

## **NC URBAN ARCHERY**

The season this year was Jan. 13 – Feb. 17, 2018.

In 2018 there were more than 62 cities enrolled in the Urban Archery Program.

The intention of the UA season is to enable cities, towns and villages to reduce urban deer populations through increased hunter opportunity.

Hunting in the UA season is allowed only in participating municipalities; areas allowed by the city, town, village. This does NOT obligate private landowners to allow hunting on their property. Hunters are legally required to obtain written permission to hunt on posted property

### **Why Deer?**

- America's deer population, which numbered 20 mill. In 1990 increased to 30 mill in 2000. In NC we have an estimated 1 million deer. There has been a noticeable decline in the eastern part of the state, due to several things: predators, disease and hunting. Hunters do a good job of control, except where they are not allowed to hunt.
- Crop damage sustained by farmers and deer-auto collisions have risen dramatically.
- NC and other Wildlife Resources Commissions have increased the harvest limits.
- Hunting was found to be the only cost-effective method of controlling and maintaining a stable deer population.
- These factors have resulted in a surplus of nutritious venison that can be utilized to help feed the hungry in NC.