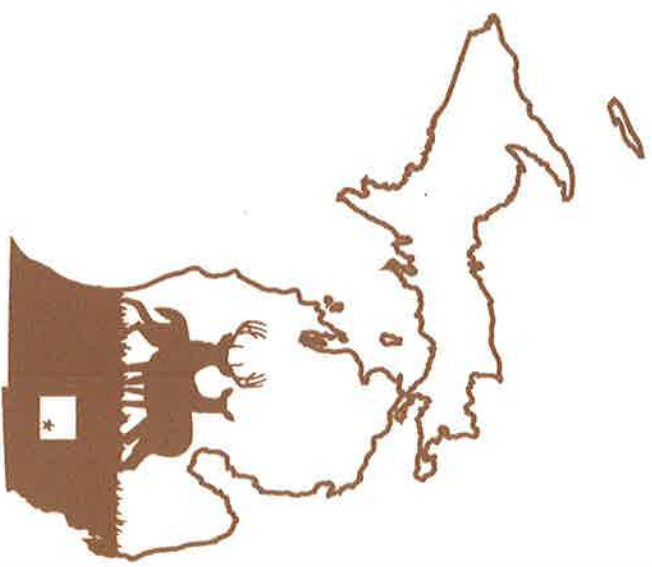
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Visit QDMA.com to explore more topics such as whitetail biology, habitat improvement, herd management, herd monitoring, and food plots.

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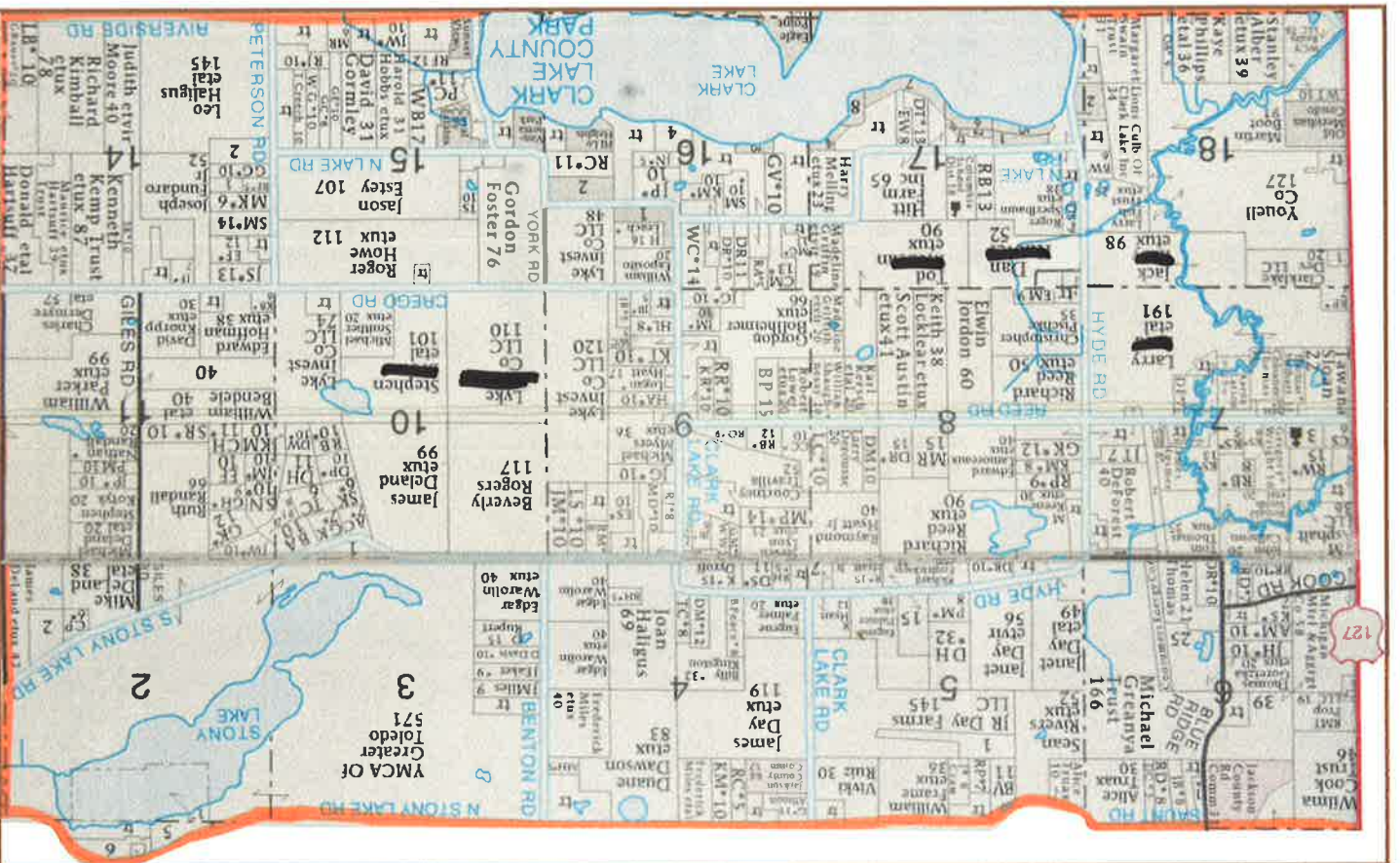


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A Quality Deer Management Program



**Clarklake Area
Whitetail Deer Cooperative
of Southeast Jackson
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What are we all about?

We are an informal group of likeminded landowners and hunters who work together to improve the quality of the deer herd and our hunting experiences. We encourage hunters to pass on young bucks and small-racked bucks so they grow older and develop into larger heavy-antlered bucks. As our slogan goes: "Bigger Bucks, Better Hunting, Better Experience"

Achieving Natural Balance

Our vision is to utilize the traditions of deer hunting to assure:

1. The herd is substantially balanced with its habitat.
2. The herd exhibits balanced age structure, sex ratio, good physical condition and reproduction.
3. The herd is healthy.

How Does it work?

Participation in the co-op is informal and voluntary. There are no rules, no by-laws, no election of officers and no dues or fees. We respect each other's opinion. By cooperating with each other, buck that are passed up on one piece of property will likely be passed up on the neighboring property too.

How Large is the Co-op?

Generally speaking we are looking for members who either own, lease or hunt properties which fall on the map on the back page, however the boundaries certainly aren't limited to the area on the map. The map is simply a starting point.

What are the Co-op's Rules?

We avoid setting rules. The Co-op encourages hunters and landowners to set their own rules to protect younger bucks. What works for one person may not work well for another. There are many ways to achieve our common goals.

Some co-op members try to only take deer that are at least 2 ½ or perhaps 3 ½ years old. Other members like to use antler point restrictions, inside spread, gross score, or other types of self-imposed restrictions. Which rule you choose is not as important as using a rule or restriction that works for you.

Is this Just about Trophy Hunting?

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Ridge [REDACTED]
Gordie [REDACTED]
Dan [REDACTED]

We are also on facebook:

[REDACTED] facebook

Please friend us and share your photos!

