BRANDYWINE VALLEY ARCHERY CLUB

RULES AND REGULATIONS

2020-2021

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Mission Statement:

Overpopulation of whitetail deer is creating an imbalance of the natural ecosystem in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The Brandywine Valley Archery Club (BVAC) exists to provide quality deer management services to property owners in Southeastern Pennsylvania through managed hunting on selected property. This will be accomplished by proper selection of qualified, safe, responsible archery hunters conducting managed archery hunts within the region on selected dates throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania white tail deer hunting season. Education of the non-hunting and youth hunting community on topics such as the importance of quality deer management, proper and appropriate hunting practices and selection of hunters also is of paramount importance in developing relationships with youth hunters, landowners and the general population to work in harmony to expand the efforts of properly managing deer herds within the region. The rules and regulations contained herein have been developed and will be implemented to stress the utmost importance of the safety of the general population and club members as well as the importance of respecting the non-hunting community.

Club Officers:

Club officers for 2020-2021 are:

Michael Graham – President
Charles Myhre – Club Treasurer
Mark Lucas – Secretary

Club regulations can be changed by virtue of a majority vote of club officers.

Membership Requirements:

All members must complete an application for club membership included in Appendix A and bring all items noted in the application checklists following the application form to the testing location at the time of proficiency testing. All applications must be completed accurately and in their entirety and all required items must be brought to the testing location for an applicant to become eligible for membership in the club. All members also must complete a proficiency test of safety and ethical knowledge, distance judging and archery shooting ability.

All members must present proof that the PGC Basic Hunter Education Course has been successfully completed during or after 1996. All members also must present proof that the PGC Bow Hunter Education Course (International Bow Hunter Certification Course) has been successfully completed during or after 1996. Certifications obtained in other states obtained during or after 1996 will be accepted. All new applicants will be provided a one year grace period to obtain a passing score on the written portion of the certification program. All applicants will be granted a five year grace period to obtain the field certification portion of the program.

Applications will be scored based on the following criteria:

Archery shooting proficiency – 20 points (5 arrows shot at an 8 inch diameter target 20 yards away, both archer and target at ground level. Bull's eye is 4 points and each successive ring is 3, 2, 1 and missing is 0. A minimum of 4 of 5 arrows in the target is necessary to qualify). All shooting must be done with the bow, sighting system and any other shooting equipment (including, but not limited to: hunting arrows, release aids, steadying devices, string holding devices, etc.) that the potential member will be using for hunting. Any steadying device used for qualification must be supported by the archer's body only and must be deemed usable to take a downward shot from zero to thirty yards

in a BVAC approved tree stand by the officer judging the shooting proficiency test. Crossbow shooters must shoot from a standing position.

Any applicant may take the shooting test a second time to either obtain a qualifying score or improve their score on any testing date. However, no applicants will be permitted to conduct more than two tests for any reason. If two tests are conducted, the applicant will receive the average of the two test scores, regardless of whether or not the second score is an improvement over the first (even if the first test score was not a qualifying score with 4 of 5 arrows in the target). If an applicant fails the second shooting test (does not place 4 of 5 arrows in the target), the applicant fails the shooting test (even if the first test yielded a passing score) and is not eligible for club membership.

Safety quiz – 20 points (20 multiple choice questions, one point each; minimum score of 12 to qualify. Questions from PGC Bow Hunter Education Course Manual, PGC Regulations, BVAC Rules and Regulations and general safety and hunting ethics).

Any applicant failing the safety quiz may retake the quiz in an effort to achieve a BVAC qualifying score. However, the applicant will receive the original test score for BVAC ranking purposes. The quiz may be retaken on either testing date, or at a future date at the discretion of the BVAC officers.

Smart phones or similar devices are not permitted to be used during the exam in any capacity. All devices must be placed with the proctor at the front of the testing room during the test and can be reclaimed when the test is submitted to the proctor.

Distance judging – 20 points (judge 5 distances. Within 10% - 4 points. Within 15% - 3 points. Within 20% - 2 points. Within 25% - 1 point. Beyond 25% - 0 points. Rangefinders, binoculars, monoculars, scopes, smartphones and any other type of range finding devices are <u>not</u> permitted).

The distance judging test may not be retaken under any circumstances.

Time spent hunting previous year/success rate – 40 points maximum (1 point for every <u>four</u> hours hunted, 5 points for each antlerless deer harvested, 2 points for a <u>trophy buck</u> (minimum 4 points on one antler) harvested after the first antlerless harvested and 1 point for every <u>four</u> hours hunted by an alternate or youth member within the assigned member's territory/stand location, excepting the special regulations for a trophy buck harvested prior to the first antlerless harvest (see immediately below). No points will be awarded for harvests of non-trophy bucks (although, such bucks may be harvested within the confines of the associated rules). All harvests must be from a BVAC hunted property. An assigned member sponsoring a youth hunter also shall be awarded points for a youth hunter antlerless deer harvest per the regular member harvest scoring system. Time spent hunting points will be capped at 25 points all-inclusive of all aforementioned ways to score time points. For example, for a member to achieve 40 time spent hunting and success rate points, at least 15 of those points must be acquired by harvesting deer. There is no cap on success rate points.

Special trophy buck harvest prior to antlerless harvest success point award/deductions – members may harvest a trophy buck (as defined above) prior to harvesting an antlerless deer, but will be placed on "early buck harvest probation" after doing so. The success point awards for the harvest probation period are as follows:

> Members harvesting two antlerless deer while on probation will receive 5 points for each antlerless deer and 2 points for the trophy buck, for a total of 12 points and will be removed from probation.

Members harvesting one antlerless deer while on probation will receive 3 points for the antlerless deer and 1 point for the trophy buck, for a total of 4 points.

Members who do not harvest an antlerless deer while on probation will receive 0 points for the trophy buck and will receive a 5 point deduction.

In any case, early trophy buck harvest probation will end at the end of each hunting season.

Previous Pennsylvania (or other state) Game Commission (PGC) minor violation – deduct up to 10 points (violation that is not safety oriented and does not signify carelessness – determined at discretion of the club officers).

Club violations – deduct up to 10 points at the discretion of the club officers for violations of club regulations specified herein. Deductions will be applied to the following year's score and may be coupled with a temporary or permanent suspension or probation period.

Previous PGC (or other state) major violation – automatic disqualification (any violation that is safety oriented or signifies carelessness – determined at discretion of the club officers).

Application scoring ties will be broken by the following system, in order:

Previous year BVAC violation versus no violation

Current year shooting score, further segregated into most 4's, most 3's, and so on

Current year distance judging score

Current year safety quiz score

Previous year success points

All members (regular and alternate) must achieve a minimum score of 30 points to become a BVAC member.

Proficiency testing will be conducted on Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm and Saturday, June 27, 2020 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the East Bradford Township building. All applicants must report to the Township building and check in **no later than 2 hours after the listed start time**. Social distancing and all Center of Disease Control Guidelines must be followed at all times during all portions of the testing program, with approved masks being worn at all times with exception to shooting for applicants using a conventional bow. During that time, social distancing must be increased to 10 feet at a minimum. Proficiency testing for anyone unable to attend the specified testing dates may be conducted by separate appointment at the discretion of the club officers and only if there are unoccupied spots in the regular membership. In such cases, or in the case the officers decide to hold a third testing date in the event the first two dates do not yield a full membership, members testing on the third date will be competing for the remaining unoccupied spots and will be ranked for those spots only.

The total number of members will be based on the amount of acreage available for hunting. Members will be assigned to properties based on their overall application score. The top **19** scorers will be selected as assigned members for the 2020-2021 deer hunting season. All other applicants meeting the minimum score for club membership will be considered alternates, ranked in the order of their score. The alternate members shall assume a regular member's position in order of ranking as regular members (who are not sharing with an alternate) tag out or indicate to

the club officers that they do not intend to hunt Township property for the remainder of the season. All permanent transfers of membership must be made through the BVAC officers. Furthermore, the BVAC officers will monitor the regular member attendance throughout the season and reserve the right to insert alternates in positions where attendance is lacking, either on a temporary or permanent basis.

Stand Sharing/Assignment Trading/Tag Outs:

Assigned members may share their stand location/territory with one other regular member or alternate member intermittently throughout the season under the following circumstances:

The initial arrangement must be made through the officers.

Sharing members or alternates cannot scout the property they are assigned to. They must use the stands erected by the assigned member without moving the stand, or erect a stand (climber or temporary fixed) within 10 yards of the assigned member's stand.

Assigned members and their sharers cannot hunt the property at the same time, regardless of whether or not another assigned member is hunting, or if both the assigned member and sharing members agree to such an arrangement.

If the sharer is an alternate member, the alternate must pay prorated dues in full based on the amount of season remaining, as soon as the arrangement is made by the club officers. The alternate will receive a parking permit, tree stand tags and permission slip when the dues are paid.

Non-assigned members cannot randomly scout properties in general in hopes of gaining permission to hunt certain areas from assigned members.

The sharing arrangement must be made by the assigned member. Non-assigned members cannot contact regular members in an attempt to pressure them into sharing their position.

All club members must be informed of the sharing arrangements via email updates.

Assigned members are responsible for informing sharing members of any arrangements with other members who may be on the same property prior to any sharing member hunting on the property, such as stand sharing arrangements, communication arrangements, time in/out arrangements, etc.

The originally assigned member holds the position and sole rights to the property assignment. Therefore, if the assigned member, after allowing a non-assigned member to share the position, chooses not to share the position with the non-assigned member at any point in the season, the non-assigned member shall be removed from the share situation. If the non-assigned member is an alternate, the alternate will receive a prorated refund of club dues, based on the amount of the remaining hunting season. If the alternate is being removed from the current share situation due to violations of the club rules and regulations as determined by the BVAC officers, the alternate shall not be permitted to share a position for the remainder of the season and also may be subject to further BVAC penalties as determined by the BVAC officers.

If an assigned member sharing with an alternate tags out, the alternate member effectively becomes the regular member for that position, is entitled to the privileges of regular membership for that position and may offer to share the position with another member, regular or alternate. However, any sharing situations previously established by the originally assigned member shall remain intact. In cases where an assigned member is sharing with

multiple alternates, the alternate with the highest time/success point total at the date of the assigned member tag out shall become the new assigned member.

If an assigned member offers to share a position with a non-assigned member for an agreed, predetermined time period (full day, half day, etc.), the assigned member cannot retract the offer in the midst of the predetermined time period, unless agreed to by the non-assigned member.

Where originally assigned member have elected to share stands on the property and all members are using climber stands, stand sharing with a regular member assigned to another property cannot occur unless agreed to by ALL members assigned to the property.

Assigned members may elect to trade properties for an entire season with another assigned member. However, if the property trade is made prior to the selection of territories or stand location selection on a property, the members who switch properties automatically forfeit their ranking to any other members assigned to the property that remain on the property, regardless of their respective scores, and territories and stands are selected per the new ranking on the property. Once a trade is made, the trade is final for the season and the properties cannot be traded back.

If an assigned member tags out or discontinues hunting for other reasons and is replaced by an alternate member, that alternate will be the next ranking alternate on the list who does not have a stand sharing arrangement with an assigned member. Therefore, once an alternate accepts an invitation to share stands, they are relinquishing their ability to take another regular member's position if the regular member finishes for the season prior to the official season end.

Membership Dues:

Assigned members will be required to pay yearly dues, which will be used to purchase liability insurance for club members and other miscellaneous equipment needed to conduct the proficiency tests and hunting monitoring program, such as targets, test forms, lock boxes, identification ribbons, etc. The yearly dues for the 2020-2021 season are $25.00. Checks should be made payable to the "Brandywine Valley Archery Club" by personal check or money order. Any returned checks will result in automatic disqualification of club membership. Assigned member dues must be paid at the orientation meeting. Alternate members will be required to pay yearly dues per the sharing arrangements noted above, prorated to the length of hunting season remaining. If a regular member is unable to hunt for unforeseen reasons approved by the BVAC officers (such as a medical issue or temporary work transfer) for a portion of the season, that member's dues will be prorated to the amount of time remaining in the season when they are able to hunt, with a minimum fee of $10.00 regardless of the time remaining. In addition, the prorated dues will be rounded to the next higher $5.00 increment for any amount in excess of the previous $5.00 increment (for example, if the prorated fee calculates to an amount of $11.50, the dues would be $15.00). During the period when the assigned member is unable to hunt, the assigned member must share the hunting location with an alternate member if one is available, or another assigned member if an alternate is not available.

2020-2021 Available Properties

Properties available for hunting the 2020-2021 season are shown on a map in Appendix B. They are described briefly as follows:

Harmony Hill Nature Area – 231.9 acres of woodland generally located between the Brandywine Creek and Harmony Hill Road. Parking is available at the former Sonoco

Company disposal area, accessed from a gated driveway from Skelp Level Road and also at roadside parking areas on Harmony Hill Road near Gibson's Bridge, the historic covered bridge at the intersection of Harmony Hill Road and Route 322. Members are not permitted to park in the parking lot along Route 322 within the boundaries of West Bradford Township. 7 members will be assigned to this property.

Skelp Level Park – 42.3 acres of generally open fields located at the northwestern corner of the Township. Parking is available within the fields, off the access road from Skelp Level Road. 1 member will be assigned to this property.

Paradise Valley Nature Area – 40.7 acres of woodland and open fields located east of Valley Creek Road, just south of Paradise Farm Camps. Parking is available in the Township parking lot for the nature area. 2 members will be assigned to this property.

Ingram's Mill Water Company/Nature Area – 37.1 acres of woodlands near and within the Brandywine River located west of North Creek Road adjacent to the Ingram's Mill Water Treatment Plant. Parking is available approximately ¼ mile south at the Township owned "Ingram's Mill Nature Area". 2 members will be assigned to this property.

Sugar's Bridge Nature Area – 31.5 acres of woodlands and open areas located east of Harmony Hill Road near the covered bridge, opposite the Harmony Hill Nature Area (aka Sonoco Property) parking area. Parking is available within the property at the Public Works Garage. 1 member will be assigned to this property.

Mount Bradford Preserve – 39 acres of perimeter woodlands and open fields located between PA Route 842 (Miner Street) and Sconnelltown Road, directly opposite the West End Swim Club on PA Route 842. Parking is available in the grassed area along the upper portion of the driveway accessed from Sconnelltown Road, upslope of the driveway gate. 2 members will be assigned to this property.

Sunset Hollow Open Space – 12.5 acres of woodlands along Sunset Hollow Road within Broad Run, southwest of the intersection of Sunset Hollow Road and Copeland School Road. Parking is available along Sunset Hollow Road, in a designated pull off area. 1 member will be assigned to this property.

Brandywine Farm South – 11 acres of woodlands surrounding 12 acres of farmlands, located on 2 parcels with frontage on South Bridge Road. East Bradford Township has leased this land to a local farmer for the production of hay crops. 1 member will be assigned to this property. Parking for 1 vehicle is available within the PECO transmission line right-of-way access area on Route 842 (South Bridge Road – gated area with lock).

Strode's Mill Open Space – 17 acres of woodlands and meadow located at the northeast and southeast corner of the intersection of Birmingham Road and Lenape Roads (PA Route 52). 2 members will be assigned to this property. Parking is available on Birmingham Road at the stormwater basin across from Riflery Drive.

All applicants are required to select a property to hunt on their application, along with successive choices in order of their preference. Members will be assigned to a location based on its availability and their overall score. All assignments will be made by the club officers.

2020-2021 Combination Properties

Combination properties available for hunting the 2020-2021 season are shown on a map in Appendix B. Combination properties will be combined with other, larger properties that are assigned as part of the normal member assignments, as they typically can be hunted in the early

season prior to exfoliation, but are difficult thereafter. The purpose of these properties is to hunt them as much as possible while they can be hunted, then hunt the property it is combined with thereafter. Each property is described briefly as follows:

> **Harry Waite Nature Area** – 14.6 acres of woodlands along and within the Brandywine along Creek Road south of the intersection of Hillsdale Road. Parking is available at designated parking areas at the trail entrance. This property will be combined with the Ingram's Mill Nature Area.

2020-2021 Unknown Properties

If a property becomes available to the BVAC after assignments are made for the season, the BVAC officers shall decide how to occupy the property during that season and make assignments on a case by case basis, in accordance with the property owner's stipulations. The entire BVAC membership will not be reassigned if this occurs. The property will be available to the regular membership the following season, assuming the owner continues to participate in the program and permits the property to be hunted by the general membership.

Adult/Youth Hunting Days/Youth Member Regulations

All Saturdays during the PGC WMU 5D antlerless deer seasons will be considered Adult/Youth hunting days. On these days only, a BVAC member may bring a youth hunter to his/her territory (both permitted to carry approved weaponry), provided all of the following regulations are adhered to:

> The youth hunter must hold a PGC Junior Hunter License.
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> The youth hunter must complete the BVAC application in its entirety and furnish all other documents and equipment at the orientation meeting, with exception to the PGC Bow Hunter Certification.
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> The youth hunter must attend the BVAC orientation meeting.
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> The BVAC member sponsoring the youth hunter must pre-register the youth hunter at the BVAC orientation meeting.
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> The youth hunter must read and thoroughly understand all BVAC Rules and Regulations.
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> The youth hunter must follow all BVAC regulations and special PGC regulations regarding junior hunters.
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> The youth hunter must hunt from a two person stand with the adult hunter, or in a separate stand within the PGC regulated maximum separation distance for junior/adult hunters.
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> The hunting territory assigned to the regular member must be on a property that specifically permits youth hunting. At this time, youth hunting is permitted on the properties owned by East Bradford Township only.

Youth hunters who are not a regular BVAC member may accompany a BVAC member during other dates during the season to observe and learn, but may not hunt or possess any type of weapon while accompanying the member, nor are they permitted to hunt any animal of any kind.

Youth hunters also may qualify as regular or alternate BVAC members, provided they meet all membership requirements and hunt their assigned or shared property with an adult hunter, who must be licensed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and must be a BVAC member. Both the adult and youth hunter may possess a weapon provided they occupy only one stand location on the assigned or shared property.

Youth hunters who qualify as assigned or alternate BVAC members may harvest any deer permitted to be harvested by a youth hunter per PGC rules and regulations without meeting the requirement of first harvesting a doe per BVAC regulations.

Youth hunters who qualify as assigned or alternate BVAC members are subject to the same point system as assigned members and are considered under the same terms as assigned members with exception to the items specifically noted above within the Adult/Youth Hunting Days/Youth Member Regulations section.

Any violations of any of the Rules and Regulations by either the adult (assigned or alternate) member or youth hunter will automatically result in loss of membership for both the adult member and youth hunter, regardless of the penalties specified herein.

BVAC Preseason Requirements

Site Selection: All assigned members will be required to select a specific hunting stand location within the property assigned by the club officers no later than one week prior to the beginning of the hunting season. Members may enter the selected Township owned properties three weeks prior to the start of the hunting season for scouting purposes and must obey all club hunting regulations while conducting scouting activities. Private properties must be entered at the direction of the owner.

Hunting territories on the Harmony Hill Nature Area shall be selected on a first come, first serve, basis. Each member assigned to the Harmony Hill Nature Area may claim two territories. The first territory shall be selected the weekend two weeks prior to the first Saturday of the white tail deer hunting season (currently the early archery season, September 5, 2020). The second territory shall be selected the weekend one week prior to the first Saturday of the white tail deer hunting season (September 12, 2020). Members must attach a name plaque to a tree (following all club rules related to tree damage) demarking the center of their "territory". The member may then erect three tree stands anywhere within 100 yards of the center of their territory, provided all locations comply with other buffer requirements of the club. No other member may erect a tree stand within another member's territory, nor can territories overlap. Cases of territorial dispute must be conveyed to the club officers, who must resolve the dispute. A member can relocate tree stands within their territory throughout the season at their discretion.

On the remaining smaller properties hunted by more than one member, each member may claim two hunting territories. The highest ranking member shall select his first territory first, the next highest shall select his first territory second, and so on until each member has selected two territories (However, the highest ranking member must select the first territory by 2:00 pm on the first stand placement date, otherwise the higher ranking member forfeits the selection priority for the first territory to the lower ranking member. In this situation, after the lower ranking member selects the first overall territory, the higher ranking member shall select the next two territories, followed by the lower ranking member selecting the fourth and final territory). The member may then erect three tree stands anywhere within 50 yards of the center of their territory, provided all locations comply with other buffer requirements of the club. No other member may erect a tree stand within another member's territory, nor can territories overlap. Cases of territorial dispute must be conveyed to the club officers, who must resolve the dispute. A

member can relocate tree stands within their territory throughout the season at their discretion.

Alternatively, the members may elect to share stands (all members must agree to this arrangement in the case of properties hunted by more than two members). Under this arrangement, unlimited stands may be erected on the property at agreed locations, without regard to the member to member buffer requirements, but meeting the club requirements for buffers from adjacent properties, trails, etc. These requirements also apply to privately owned properties, unless otherwise specified by the owner.

All tree stand locations on the Ingram's Mill Nature Area must be approved by Aqua Pennsylvania. Club officers will coordinate with Aqua Pennsylvania and the members for stand location approvals. Members hunting at Ingram's Mill must contact Aqua Pennsylvania each time they enter and exit the Ingram's Mill property.

Members assigned to the same property are strongly encouraged to conduct stand sharing activities on the property to promote the highest overall harvest possible. In case of any territorial or stand location disputes that cannot be resolved by the members themselves, the club officers will resolve the dispute weighing heavily on member scores, but also ensuring that each hunter has a fair and equal opportunity to hunt the property.

Scouting: Scouting is permitted on the property the assigned member is assigned to beginning 3 weeks prior to the start date of the season and ending at the start date of the season. After the start date of the season, scouting is not permitted on any property permitted to be hunted by the BVAC by any member, regardless of assignment and regardless of the weekday (i.e. Sunday scouting is not permitted).

Tree Stands: All members must hunt from a temporary tree stand, with exception to disabled hunters unable to climb into a stand (specific rules for disabled hunters are outlined below). Members may erect temporary tree stands no earlier than 21 days prior, but within 3 days of the beginning of the deer hunting season.

"Climber" or other portable stands may be erected the day of the hunt, provided they do not interfere with other club members hunting activities. All climber or other portable stands must be removed at the end of each hunting day, unless they are left in position similar to a hang on stand and non-tree damaging climbing aids are used to access the climber stand on subsequent hunts.

Stands requiring the use of tree climber steps that screw into the tree, bow holders that screw into the tree, tree climbing boot straps that damage tree bark, insertion of screws, nails, bolts or any other fasteners inserted into the tree or that cause any type of tree damage (beyond permitted trimming) are not permitted at any time during the preseason or hunting season.

All tree stands shall be tagged with a uniform identification tag provided by the BVAC at the orientation meeting. Tags shall be provided free of charge to each member. Neither the club, nor the property owner is responsible for damage, loss or theft of any tree stand, portable or temporary.

Doe Tags: All members must secure at least 2 (two) doe tags within PGC Wildlife Management Unit 5D to be eligible for hunting on Township property.

Orientation: All members (assigned and alternates) must attend a preseason orientation course conducted by the club officers on August 20, 2020 at the East Bradford Township building main meeting room at 6:30 pm. There will be no alternate dates for this required event. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Encroachment Documentation/Reporting: On Township owned lands, each member assigned to the property shall walk the property perimeter and document any encroachment of adjacent property owners onto Township lands, including (but not limited to) tree stands, play sets, lawn waste dumps, trash dumps, brush piles, sheds, gardens and other similar activities. Documentation shall include identifying the type of encroachment and marking the approximate location on the map provided in Appendix B. Photographs also may be used to further describe the encroachment and its location, but are not required. The encroachments should be reported to the BVAC officers, who will forward them to the Township.

BVAC Hunting Season Requirements and Regulations:

Parking Restrictions/Guidelines: Parking capacity is 15 vehicles on the Harmony Hill Nature Area property, 4 vehicles on the Paradise Valley Nature Area property, 8 vehicles on the Ingram's Mill Nature Area property, 10 vehicles on the Skelp Level Park property, 4 vehicles on the Sugarsbridge property, 2 vehicles on the Strode's Mill property, 4 vehicles on the Mount Bradford Preserve property, 1 vehicle on the Sunset Hollow Open Space property, 4 vehicles on the Brandywine Farm property and 1 vehicle on the Harry Waite Nature Area property. In the event that the parking areas are full, members must wait until another space opens. Members are not permitted to park along roadsides or other properties to access the hunting areas, unless permission is granted to the individual member from an adjacent private property owner, unless otherwise noted above. Parking permits as described below will be issued to all members and must be displayed in the vehicle window during the hunt. If members experience parking problems, they must contact one of the officers immediately to secure legal parking accommodations.

Logbooks: A logbook will be kept at designated parking areas within a lockbox or in a Township owned facility, or shall be kept electronically by the individual members in cases where a property is assigned one or two regular members (Sunset Hollow Open Space and Strode's Mill). Members will be provided a combination to the lockbox or facility upon receipt of membership. All hunters must sign in and out of the logbook at any time they enter and exit the property, record the number of deer sightings during the hunt and record information on any harvested animals. The content of the logbook and information to be recorded will be self-explanatory. Time points will be awarded for time logged in for <u>hunting</u> hours. <u>Hunting</u> is defined as the time spent in the tree stand attempting to harvest a deer and any time tracking a hit deer and removing a recovered deer up to midnight of the day of the hunt. Erecting, relocating or removing tree stands, scouting (preseason), tracking or removing a deer after midnight the day it is hit, placing bait, locating property boundaries and erecting or checking trail cameras shall <u>not</u> be considered <u>hunting</u>, nor shall any other activity not mentioned specifically in the aforementioned definition.

If kept electronically, log book updates shall be sent via email to the club officers on the first day of each month during the season for review. Failure to submit log books consistently shall be considered a violation of BVAC rules and subject to penalties at the discretion of the BVAC officers.

Maps: An aerial photograph will be provided at the Harmony Hill Nature Area indicating each member's territory as defined above. Members must mark the map with a push pin placed in their territory to indicate their presence. Additional members entering the property subsequently shall not disturb members already present.

Locks: The Township will provide a combination lock on the Harmony Hill Nature Area gate at the Skelp Level Road entrance and the Sugarsbridge Nature Area at the Harmony Hill entrance. Members will receive the combination upon acquiring membership. All members must lock the gate after entering the property to prevent nonmembers from entering the property.

Identification: All members also will receive a parking permit card to identify their vehicles. The cards must be displayed on the dash or side windows. All members also will receive a written permission letter for the property they are assigned to that they must possess at all times while hunting on the BVAC permitted properties. All tree stands must be tagged with a uniform BVAC identification tag provided at the orientation meeting, at the expense of 1 dollar each. All tags shall be returned to the BVAC at the end of the hunting season each member will be refunded 1 dollar for each tag. No refund will be given for tags not returned.

Species: Properties shall be hunted for whitetail deer only. No small game, elk, bear, turkey, upland bird, waterfowl, furbearer or varmint hunting or trapping shall be conducted on Township owned lands.

Harvest Requirements: All members are required to harvest a minimum of one antlerless deer from BVAC permitted property prior to harvesting an antlered deer from BVAC permitted property, with exception to the early trophy buck harvest and corresponding probationary period. The first antlerless harvest must be presented (animal and proper tag) to one of the club officers to demonstrate proof of the harvest. Club officers will record the harvest and furnish the member with written confirmation of the harvest (via BVAC collective email updates within one week of the harvest date). Subsequent harvests of all deer will be checked by the club officers to confirm success scores. All members must contact an officer via voice or text immediately after confirming a hit to enable the officers to choose between checking the deer in person or via text. A non-trophy, PGC legal buck cannot be harvested prior to first harvesting antlerless deer and will be subject to penalties at the discretion of the club officers as outlined below.

Hunting Dates: All dates available for deer hunting in the PGC Wildlife Management Unit 5D where a bow and crossbow are permissible weaponry, including the shotgun and muzzleloader season and any extended doe hunting season, with exception to any Sunday hunting dates approved by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Hunting is not permitted on Township owned properties on Sundays.

Pennsylvania Game Commission: All rules and regulations of the PGC must be strictly adhered to. Other rules presented herein that are stricter than the PGC laws must be strictly adhered to if membership is to be maintained.

Weaponry: Archery equipment only as defined by PGC, including crossbows during all dates. No firearms of any type are permitted at any time on any property for the purposes of hunting. Concealed firearms may be carried on Township owned properties only, for the purpose of self-defense with proper conceal/ carry permit issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Bows, steadying aids (which must be used for hunting if used for testing) and sighting systems shall be the equipment used for proficiency testing.

Location: All tree stands must be located a minimum of 75 yards from any occupied structure, 10 yards from any property boundary, 10 yards from any unpaved public trail located on public property, 30 yards from any paved public trail located on public property and 75 yards from any areas that are used by the general public. These public areas generally consist of picnicking areas containing picnic tables, parking areas, commonly used fishing areas and other similar/related facilities. All tree stands must be situated

such that all shots are taken into Township property (shots into adjacent property not permitted to be hunted by the BVAC are strictly prohibited).

Tree Stands: All members must hunt from a temporary or portable tree stand in a manner that directs missed shots toward the ground. The only exception will be for physically challenged or physically disabled members that are unable to climb into a stand. In that case, ground hunting and/or hunting from a blind is permissible, provided the blind is in compliance with PGC regulations and the blind location is approved by the BVAC officers. Tree stands must be a minimum height of 10 feet, measured from the ground level at the base of the tree to the top of the shooting platform.

Members may share stands per the BVAC stand sharing arrangement rules, but must contact the sharing member each time the stand is shared.

All temporary stands must be "ladder" or "hang on" type or other types that do not damage the tree in any way. "Makeshift" or home manufactured tree stands are not permitted, unless approved by the BVAC officers prior to the beginning of the season.

Any home manufactured or production tree stand locking systems, theft prevention systems or use prevention systems must be painted with earth tone paint in a camouflage pattern.

Hunting Appurtenances: All feeders, trail cameras and other appurtenances must be camouflaged or painted in earth tone paint.

Safety Harness: All members must use a full body tree safety harness approved by the Treestand Manufacturer's Association (TMA) at all times while hunting from a tree stand and climbing into and out of a tree stand.

Vegetation Trimming: Vegetation trimming shall be the minimum required to establish a shooting lane or retrieve a harvested animal and shall be limited to invasive ground vegetation (multi-floral rose, Russian/yellow olive, vines, etc.) and tree limbs no greater than 4 inches in diameter. Removal of entire trees and saplings is strictly prohibited. All trimming shall be done with non-powered equipment.

Food Plotting: Food plotting (cultivating plants that attract deer) is not permitted on Township owned property. Members hunting private property must receive permission from the owner to food plot.

Decoys: Decoys must be removed at the end of each hunt (at the end of each day).

Baiting: Baiting for whitetail deer will be permitted on BVAC hunted lands in the 2020-2021 hunting season if it is permitted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission season, per their specific requirements. The landowner will be acquiring a permit to bait if required by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. This may not apply to any private properties permitted to be hunted by the BVAC that are acquired after the first testing date.

First Aid: All members are strongly recommended and encouraged to possess a basic first aid kit capable of treating a minor wound, allergy, insect bite, provide minor pain relief and treat other minor medical problems at all times while hunting.

Field Communication: All members must possess either a cell phone or two way radio during the hunt, to be used for emergency communication only, or other non-hunting communication (use of electronic devices to alert other hunters to approaching game is a PGC violation). Cell phone numbers must be included on the application for

membership. Two-way radio frequencies also must be listed on the application, if applicable. Possession of a safety whistle or other device capable of loudly sounding the standard 3-tone emergency distress call in case of an extreme emergency is strongly recommended and encouraged. In addition, use of the "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) system on cell phones is strongly recommended and encouraged.

BVAC Officer Communication: Electronic mail (email) shall be the primary means of communication between the BVAC officers and general membership during the season and off-season. If a member does not have access to email either temporarily or permanently, the member is responsible for contacting the officers to obtain paper copies of mass communications. If tree stand ownership or tree stand location on a property is in question, the BVAC officers shall contact the members assigned to the property by both email and telephone prior to the stands being removed from the property.

Harvested Animals: All harvested animals must be removed from public or private lands promptly and in an inconspicuous manner, out of sight of the non-hunting public to the extent practicable. Use of a game bag and pull cart or sled is strongly recommended to lessen exposure to the non-hunting public. Entrails may be left on the Township land, provided the entrails are left no closer than 50 yards from any area where public use is evident. If in doubt, remove entrails from the property. Field dressing shall not be conducted in the presence of the non-hunting public.

Quartering deer (removing the front quarters, hind quarters and back straps from a deer and abandoning the remainder) is strictly prohibited and will result in forfeiture of club membership.

A deer shot, but not immediately retrieved must be retrieved and tagged by midnight the following calendar day in edible condition to obtain BVAC success points for the harvest. Harvests found spoiled must be removed from the property and properly disposed of per Pennsylvania Game Commission requirements. No success points will be awarded for deer harvested beyond the aforementioned deadline and/or not in edible condition.

Tree Stand Removal: All tree stands must be removed from BVAC hunted lands no later than one week after the close of the deer hunting season in PGC Wildlife Management Unit 5D. The property owner and/or BVAC officers reserve the right to remove all stands left erect after that date and discard them. The owner of the stand shall be subject to club penalties at the discretion of the officers, including forfeiture of club membership.

Contact with Outside Entities: All contact with third parties, regulating agencies, other entities, individuals, etc. shall be conducted by the BVAC Officers. This shall include obtaining all hunting permission letters, communicating with other hunting organizations, the Pennsylvania Game Commission, private property owners and all similar entities. If a BVAC member is contacted by any such entity or individual, they shall direct the contact to the BVAC officers. Similarly, if a BVAC member wishes to contact an outside entity, the contact shall be through the BVAC officers.

Club Violations and Penalties:

Tree Stands: Use or construction of a permanent tree stand is prohibited and will result in loss of membership. Failure to comply with any aforementioned tree stand or tree protection rule or regulation also will result in loss of membership.

Littering: Littering is strictly prohibited and will result in loss of membership and shall be subject to further fines and penalties administered by East Bradford Township.

Fires: Igniting of fires, unless solely for the purpose of overnight survival in the case of an extreme emergency, is prohibited. Igniting of fires will result in loss of membership and may be subject to further fines and penalties administered by East Bradford Township if there is a Township burning ban during the time the fire is ignited.

Cigarette or Tobacco Smoking: Cigarette or any type of tobacco smoking is prohibited.

Motor Vehicles: Use of any type of motorized vehicle on Township lands is strictly prohibited. Use of a motorized vehicle shall result in loss of membership. The only exception will be for physically challenged or physically disabled members that are unable to reach their stand without use of a motorized vehicle. In such cases, the vehicle may only be used to transport the member to and from the stand at the beginning of the day, lunchtime and at the end of the day.

Driving Deer: Driving deer (traversing a property in an effort to force a deer to move in the direction of a stationary or other moving hunter individually or as part of a hunting party) is prohibited. Driving deer will result in loss of membership for all members of the drive, including all shooters.

Marginal Shooting/Wounding: Shooting at running deer, when vitals are not properly exposed and at excessive distances is prohibited. Penalties shall include temporary suspension, loss of club points and/or loss of membership at the discretion of the club officers.

Disrespectfulness: Disrespect of Township employees, club members, adjacent property owners, the non-hunting or anti-hunting public or any other user of the Township property shall result in temporary suspension of membership, loss of club points or loss of membership at the discretion of the club officers.

Impairments: Consumption of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances, recreational drugs or prescription/over the counter drugs that cause impaired judgment or drowsiness is prohibited. Penalties shall include loss of membership for alcoholic beverages, controlled substances and recreational drugs and suspension of membership, loss of club points or loss of membership for prescription or over the counter drugs at the discretion of the club officers.

After the Shot: Failure to properly follow up after the shot to retrieve an animal or errant arrow/bolt shall result in temporary suspension of membership at the discretion of the club officers. If an animal crosses property boundaries, permission from the property owner must be obtained before retrieving the harvest. If permission cannot be obtained, or if the animal cannot be found, the member must seek help from other club members or officers to negotiate with the property owner to obtain permission and aid in retrieving the harvest.

Game Display: Displaying harvested animals unnecessarily or in an inappropriate, improper manner offensive to the general public is prohibited. Penalties shall include temporary suspension of membership, loss of club points or loss of membership at the discretion of the club officers.

Indecent Exposure: Club members shall not expose themselves to other users of the Township properties indecently, including urination and defecation. Penalties shall result in loss of membership.

Falsifying Documents: Club members shall not provide false information on the membership application or in the logbook. Violations shall result in loss of membership.

Trespassing: Trespassing onto adjacent properties is prohibited for hunting or retrieving a harvested animal. Violation shall include loss of membership.

Early Harvest of Non-Trophy Buck: Any harvesting of a non-trophy buck prior to harvesting an antlerless deer shall result in a 12 point time/success penalty and potential loss of membership at the officer's discretion.

Miscellaneous: Failure to comply with any aforementioned Club Hunting Season Requirement and Regulation or Club Preseason Requirement shall result in temporary suspension of membership, loss of club points or loss of membership at the discretion of the club officers.

Penalty/Termination procedure:

Club members shall be required to police themselves, their assigned property and other members of the club. Members are required to report any unethical activities and/or violations of the club regulations and PGC regulations to the club officers and act in a professional manner at all times.

Once reported, the club officers will inform the hunter of the violation verbally or via email. The hunter will be provided an opportunity to respond to the accusation. If the club officers determine that the hunter has violated a club regulation, the club officers will inform the hunter of the appropriate penalty as outlined above. The hunter will be notified in writing of the result of the club officer's investigation and any penalties that will be administered.

APPENDIX A

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BRANDYWINE VALLEY ARCHERY CLUB
2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

General Information:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home telephone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Two-way radio frequency (if applicable): _____

Email address: _____

(attach photocopy of picture identification)

General Hunting Information:

Hunting experience (yrs): _____ Bow hunting experience (yrs): _____

Date of PGC Hunter Education Training (attach photocopy of card): _____

Date of PGC Bow Hunter Education Training (attach photocopy of card): _____

List and describe any and all PGC law violations you have incurred at any time:

_____

_____

_____

_____

_____

List and describe any instances where you have forfeited membership in similar hunting clubs:

_____

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_____

List the number of doe licenses you plan to acquire for the 2020-2021 season: _____

Hunting Location Preference:

List in descending order of preference the Township properties you would like to hunt:

1._____

2._____

3._____

4._____

5._____

6._____

7._____

8._____

9._____

10. _____

Primary Vehicle Information:

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year of Manufacture:_____

License Plate#: _____

Color: _____ _____

Secondary Vehicle Information (if necessary):

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year of Manufacture:_____

License Plate#: _____

Color: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name (primary contact):_____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home telephone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Two-way radio frequency (if applicable): _____

Name (optional secondary contact):_____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home telephone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Emergency Medical Information:

List below any allergy or any physical/medical conditions that you would like emergency response personnel to know if you must be attended to in an emergency and are unable to inform emergency personnel due to an injury (all records will be kept confidential, unless needed for emergency purposes):

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_____

BVAC Applicant Certification:

I, _____, have read and understand the above rules, regulations and penalty/termination procedures of the Brandywine Valley Archery Club (BVAC). I understand that failure to follow the rules and regulations may result in penalties and/or immediate loss of my club membership and potential fines imposed by the municipality, or the Pennsylvania Game Commission. I have attended an orientation session and I am aware of the property boundaries and the areas where hunting is prohibited. In addition, I hereby volunteer my own time and/or services to assist East Bradford Township (the "Township") in controlling nuisance wildlife on Township owned property and parks ("Township Property. I hereby acknowledge, freely and voluntarily, that I am providing these services voluntarily on my own volition and not at the direction, or under the supervision, of the Township. I further acknowledge and agree to knowingly, freely and voluntarily, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives, and assigns, waive any and all claims, demands, causes of actions, suits of whatever kind or nature, arising as a result of my participation in the activities hereunder, including, but not limited to claims for injury or damages to me, occurring on or around Township, privately owned or collectively owned (homeowners association) property hunted by the Brandywine Valley Archery Club from which any liability could accrue to the Township, private or collective owners and Township's officers, directors, supervisors, employees, successors and assigns or the Brandywine Valley Archery Club's officers, successors and assigns.

_____
Printed name (member)

_____ _____
Signature (member) Date

Parent/Guardian Certification for Minors:

I, _____, am the legal parent/guardian of the above BVAC applicant, who is a minor. I have granted him/her permission to apply for membership to the BVAC and fully understand the terms and conditions of membership in the BVAC, hunting on Township owned and private property and all associated waivers associated with membership in the BVAC listed in the BVAC Applicant Certification paragraph above. I fully understand the BVAC Applicant Certification paragraph and in doing so, hereby grant the minor permission to apply for and obtain membership in the BVAC as an assigned member, youth member and/or alternate member.

_____
Printed name (parent/guardian)

_____ _____
Signature (parent/guardian) Date

Application Checklist (for club officer use only):

Name _____

To qualify for membership, you must demonstrate ownership of the following items (by bringing the items to the club officers at the time of the proficiency testing):

Photocopy of identification _____

Original signed certification of BVAC Rules and Regulations page _____

Basic Hunter Education Course Completion Card _____

Bow Hunter Education Course Completion Card _____

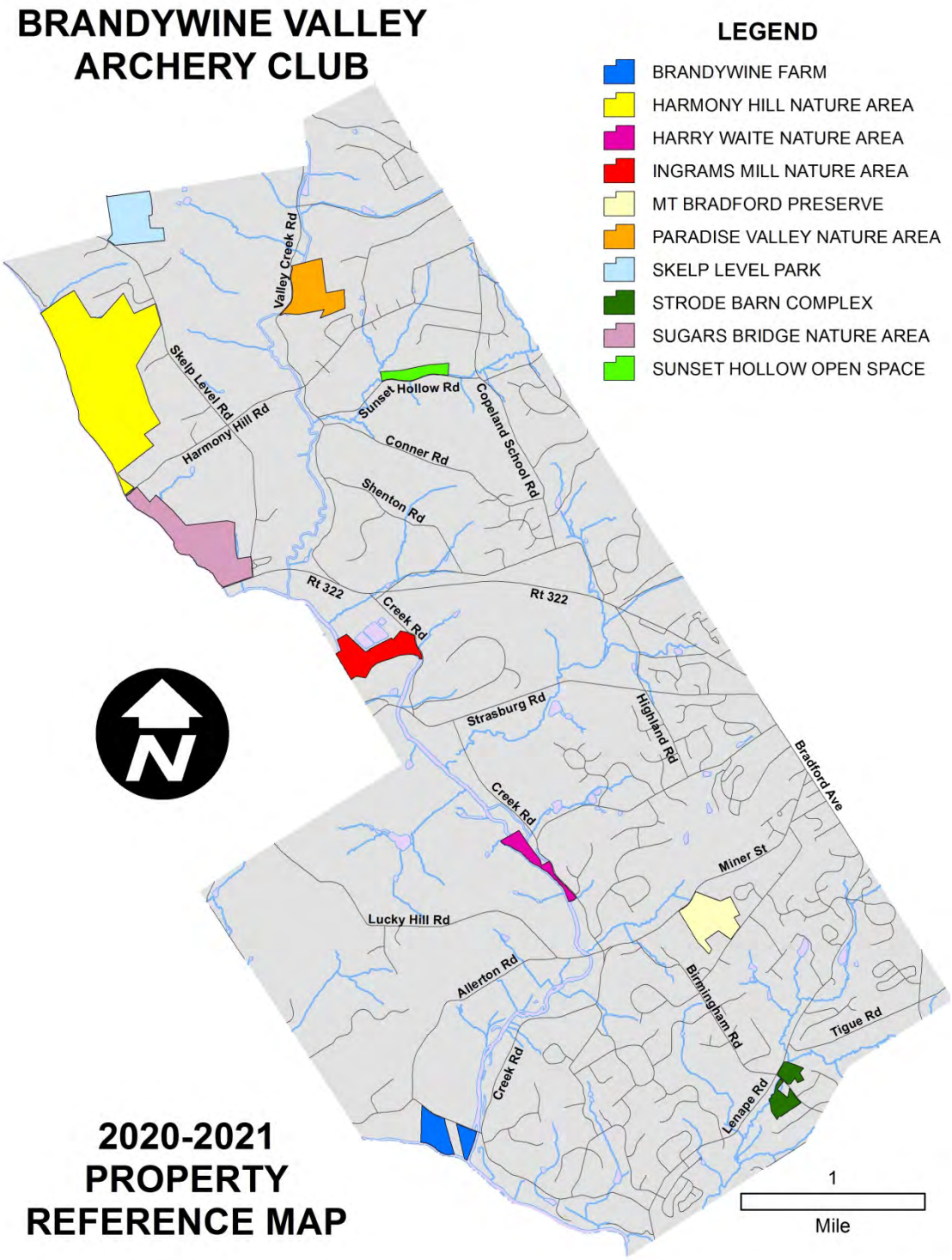
Summary Score Sheet (for club officer use only):

Category:			Score:
Shooting Proficiency:	Qualified	Disqualified	_____
Safety Quiz	Qualified	Disqualified	_____
Distance Judging			_____
Time/Success Rate			_____
Minor GC Violation	Yes	No	_____
Club Violation	Yes	No	_____
Major GC Violation	Qualified	Disqualified	
Total Score			_____

APPENDIX B

PROPERTY MAPS

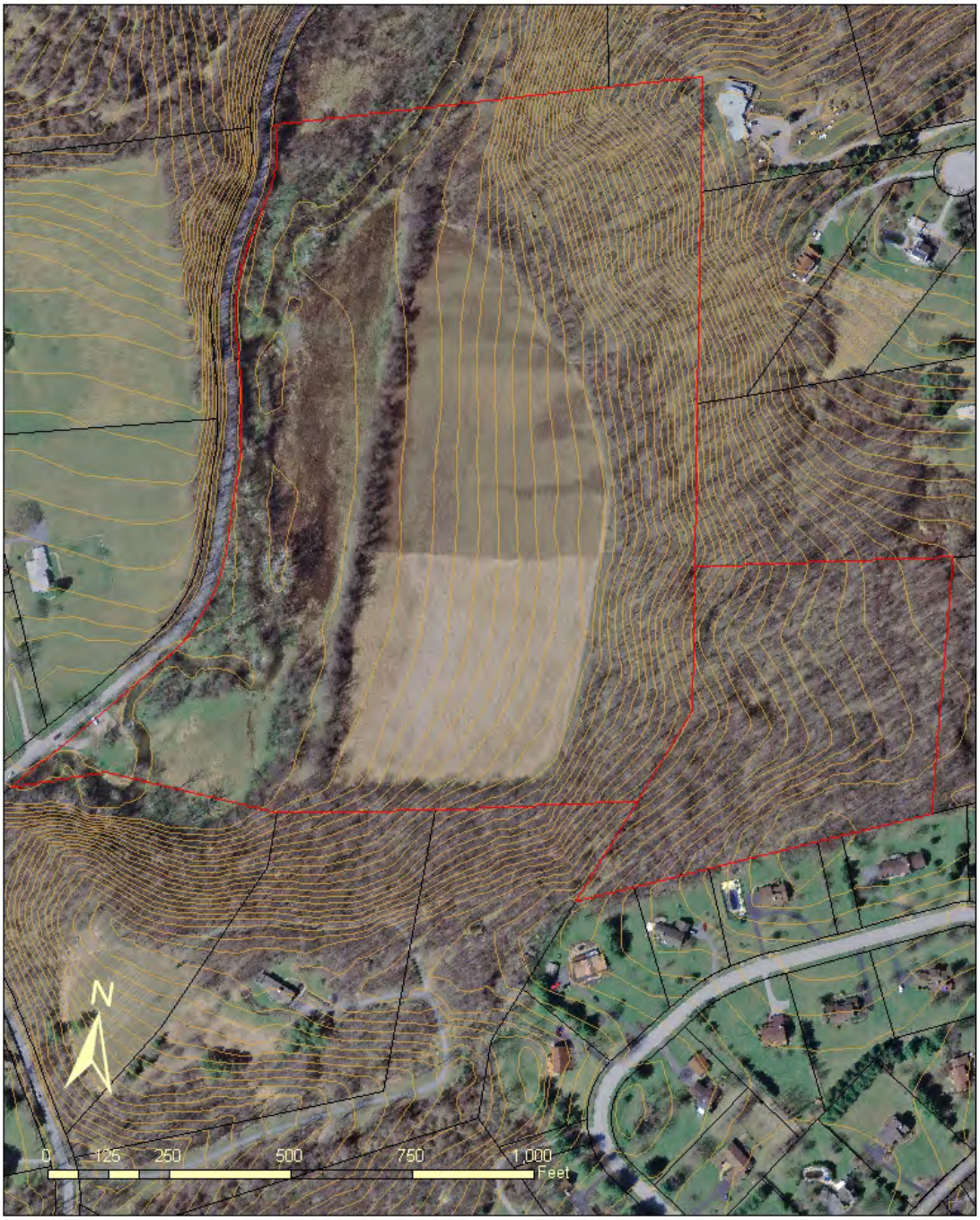
REFERENCE MAP



Skelp Level Open Space

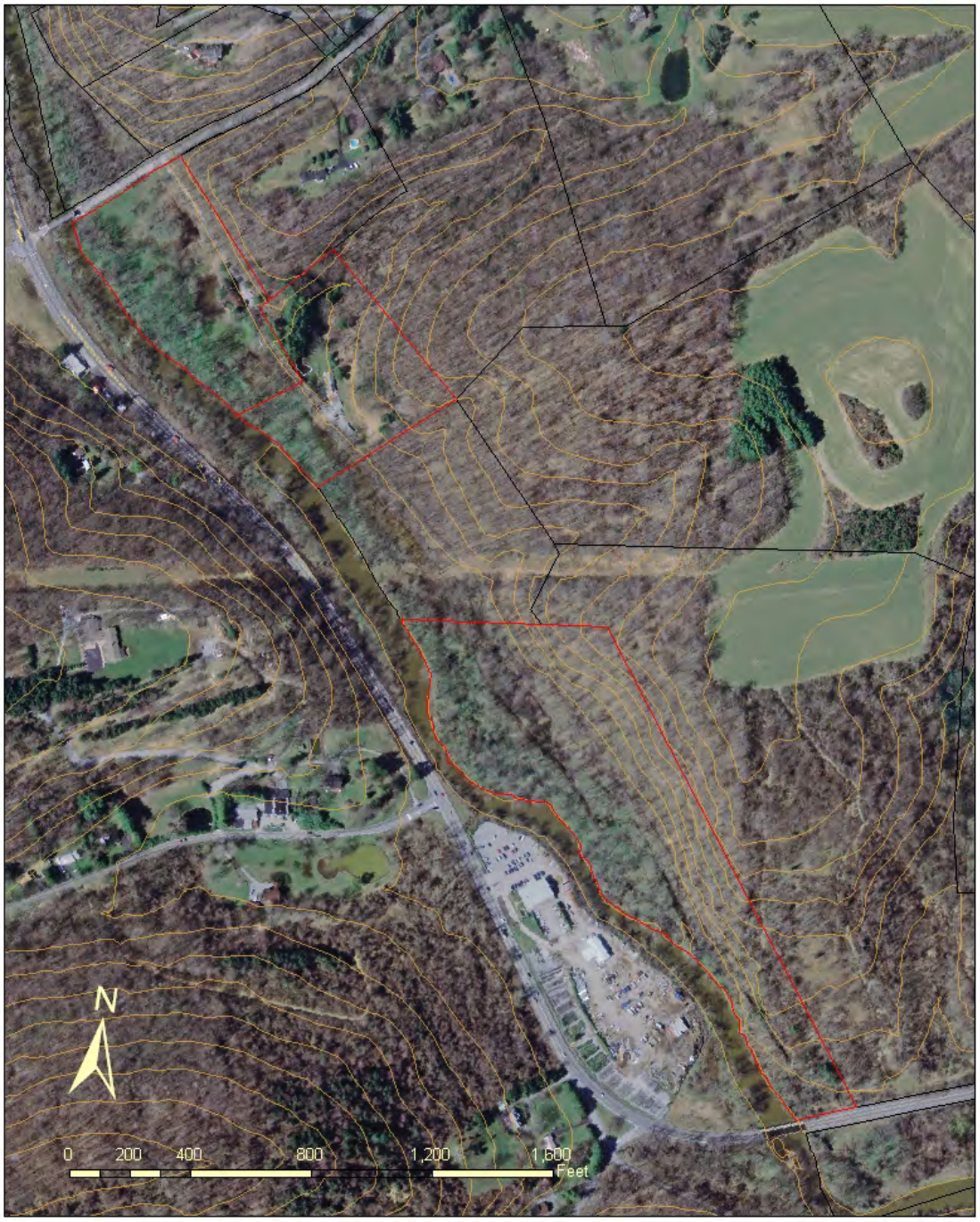
Ingram's Mill Nature Area

Paradise Valley Nature Area



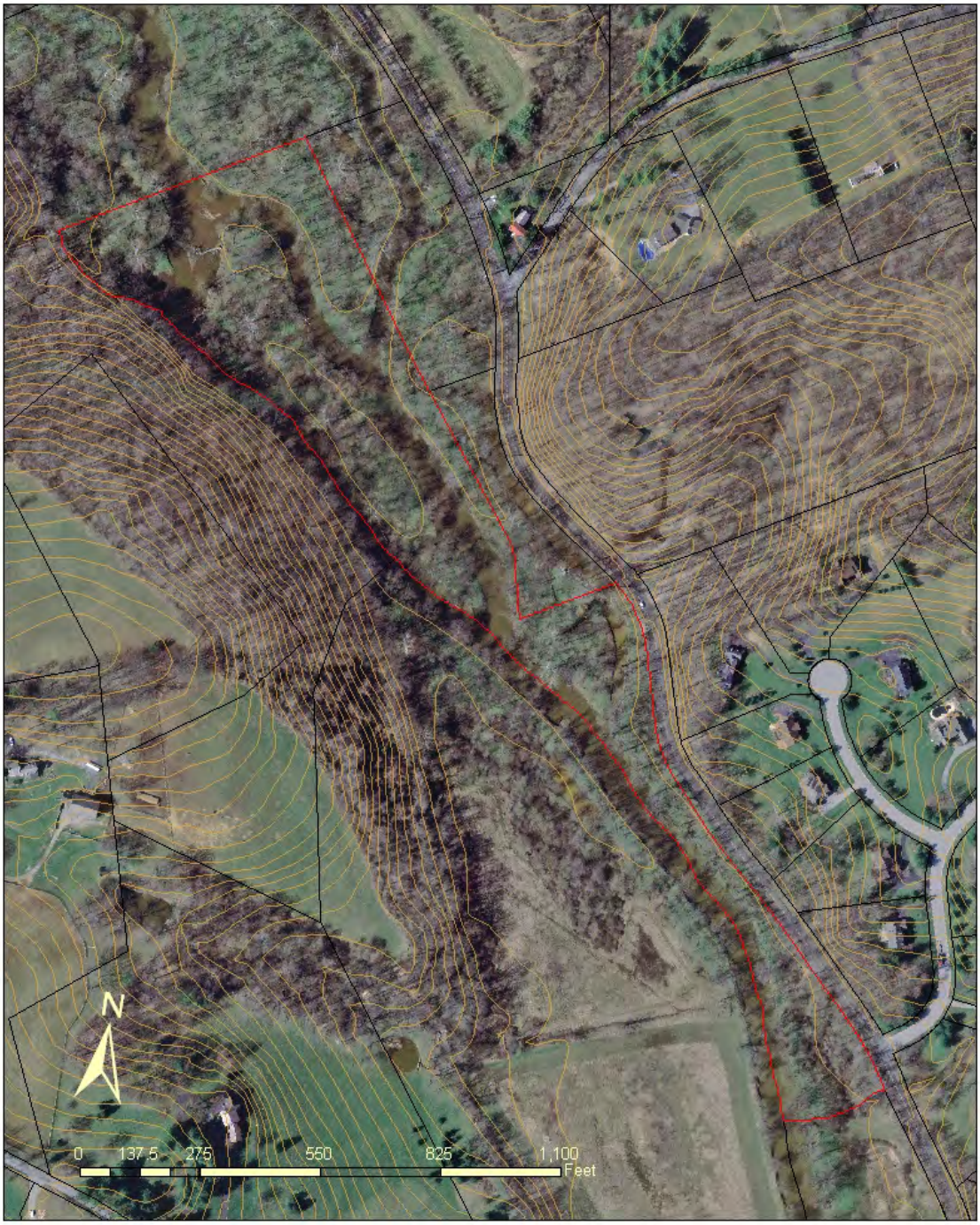
Harmony Hill Nature Area

Sugar's Bridge Nature Area

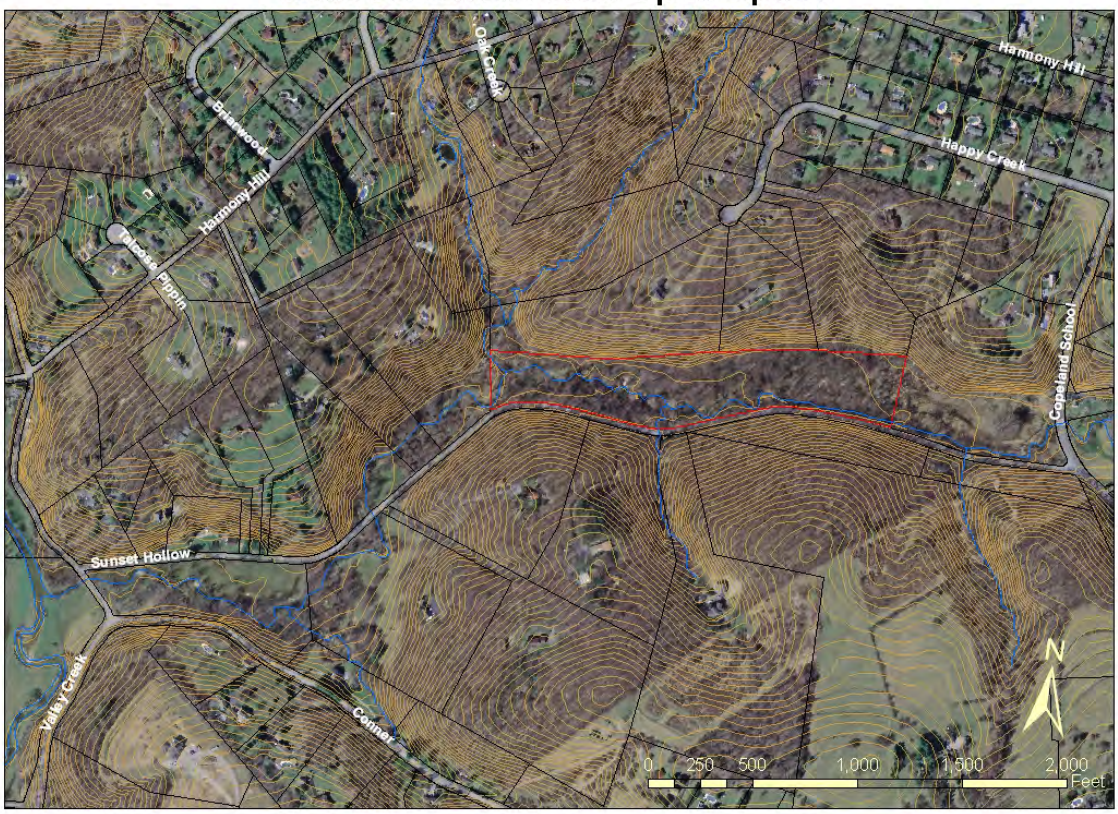


Mt. Bradford Preserve

Harry Waite Nature Area



Sunset Hollow Road Open Space



Brandywine Farm South

Strode's Mill Open Space