



August 10, 2012

Waterfowl Permit Requestors,

I am looking forward to another successful season in 2012 and we will again be requiring the following:

- A \$10 fee will be charged to anyone requesting a permit to cover the cost of the criminal background investigation and administrative time in processing the permit.
- Anyone requesting a permit will need to submit proof of approval to be on property owner's land. **You must obtain this written proof each year and attach with your permit application.** If you are hunting from a boat on one of the lakes, please indicate this on the permit form.
- The season has been broken into "mini-permit" seasons. Only 10 permits will be issued for each zone in each "mini" season.
- Hunting will be allowed 7 days a week within the established DNR seasons and the City issued permits. Exception: hunting program at Moraine View Park
- Requests are allowed for more than one "mini" season. Each requestor only need pay the \$10.00 permit fee once, no matter how many permits you are applying for.
- I will be asking that hunters provide the City data on the number of geese harvested in 2011. You will only need to submit this information at the conclusion of the season.

A friendly reminder that the success of the waterfowl hunting program is dependent on hunters being respectful of the environment and the rights of the property owners along the lakes.

- All hunters must have written permission to be on private property
- All hunters must have permission to use existing blinds
- No blinds should be constructed without the permission of the property owner
- There should be no cutting of trees, bushes and grasses to build blinds without permission from the effected landowner
- Only those with permits issued by the City are allowed to hunt
- If you obtain permission to hunt on private property, please coordinate with the property owner regarding dates and times that you plan to hunt
- Please note that all of the land around the lakes within the approved hunting zones requires land owner permission and that WE Energies and ATC do not allow hunting on their land.

As the City continues to develop and more residential areas are created along the lakes, I ask all hunters to be mindful of community residents and property owners. I would like to highlight the following statement from the permit,

*“I understand that safety will be adhered to at all times regardless of legal permit and that no hunting is allowed within 100 yards of any street, highway, or occupied building. I further understand that any violation of this permit or any of the fish and game laws of the State of Wisconsin will automatically revoke this permit. I understand I must have written permission for hunting on private property and must carry that permission at all times while hunting on that property.”*

In 2012, we will again include Moraine View Park as a hunting area on the weekends in November and December. This will provide a limited opportunity to hunt on public land that will not need landowner permission. A large detention pond exists in the park and it is my hope that the hunting program will assist in controlling the geese population at this location.

In addition, unless you are hunting from a boat or at Moraine View Park – you will need permission from the landowner to be on private property. WE Energies and ATC have informed us that they do not allow hunting from their property – please keep this in mind this season.

We have again broken the season into several permit options. If you are interested in multiple permits, please rank the season you are most interested in as your #1 choice, second most interested as #2, etc. Failure to do this may result in a delay in processing your permit request. If you are interested in all 10 permits, you must rank them from 1-10.

Thank you for interest and assistance in controlling the waterfowl population in Whitewater. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (262) 473-0122 or via email at [mamundson@whitewater-wi.gov](mailto:mamundson@whitewater-wi.gov).

The completed permit application should be sent to:

Whitewater Parks & Recreation  
Waterfowl Hunting Program  
312 W Whitewater Street  
Whitewater, WI 53190

Sincerely,

*Matt Amundson*

Matt Amundson, CPRP  
Parks and Recreation Director





# 2012 Final Waterfowl Rule Summary

(NRB approved Aug 8)



Most of the waterfowl season dates for 2012 are the same as 2011 adjusted for the calendar shift. One important change proposed by duck hunters during the public involvement process was a Monday through Friday closure to the duck and goose seasons from November 5-9 in order to extend the end of the north zone duck season for late season hunting to November 25. According to harvest data about 90% of the duck harvest in the north zone is over by November 1. This change came from those passionate duck hunters still hunting in November. Some hunters will be excited about this change while others have concerns over the closed days in early November. We can evaluate this season and decide next year if hunters wish to continue with this change.

**Early September Canada goose season** – September 1-15, with a daily bag of 5 geese.

**Youth Waterfowl Hunt** - September 15-16. The daily bag is the same as the regular seasons.

## **Ducks**

60 Day Season – Daily bag of 6 ducks in total. Of the 6 ducks, no more than: 4 mallards of which only 1 may be a hen, 3 wood ducks, 1 black duck, 2 redheads, **4 scaup**, 2 pintail, and 1 canvasback. In addition, 5 mergansers to include not more than two hooded mergansers. (For species of duck not listed such as teal and ring-necks, the combined total with all other species may not exceed 6 ducks). Coot daily bag of 15.

\*Opening day shooting hours will begin at 9am.

**Northern Zone: Sept 22 – Nov 4, Nov 10-25**

**Southern Zone: Sept 29- Oct 7, Oct 13- Dec 2**

**Mississippi River Zone: Sept 22- 30; Oct 13- Dec 2**

## **Canada Geese** –

**Exterior Zone: Daily Bag of 2. Season has been extended by 7 days for 92 days total.**

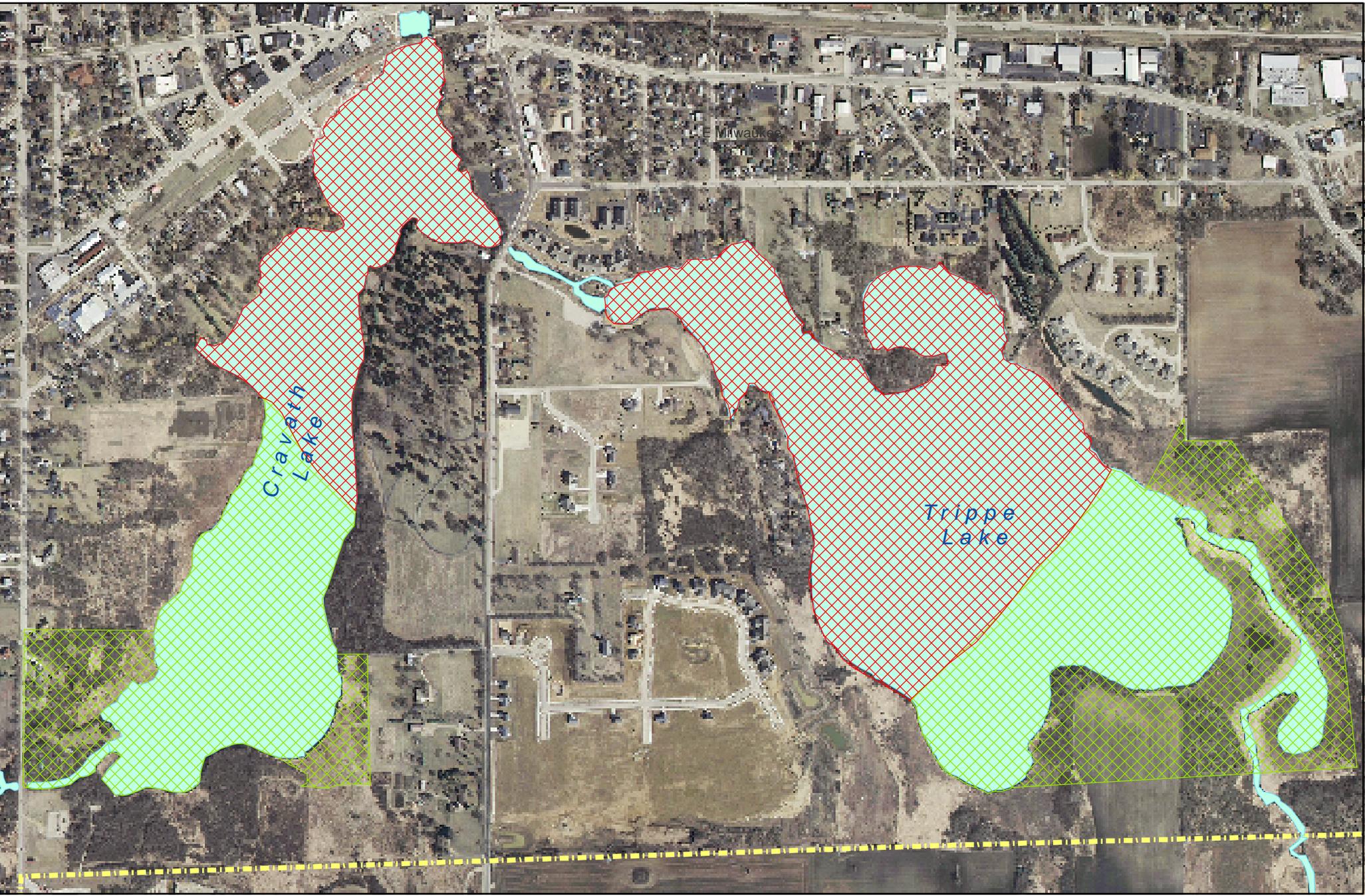
- North - **Sept 16-Nov 4, Nov 10-Dec 21**
- South - Sept 16 – Oct 7, and Oct 13 – Dec 21
- Mississippi River Subzone: Sept 22- 30; Oct 13- January 3

## **Horicon Zone:**

- H1- Sept 16 – Oct 28
- H2- Oct 29 – Dec 16

Daily Bag of 2. 6 Tags per hunter.

**Light geese, brant and white-fronted geese** - Light geese (Snow, Blue and Ross) and Brant: Seasons are the same as for the Canada goose zones and subzones. Daily Bag Limit: 1 brant and 20 light geese. The open season for White-fronted geese begins on September 20 for the Exterior (north and south) and the Horicon zone and then follow the same dates as for Canada geese in those zones. In the Mississippi River subzone of the Exterior zone the White-fronted goose season does not open until September 26 and then follows the same dates as those for Canada geese in that subzone. Daily Bag Limit: 1 white-fronted goose.



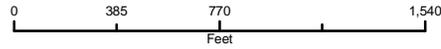
**Legend**

**Water Fowl Areas**

-  NO Hunting
-  Approved Control Area
-  City of Whitewater

# Water Fowl Control Areas

## City of Whitewater, WI



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 Border of Park – Approved Control Area

**Waterfowl Control Area – Moraine View Park**  
City of Whitewater, WI