

A controlled deer archery hunt takes place yearly on 3233 acres in North Branford, 154 acres in Seymour and Ansonia, 420 acres in Prospect and 520 acres in Bethany. Applicants choose which location they prefer. The archery hunt, which is part of the Regional Water Authority's deer management program, will take place during the month of November.

The RWA distributes 205 permits for the season. Eight hunters will be assigned to the Seymour/Ansonia site, 152 to the North Branford, 20 to Prospect and 25 to the Bethany site. Once assigned to a location, hunters will only be allowed to hunt that site and no other site. Some permits are reserved for hunters who harvested a doe and those who volunteered at our check station during the previous season. The remaining permits will be distributed by lottery. Applications will be accepted up until mid-June.

Applicants **must** have a valid 2021 State of Connecticut archery deer permit and be at least 18 years old.

During the hunt, participants will be **required** to use temporary tree stands, use a safety (full body) harness and wear orange at **all times**. The hunt will run from 4:30 AM through 1:00PM daily. Sundays excluded.

Additionally, the RWA solicits volunteers to staff a check station for each day of the hunt. Volunteers who put in one day at the check station will be guaranteed a spot in the next season's hunt. Applications to volunteer at the check station will be included with the lottery acceptance or rejection letter.

If you would like to receive an application or if you have any questions, please call Nicole Smith, RWA Natural Resource Analyst, at (203) 980-0665 or email at [nsmith@rwater.com](mailto:nsmith@rwater.com).