

**2026 Application for "Invest in Restoration of Habitat"**  
**The Habitat Cost Share Program of the Thumb Area Branch of the National Deer Association ("NDA")**

**ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2026, SUBMIT THIS FULLY COMPLETED, PROPERLY SIGNED (NOTE: Applicant must always sign; owner of Property must also sign if Applicant is not the owner of the Property) APPLICATION (WITH ALL REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION), BY EMAIL TO [thumbareaqdma@gmail.com](mailto:thumbareaqdma@gmail.com) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (since this Program is on a "first come basis"). See the accompanying "Invest in Restoration of Habitat" Sheet for the Habitat Cost Share Program of the Thumb Area Branch of the NDA, which is made a part hereof. For example, the Thumb Area Branch of the NDA has agreed to provide up to a total of \$6,000 for this year's Program, with no more than \$200 going to any one Applicant and/or Property. If there are too many Applications, then the limited funds may be paid out on a first in time basis.**

1. Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Applicant's mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Applicant's CELL phone (& other) number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Applicant's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Is Applicant a NDA member? Yes or No

[Only NDA members qualify, become one by going to <https://deerassociation.com/join/>.]

6. Applicant's NDA Membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. ATTACH A COPY OF THE ORDER FORM(S) that identifies(y) all of the Qualified Purchases (please note: seeds including food plot seeds as well as anything else not visible above ground at the time of planting are not considered qualified purchases) that shall be properly planted and/or properly utilized (as the case may be, and collectively referred to herein as "Plantings") in Huron, Sanilac and/or Tuscola County(ies) the spring of 2026.**

**8. ATTACH A COPY OF THE PAID RECEIPT(S).**

9. Price paid by Applicant for Qualified Purchases from 1 of the 3 above-named Conservation Districts: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Price paid by Applicant for Qualified Purchases NOT from 1 of the 3 above-named Conservation Districts: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11. Street address of the property where Plantings will be located: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Name(s) of owner(s) of the Property where Plantings will be located: \_\_\_\_\_

**If Applicant is not the Property owner where Plantings will be located ("Property"), state the following:**

What authority Applicant has to make the Plantings: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the owner of the Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of the owner of the Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers of the owner of the Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of the owner of the Property: \_\_\_\_\_

A scanned, fully completed and signed copy of this Application that is emailed serves in lieu of original signatures.

I, the owner of the Property, DECLARE THE ABOVE STATEMENTS, including those regarding the Property, ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE and I hereby grant representatives of the Thumb Area Branch of the NDA permission to enter onto the Property to inspect, and to take pictures for publication of, the Plantings and Property.

**Signature of owner of the Property:** \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Applicant, DECLARE THE ABOVE STATEMENTS, including those regarding the Property, ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE and I hereby grant representatives of the Thumb Area Branch of the NDA permission to enter onto the Property to inspect, and to take pictures for publication of, the Plantings and Property.

**Applicant's signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**"Invest in Restoration of Habitat"**  
**Sheet for the Habitat Cost Share Program of the Thumb Area Branch of  
the National Deer Association ("NDA")**

With the declining numbers of wooded land from fence rows being taken down, entire woods being harvested in place of farm land or the construction of more industry, our natural habitat is not what it once was. The Thumb Area Branch of the National Deer Association ("NDA") is pleased to announce a benefit available exclusively to NDA members [if you are not one, become one by going to <https://deerassociation.com/join/>] interested in a limited cost share for selected habitat projects in Huron, Sanilac and/or Tuscola County(ies). The Thumb Area Branch of the NDA has agreed to provide up to a total of \$6,000 for this year's program, with no more than \$200 going to any one Applicant and/or Property.

Requirements include:

1. **50% cost share** will only apply to purchase(s) (including related sales tax and handling fees) made in the spring of 2026 from the Conservation District(s) in Huron, Sanilac and/or Tuscola County(ies) of trees, shrubs, plants, grasses and/or related protective items (e.g., tree guards and/or mats) collectively referred to herein as "SC Qualified Purchases"; FOR THIS PROGRAM, SEEDS AS WELL AS ANYTHING ELSE NOT VISIBLE ABOVE GROUND AT THE TIME OF PLANTING ARE NOT CONSIDERED QUALIFIED PURCHASES AND NO REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE PAID FOR THEM;
2. **25% cost share** will apply to purchase(s) (including related sales tax and handling fees) made in the spring of 2026 from source(s) other than the Conservation District(s) in Huron, Sanilac and/or Tuscola County(ies) of trees, shrubs, plants, grasses and/or related protective items (e.g., tree guards and/or mats) and/or grass seeds (collectively referred to herein as "Non-SC Qualified Purchases" and all SC Qualified Purchases and all Non-SC Qualified Purchases collectively referred to herein as "Qualified Purchases"); FOR THIS PROGRAM, SEEDS AS WELL AS ANYTHING ELSE NOT VISIBLE ABOVE GROUND AT THE TIME OF PLANTING ARE NOT CONSIDERED QUALIFIED PURCHASES AND NO REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE PAID FOR THEM;
3. All SC Qualified Purchases and all Non-SC Qualified Purchases must be properly planted and/or properly utilized (collectively referred to as "Plantings") in Huron, Sanilac and/or Tuscola County(ies) in the spring of 2026;
4. The person making the application ("Applicant") **must be a NDA member [become a NDA member by going to <https://deerassociation.com/join/>]** during relative time periods (e.g., as of the time of all Qualified Purchases, all Plantings, Application, Payment, etc.);
5. All Plantings must be on real estate owned, directly or indirectly, by Applicant ("Property") in such a manner that Applicant can, and does, grant representatives of the Thumb Area Branch of the NDA legal permission to enter onto the Property, preferably with Applicant, on a mutually agreeable date and time (on or before August 23, 2026), to inspect, and to take pictures for publication of, the Plantings and Property; and
6. **Application, with all required supporting documentation, proving that all of these requirements have been satisfied (e.g., proof of payment for the Qualified Purchases, etc.), must be timely submitted by email to [thumbareaqdma@gmail.com](mailto:thumbareaqdma@gmail.com) as soon as possible but in no event after May 1, 2026. The Application form is attached hereto and made a part hereof.**

After inspection of the Plantings of an acceptable Application, the approved Applicant will receive a check from the Thumb Area Branch of the NDA for the sum of:

- (a) up to one-half (1/2) of the price of the SC Qualified Purchases, plus
- (b) up to one-quarter (1/4) of the price of the Non-SC Qualified Purchases

up to a total of \$200.00, the maximum amount of the check from the Thumb Area Branch of the NDA. Again, the maximum cost share is \$200 per Applicant (and/or Property). **Please note that if there are too many Applications, then the limited funds may be paid out on a first in time basis of those Applicants who have satisfied all of the requirements as determined by the Thumb Area Branch of the NDA in its sole and absolute unfettered discretion.**

Thanks for your continued support, Thumb Area Branch of the NDA