



# NDA LAND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM - PROGRAM APPLICATION

**Please print all information except for signatures.**

**Step 1 a. Property Management Classification** (check one)  Individual  Group

**Step 1 b. Property Designation Level** (check one)  Pledged Lands  Certified Lands  Legacy Lands

**Step 1 c. Purpose of Application**  Change in Property Management Classification  Initial Certification  
 Change in Property Designation Level  Recertification

**Step 2. Owner/Applicant Information**

NDA Member?  Yes  No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last or Company Name First Name Middle Initial

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 3 a. Property Information**

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LCP number (if renewal) \_\_\_\_\_

Principal state/province where property exists: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal county/parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres: \_\_\_\_\_ Contiguous  Yes  No Ownership  Non-Industrial Private  Industrial Private  
 Public Lands  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Club, QDM co-op, etc.)

Is property leased?  Yes  No  Partially (#acres \_\_\_\_\_, percentage \_\_\_\_\_ %)

Is property used for commercial hunting of deer?  Yes  No  Partially (#acres \_\_\_\_\_, percentage \_\_\_\_\_ %)

Is property enclosed by a game-proof fence?  Yes  No  Partially (#acres \_\_\_\_\_)

Location (road boundaries, GPS coordinates, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Service providers (biologist, forester) contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Does landowner or applicant live on the property?  Yes  No  Seasonal

**Step 3 b. Group Designation Information** (for Group applications only)

Name of group/cooperative: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of landowners involved: \_\_\_\_\_ Contiguous:  Yes  No

Total acreage of participants under this application: \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 4. Qualified Inspector Information**

NDA Inspector Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Check type:  Consultant  Agency  University  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you?  CWB/AWB  CF/LF  NDA Member  DS2 or DS3 Graduate

Date of Inspection: (dd/mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 5a. Management Plans** - Attach copies to back of application.

Written forest or habitat management plan (required):  Yes  No If no plan available, Pledged Lands status **only**.

Annual harvest/management report or population survey data (optional):  Yes  No



## Step 5 b. Standards Met (during previous three years)

Please check off the following Standards that have been met by property owner or authorized agent. Inspector should use Rating Sheet (separate document) to assess compliance.

### Standards 1-4: COMMITMENT TO QDM, THE NDA, WILDLIFE LAWS AND SAFETY

#### 1. Commitment to NDA, Ethics and Conservation

- a. NDA membership current  Yes  No
- b. NDA Mission supported  Yes  No
- c. All hunting in accordance with "Fair Chase" rules  Yes  No
- d. NDA Code of Conduct followed  Yes  No
- e. NDA Issue/Position Statements supported  Yes  No

#### 2. Compliance with Laws

- a. Federal, state and local laws followed  Yes  No
- b. All hunters are licensed, no existing violations  Yes  No

#### 3. Commitment to Safety

- a. State or provincial hunter education course required  Yes  No
- b. Policy on rules of hunter safety outlined  Yes  No
- c. Hunter location procedure in place  Yes  No
- d. Stands inspected and safety harness required  Yes  No
- e. Gates, bridges and other hazards checked/marked  Yes  No
- f. Guidelines for safe vehicle/ATV use in place  Yes  No
- g. Emergency planning  Yes  No
- h. Shooting/archery range safety considered  Yes  No

#### 4. Commitment to Four Cornerstones of QDM

- a. Herd management strategies applied  Yes  No
- b. Habitat management strategies applied  Yes  No
- c. Hunter management strategies applied  Yes  No
- d. Herd monitoring strategies applied  Yes  No

### Standards 5-8: FOUR CORNERSTONES OF QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT

#### 5. Herd Management Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)

- a. Adaptive management plan developed  Yes  No
- b. On-site interview completed  Yes  No
- c. Utilize all tools available  Yes  No
- d. Record the following herd management data  Yes  No

Please record the following information annually and report all data collected during the Land Certification inspection and/or renewal process:

- i. Antlerless Deer Management: Harvest rate (avg. # acres per antlerless deer past 3 years) \_\_\_\_\_  
Harvest age structure: \_\_\_\_\_ % 0.5 \_\_\_\_\_ % 1.5 \_\_\_\_\_ % 2.5 + = 100%

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

#### ii. Antlered Buck Management (check all that apply):

Check type  APR  Spread  B&C  Beam Length  Quota/Bag  Age  EAB  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest age structure: \_\_\_\_\_ % 0.5 \_\_\_\_\_ % 1.5 \_\_\_\_\_ % 2.5 \_\_\_\_\_ % 3.5+ = 100%

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



iii. Adult Sex Ratio (pre season): \_\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_ (females per male) Unknown\_\_\_\_\_

iv. Deer Density Estimate (pre-season): \_\_\_\_\_ per square mile Unknown\_\_\_\_\_
Trend last 3 years (increasing, decreasing or stable): \_\_\_\_\_

v. Fawn Management (use 3-year average):

Fawn Recruitment Rate (fawns per adult doe, pre-season): \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown\_\_\_\_\_

Doe Fawn Breeding Rate (% of all yearling does lactating): \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown\_\_\_\_\_

Buck Fawn Harvest Rate (% of antlerless harvest): \_\_\_\_\_ Unknown\_\_\_\_\_

vi. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Habitat Management Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)

- a. Laws followed, sound forest management practiced [ ] Yes [ ] No
b. Habitat diversity well interspersed [ ] Yes [ ] No
c. Food and cover requirements [ ] Yes [ ] No
d. Prescribed fire in accordance with regulations [ ] Yes [ ] No
e. Record the following habitat management data [ ] Yes [ ] No

Please record the following information annually and report all data collected during the Land Certification inspection and/or renewal process:

i. Current Property Composition:

Table with 3 columns: Category, Percentage, and Approx. Acres. Rows include Timber/Forest, Agriculture/Crops, Food Plots, ES/NWSG/Old field, Tree/Shrub Plantings, Water/Ponds/Wetlands, Other (ROWs, bldgs), and a total row for 'Should equal = 100%'.

ii. Forest Management Practices (include year, type of management and acres):

- Type 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_
Type 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_
Type 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Food Plot Management Practices (include year, species planted and acres):

- Type 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_
Type 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_
Type 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Early Succession/NWSG/Old Field Management Practices (include year, type of management and acres):

- Type 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_
Type 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_
Type 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

v. Tree/Shrub Plantings (include year, number and species planted, and acres):

- Type 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_
Type 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_
Type 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_



vi. Water/Pond/Wetland Management Practices (include year, type of wetland and management, and acres)

Type 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Type 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Type 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

vii. Other Management Practices: ROW's, etc. (include year, type of area and management, and acres)

Type 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Type 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

Type 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Acres: \_\_\_\_\_

viii. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Hunter Management Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)

- a. Maintain deer harvest guidelines  Yes  No
- b. Maintain other game species guidelines  Yes  No
- c. Minimize or evenly distribute hunting pressure  Yes  No
- d. Maintain property access guidelines  Yes  No
- e. Hunter liability protection in place  Yes  No
- f. Record the following hunter management data  Yes  No

Please record the following information annually and report all data collected during the Land Certification inspection and/or renewal process:

i. Hunter education in the areas of deer biology, deer management, and wildlife conservation.

- Check type  Require NDA membership  Encourage NDA membership
- Display/provide Educational Resources such as NDA's books, posters, etc.
- Require/encourage participation in educational seminars/events
- Provide periodic on -site training on topics such as data collection, aging on hoof, etc.

ii. Deer harvest guidelines: \_\_\_\_\_

iii. Other species guidelines: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Description and location of "safe-zones" or sanctuaries: \_\_\_\_\_

v. Property access: \_\_\_\_\_

vi. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Herd Monitoring Activities (attach additional sheets if necessary)

- a. Conduct a comprehensive monitoring program  Yes  No
- b. Collect hunter observation data  Yes  No
- c. Conduct population estimate  Yes  No
- d. Monitor habitat for overabundance  Yes  No
- e. Monitor predator populations for impacts  Yes  No
- f. Record the following herd monitoring data  Yes  No

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i. Herd condition indices collected (check all that apply):

Check type:  Weight  Jaw (age)  Sex  Lactation status  Fetus (breeding date)  Kidney fat  
 Points  Spread  Circum.  Beam length  Parasites  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

ii. Hunter observation data collected:

Complete  Partial  None

iii. Population estimate data collected (check all that apply):

Check type:  Pellet Count  Trail Camera  Spotlight  Aerial  Track Count  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

iv. Deer impact data collected (check all that apply):

Check type:  Browse survey  Browse enclosures  Forage production estimates  
 Visual inspection  Rumen inspection  Forage quality analyses

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

v. Predator abundance and impact data collected (check all that apply):

Check type:  Track/scat monitoring  Fawn recruitment rate monitoring  
 Observation data  Trapping  Hunter harvest

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

vi. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Property Recommendations for Next Five Years (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Herd Management: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Habitat Management: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hunter Management: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Herd Monitoring: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Standards 9-14: LAND PROTECTION, CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP

9. Commitment to Excellence and Continued Improvement

- a. Continuing education (20 hrs over 5-years)  Yes  No
- b. Commit to complete inspectors recommendations  Yes  No
- c. Review cost-share opportunities  Yes  No
- d. Provide access to the property  Yes  No

10. Conservation of Biodiversity

- a. Rare, Threatened/Endangered species management  Yes  No
- b. Invasive species management  Yes  No

Identify, map and make reasonable efforts to control or, preferably, eradicate invasive plant species on property.

Identification/mapping:  None  Partial  Full

Control/eradication:  Little or none  Moderate  Complete

List major invasive species of concern: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe measures to be taken: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Aesthetics

- a. Buffer negative activities  Yes  No
- b. Maintain a clean entry, sign display  Yes  No
- c. Hunter harvested game disposal  Yes  No
- d. Trash-free property  Yes  No
- e. Consider wildlife habitat diversity  Yes  No

12. Special Sites Identification and Conservation

- a. Identify and manage special sites  Yes  No

13. Air, Water and Soil Protection

- a. Follow BMPs and comply with ordinances  Yes  No
- b. Minimize off-road vehicle use in sensitive areas  Yes  No
- c. Address impacts from oil, gas and mineral resources  Yes  No

14. Long-term Habitat Protection and Conservation

- a. Commit to restrict property from development  Yes  No



**Step 6. Approval of Application**

By signing the Land Certification Program application, the landowner or the authorized agent of the landowner (applicant) agree to follow and uphold the program's Standards. The Landowner, Qualified Inspector and NDA Representative signatures are **required** prior to approval.

If applicant is not the landowner, I acknowledge and agree that NDA is a non-profit conservation organization whose primary business and purpose is to coordinate, support and participate in the education of the public in wildlife management and conservation; especially as such activities relate to and include legal hunting and management of wild deer and related wildlife species.

I understand that if I provide false/fraudulent information my application for the NDA Land Certification Program could be denied or revoked by the NDA, and in that event I agree to remove and turn in my Land Certification Program sign(s). Therefore, I declare that I have examined this form, and to the best of my knowledge, all statements are true, correct, and accurate. In addition, my signature authorizes the National Deer Association to examine and audit my property to ensure that I am upholding all accounts of the Land Certification Program Standards.

**Signatures:**

Approved (date): \_\_\_\_\_ By: (Landowner)\_\_\_\_\_

Approved (date): \_\_\_\_\_ By: (Leasee, Manager, Contact for Company or Group)\_\_\_\_\_

Approved (date): \_\_\_\_\_ By: (Qualified Inspector)\_\_\_\_\_

Approved (date): \_\_\_\_\_ By: (NDA Representative)\_\_\_\_\_

If recertification, is LCP sign displayed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Is new sign needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Is new name plate needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

**Revocation of Designation**

Property certification may be revoked by the NDA at any time for: 1) providing false information or statements during any part of the enrollment process, 2) flagrant or repeated violation of state or federal laws or regulations pertaining to hunting or management activities on the property, or 3) flagrant or repeated violation of the NDA Code of Conduct.

The NDA is an international nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of wild deer, wildlife habitat and hunting. The NDA can be reached at 1-800-209-DEER or deerassociation.com.

**Payment Information:** (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ) + (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Application Fee Extra Sign(s) Amount Sent

<input type="checkbox"/>	Check # _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Money order # _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	MasterCard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visa
<input type="checkbox"/>	American Express		

**CARD #** \_\_\_\_\_ **EXPIRATION DATE:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REMIT COMPLETE APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO:**

NDA • Re: Land Certification Program • P.O. Box 162305 • Atlanta, GA 30321-2305  
or Call: (800)209-3337 • or Fax to: (706)353-0223