



# OHIO LANDOWNER-HUNTER ACCESS PARTNERSHIP

# OLHAP Fact Sheet



The OLHAP program is funded from the USDA Voluntary Public Access – Habitat Improvement Program (VPA-HIP) and offers farmers and landowners financial compensation for allowing public hunting on private lands. The goal is to provide public access to private land across the state of Ohio. Habitat practices may also be financially incentivized through the program.

## LANDOWNERS

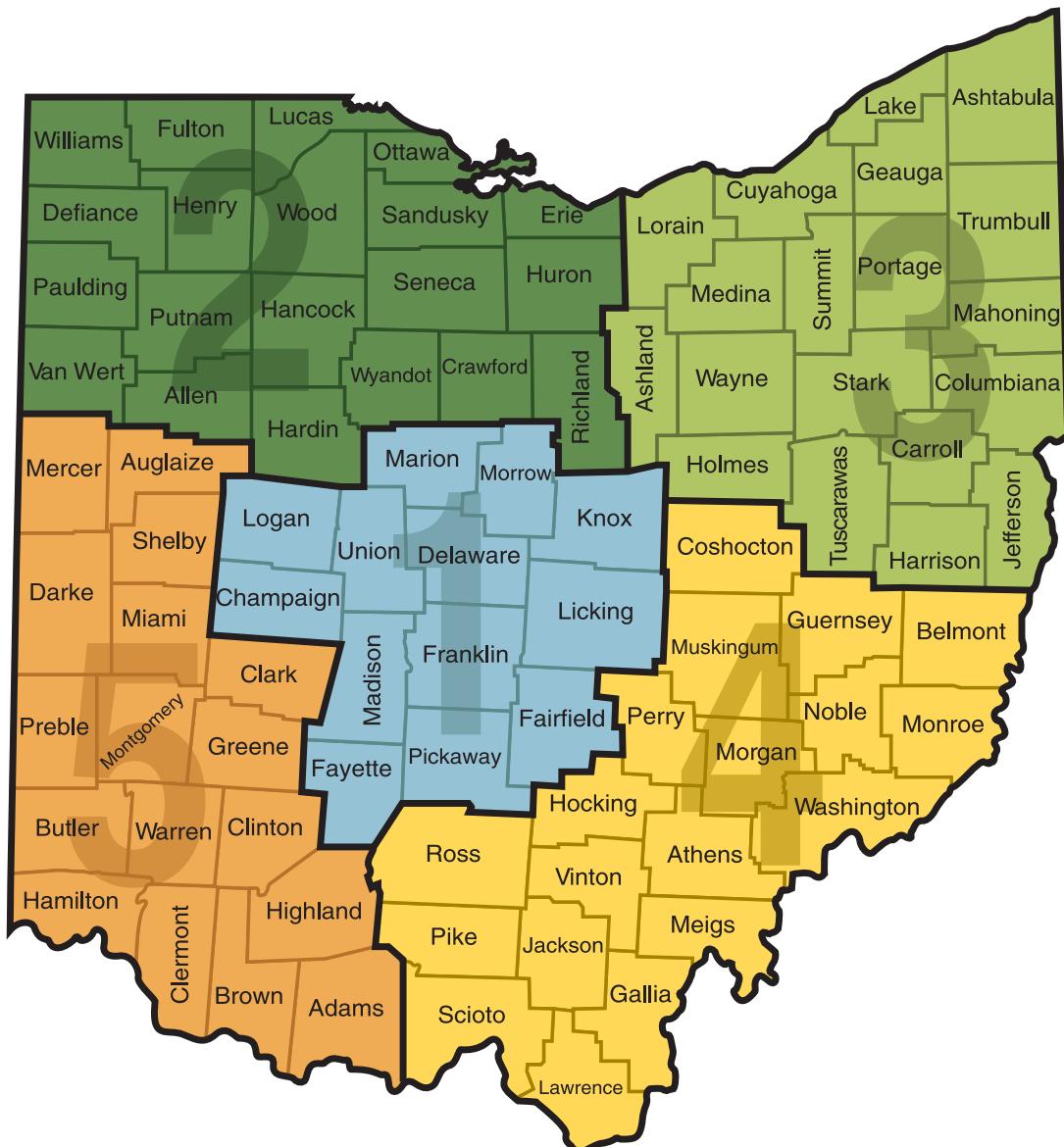
- All landowners statewide with properties having at least 10% habitat will be eligible to apply for the OLHAP program. Landowners with a significant amount of wildlife habitat established on their properties and those enrolled in designated conservation programs will be given preference.
- The OLHAP program will issue incentive payments to enrolled landowners on a per-acre basis for providing public access to lands they own. Annual payments will be \$2.00/acre for agricultural lands and \$30.00/acre for perennial wildlife cover, such as wetlands, grasslands, brushlands, and forest, with a bonus payment for allowing deer hunting with firearms.
- Landowners are required to:
  - Post and maintain accurate signage according to the OLHAP agreement.
  - Maintain or increase current wildlife habitat on enrolled lands and throughout the agreement period.
  - Maintain ownership and control throughout the agreement period.
- If you are interested in enrolling your property, contacts by county for your property's location can be found on the back or visit [ohiodnr.gov/olhap](http://ohiodnr.gov/olhap).



## HUNTERS

- Public access will be granted through an online check-in system from September 1st to June 1st each year between the hours of 5:30am and 10:00pm. All hunting opportunities, except deer gun hunting, are permitted. Visit [ohiodnr.gov/olhap](http://ohiodnr.gov/olhap) to obtain a permit.
- OLHAP users are required to:
  - Agree to hold landowners harmless for liability while on the property.
  - Have an OLHAP Permit while on the property.
  - Follow all the rules for the OLHAP Program.





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