The Township of Bernards hereby notifies all that a Community Based Deer Management permit has been issued to the Township by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. This Permit authorizes an extension of the Permit Shotgun, Permit Muzzleloader and Winter Bow seasons for all sportsmen hunting in Bernards Township (Somerset County). Sportsmen with permission (verifiable) to access private or public lands may harvest deer between February 9 and March 31, 2020 with a shotgun or muzzleloader, and between February 16 and March 31, 2020 with a bow. Participating sportsmen must possess a valid 2020 hunting license and a valid zone 9 or 13 permit to hunt during this extension of the Permit Shotgun and/or Permit Muzzleloader seasons and a valid 2020 Archery license to hunt during the extension of the winter bow season. One (1) antlered male deer may be harvested during the extension of the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader season if the hunter has an unused Antlered Buck Shotgun permit or an unused Antlered Buck Muzzleloader permit for that season. One (1) antlered male deer may be taken by bow if the bow hunter has not previously harvested an antlered buck during the 2020 winter bow season. No more than two (2) deer may be taken at a time with any weapon.

All Sportsmen must contact the Bernards Township Police Department to make arrangements to check-in the deer. Bernards Township sportsmen must be notified of the process for checking in deer after the close of the regular deer season.

Hunting on Township and Country properties is restricted to the individuals listed as Bernards Township Protective Association and Whitetail Solution members.

All rules and regulations of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife that are applicable to the regular season will apply to this extended season. Any questions, email DeerMgmt@bernards.org.