

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Action Team

April 27, 2013 Progress Report

- **Data reviewed, presentations given**
 - DTR survey results review
 - Each AT member provided their vision of DMAP
- **Main topics discussed**
 - AT member views of DMAP
 - Common themes
 - Establish value/incentives of DMAP
- **Additional Action Team questions/information requests:**

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- **Implementation Action Items proposed or discussed by the Action Team :**
- **General comments or considerations noted by the Team:**

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Common Themes

- Applicable to both public and private land
- On-site visit by biologist and forester to assist landowner with their decisions
 - Habitat/harvest recommendations in order to achieve landowner goals
- Broad program offerings (cafeteria style), one size **doesn't** fit all
- Sustainability/funding of program is critical (who's responsibility?)
- Local meetings and workshops
- Biological data collection
- Minimal annual fee
- Education/outreach is a top priority
- Must rebuild trust between landowners, hunters, and DNR

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Values of DMAP

- Landowner/hunter
 - Enhanced hunting experiences
 - Controlling land's and herd's destiny with guided assistance
 - Better habitat, more/less deer
 - Local control of deer herd
 - Future deer management stability driven by cooperation rather than policy
- DNR
 - Biological data collection
 - Good face for DNR
 - Improved relationships with landowners/hunters

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Topics for the next meeting

- Partner involvement
- Specific components of DMAP
- Pilot program