

### Deer Management Program **frequently asked questions:**

- **Who are the archers?** The program is open to Whitehall residents and Borough employees.
- **What is the process for selecting archers?** All candidates must pass a Pa Criminal Records check, possess a valid Pennsylvania hunting license, and complete the Pa Game Commission Successful Bowhunting program. They are also required to pass an Archer Proficiency Test administered by Suburban Wildlife.
- **Where will hunting activities occur?** Some residential properties within the Borough may not be well suited for the archer property. Suburban Wildlife is focusing on large, wooded tracts of land that butt up against residential properties in the Borough. Hunting activities will **ONLY occur in these areas with permission of the property owners.**
- **Do I need to purchase a “No killing Deer in My Yard” sign to prevent hunting activities?** No. You do not need to post a sign in your yard. Hunting activities for the deer management program will only occur on properties where the owners provided written permission to Suburban Wildlife.
- **Does the police department and/or Borough maintain information on hunting locations and archers?** No, Suburban Wildlife maintains all information on hunting locations and archers.
- **Will hunting occur in Borough Parks?** There will be no hunting activity permitted in Borough Parks.
- **Will harvested animals go to waste?** Participating archers can donate harvested animals to the Pa Sharing the Harvest Program, a statewide network for distributing venison to food pantries and community assistance centers across Pennsylvania.
- **Is there a liability risk for property owners?** Suburban Wildlife is required to maintain liability coverage for all hunting activities associated with the deer management program.
- **What is the cost to the Borough?** The total cost of the program is \$10,000 and was included in the Borough’s 2022 Budget.

The public archery program is simply an extension of State permitted hunting activities that have occurred within the Borough for decades. Archery is the use of bows and arrows. No firearms will be used.

- **175% increase** in reported **Deer vs. Motor Vehicle accidents** since 2017.
- **90% increase** in reported **Animal Complaints involving Wildlife** since 2017.
- **49% increase** in reported **injured / dead deer** removed from roadways and yards by Animal Control since 2017.