

City of East Grand Forks

Archery Deer Hunt for Persons with Disabilities

2026 Fact Sheet

- An accessible archery hunt for four hunters will be conducted within the City of East Grand Forks on October 8th - 10th, 2026. Hunting hours are from noon to the end of legal hunting time each day.
- The City of East Grand Forks is located in Polk County at the confluence of the Red and Red Lake Rivers in Minnesota. Hunting areas that are open for hunting are defined by the City and vetted by the Department of Natural Resources and will be further restricted to defined stand sites.
- People with disabilities residing in East Grand Forks will be prioritized with preferences given to Veterans with disabilities for two of the slots. If prioritized applicants are not received in appropriate numbers other applicants will be accepted in order to fill the four slots available.
- Applications must be postmarked or dropped off at Options by 5:00 P.M., Sept. 9, 2026, to be considered. Options reserves the ability to extend the acceptance period if spots are available.
- Hunters must attend a mandatory orientation and demonstrate proficiency in shooting to participate.
- If more eligible people apply, the hunt participants will be chosen through a selection process/drawing with those not chosen placed on an alternate list in case of cancelations.
- Hunts held on the Greenway are designed to reduce the deer population within the City limits so hunters are encouraged to take antlerless deer though the DNR and has granted some buck permits. Based on the guidance Options has received from the City the two Veterans with disabilities will have an earn a buck tag, which means the Vet would have to shoot an antlerless deer prior to being able to hunt for a buck. For the two non-Vet tags one buck tag is available. At this time Options would like to reserve this tag for persons with significant disabilities who due to their disability would have a more difficult time bagging a deer. If participants are equal related to their disabling condition or are hunters without significant disabilities Options reserves the right to hold a drawing for the tag after consultation with the City.
- Hunters must possess a permanent disability severe enough to qualify for disability-related programs/services such as Hunt from a Vehicle Permit, Permanent Accessible Parking Placard, Waivered Home Services, any of the disability-related fishing, hunting, or park access permits issued by the MN DNR based on one's disability, Federal Park Access Pass issued due to disability, SSI, SSDAC, and/or SSDI. If a person possesses a disability without fulfilling any of the aforementioned at the time of application the definition of disability used by the Social Security Administration will be used as guidance when assessing one's eligibility to participate in the hunt. Persons with a VA disability rating will be evaluated based on the severity of their disability compared to the aforementioned.
- Hunters must possess a valid Minnesota 2026 Archery Deer License to hunt.
- Hunters are asked to refer to the big game regulations outlined in the 2026 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations booklet for further details on the laws about licensing and to ensure they are knowledgeable of the rules pertaining to big game hunting.
- Participants will be brought out to their post site with volunteers available to assist. An assistant may accompany each person with a disability on post, as the hunter deems necessary. If a hunter does not have an assistant available and would like one, Options can coordinate a volunteer to assist upon request. Hunt organizers reserve the right to assign a volunteer to a hunter.
- The hunt will be coordinated by Options: Interstate Resource Center for Independent Living in partnership with the City of East Grand Forks and in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

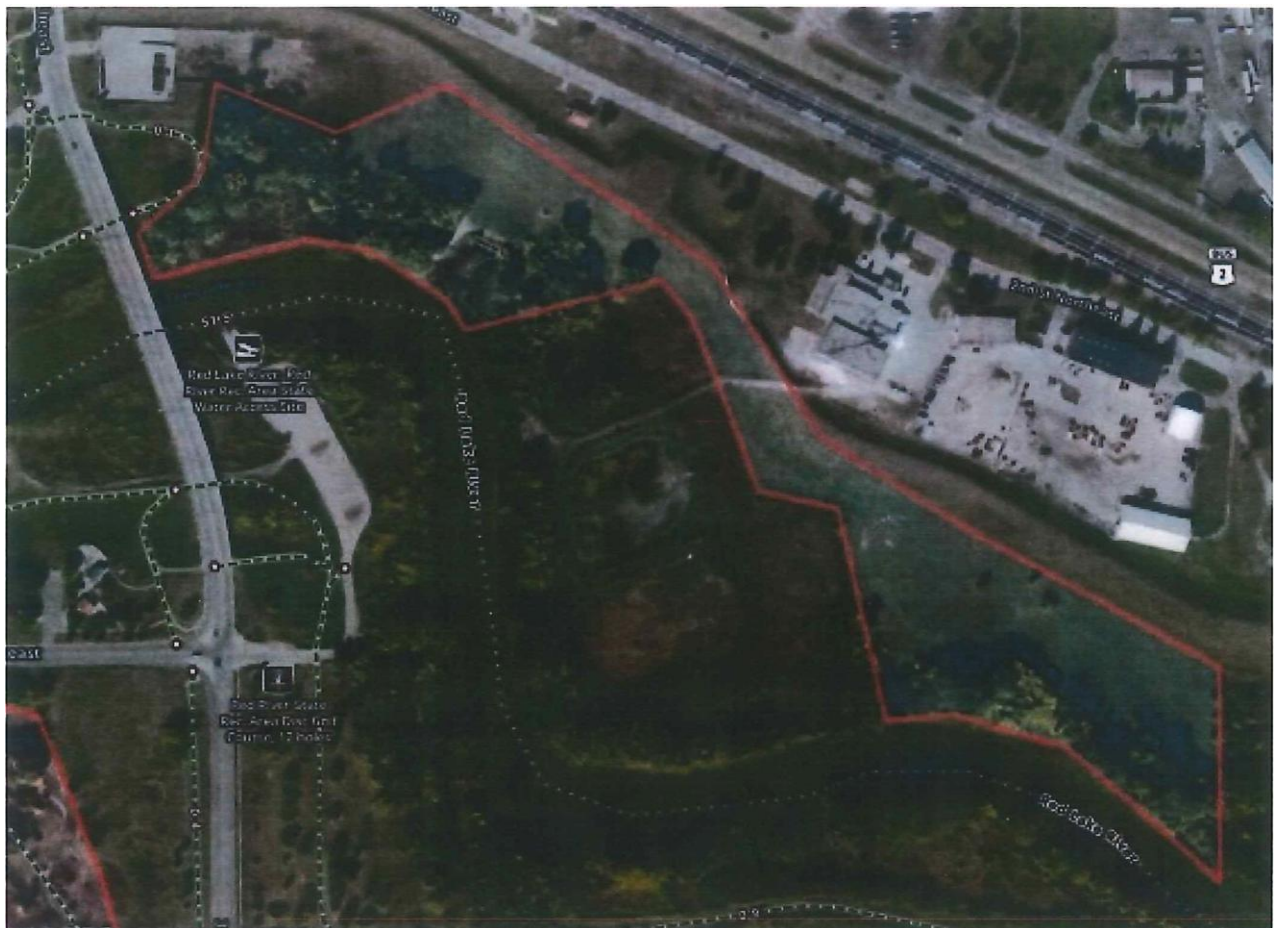
Hunting Zones

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- For more information, contact Randy at Options (218) 779-7408 / (218) 773-6100 / (800) 726-3692 or Jorgen Erickson, Superintendent with the City of East Grand Forks.

Red Lake River Unit

From the north entrance of the Louis Murray Bridge bordered by the Red Lake River to the south and flood wall/Dike to the north from Hwy 220 to the west and the City Shop to the East.



Point Unit

This unit is located south of 1st St SE (Minnesota Ave) that borders the north, with Hwy 220 to the east, and the Red River bordering the western edge. The unit extends south to a line equal to approximately 7th St SE if extended to the river.



Southern Point Unit

An oxbow of the Red River that is encircled to the west and southwest by the river with the greenway walking path leading to the walk bridge entrance providing the border from the bridge circling around to the east and then to the north.

