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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Controlled Deer Hunt Scheduled for Norristown Farm Park

Norristown, PA (November 7, 2019) – The Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites is now accepting applications to participate in a one day controlled antlerless deer hunt at the Norristown Farm Park on January 15, 2020, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All applications must be postmarked or received by 4:15 p.m., November 30, 2019. There are detailed instructions for submitting applications below.

This year's hunt is a continuation of a wildlife management program that began in 2005. As in the past, hunters participating in this year's hunt will be required to use a 12-gauge shotgun containing slug ammunition only. **No buckshot is allowed.** Additionally, all hunters will be required to hunt from a self-provided, self-climbing tree stand with a functioning safety harness. No ladder stand, hang-on stand, screw-in pegs, or any other device which could affect the tree's health will be permitted.

Please note that this is an antlerless deer hunt. **No antlered deer may be harvested.** All interested candidates must possess a minimum of one antlerless deer tag for Wildlife Management Unit 5D to participate.

Hunters 21 years of age and older (18 years of age or older for active duty full-time military personnel) interested in participating in the deer hunt should mail, or drop off a 3" by 5" card containing the following information: name, legal address, telephone number, driver's license number, PA hunting license number, and a WMU 5D antlerless tag number(s). In addition, each applicant is asked to submit a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope for return correspondence. Please mail applications to Norristown Farm Park, 2500 Upper Farm Road, Norristown, PA 19403. Please mark "Deer Hunt" in the lower-left corner of the envelope. **Internet and email applications will not be accepted.** Hunter registrations begin on November 1, 2019.

Only one application per candidate will be accepted. Illegible or incomplete applications will be rejected.

A public lottery will be held at the Norristown Farm Park headquarters on December 6, 2019, at 10 a.m. Hunters may, but need not, be present on the day of the drawing to participate. A total of 38 qualified hunters will be selected at that time.

Successful applicants drawn in the lottery will be issued a permit by mail and will be required to attend a **mandatory** safety meeting prior to the hunt. Those who fail to attend the mandatory safety meeting will be automatically disqualified from the hunt.

In addition, all hunters selected in the lottery will scout their respective hunting area and choose, with park approval, a tree where they will set up their portable climber on the day of the hunt. Special accommodations will be made for those with **documented** physical limitations or restrictions.

All Pennsylvania Game Commission laws will be in effect on the day of the hunt. Furthermore, the hunt itself will be closely monitored for safety and compliance by officials from various law enforcement agencies.

Please note that the Norristown Farm Park will be closed to the general public on the day of the hunt.

For additional information concerning the controlled deer hunt, please call the Norristown Farm Park office at 610.270.0215, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Additional information related to the hunt may be posted on the web at www.parks.montcopa.org.

Norristown Farm Park is owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is operated by Montgomery County Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites, a division of the Department of Assets and Infrastructure. The park is located at 2500 Upper Farm Road, off of West Germantown Pike and Barley Sheaf Drive. The park is typically open for passive recreation seven days a week from sunrise to sunset.

Montgomery County is dedicated to preserving this unique and valuable open space, providing passive recreation for the region, as well as the continuance of “normal” farming operations on the agricultural lands.

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