

Readington Township
Deer Management Program
Permit Application

2021-2022 Season

Application Deadline:

Tuesday July 27, 2021 @ 4:30 pm

No applications will be accepted after this time

Applicants must submit ***completed*** application to:

Township of Readington
Administration Office
509 Route 523
Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889

Deer Management Program Goals:

Manage white-tailed deer populations with Readington Township at socially acceptable levels that provide recreational and educational opportunities as well as provide opportunity for maintaining and preserving a healthy woodland habitat.

Rules and Regulations:

All State and local regulations pertaining to parks and to hunting apply, including specific season dates and bag limits for white-tailed deer as established or amended by the New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife for management zones 8, 10, and 12. In addition, the following special rules apply:

1. Only permitted hunters are allowed to participate in this program.
2. In order to obtain a permit, all prospective hunters are required to submit an application.
3. Only completed applications submitted in person by New Jersey licensed hunters who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, together with proof of \$1 million general liability insurance, who are not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm, have not been convicted of a felony, have no significant state or local background check violations within the past ten (10) years, and who submit a \$100 non-refundable fee, shall be eligible for a municipal deer management permit.
4. Applications and other pertinent information will be available in the Administration Office of the Township of Readington Municipal Building at 509 Route 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889, or may be downloaded from the Township's website at www.readingtontwpnj.gov.
5. The application deadline is **4:30 pm on Tuesday, July 27, 2021.**
6. Successful applicants will be notified by the Administration office.
7. **Successful applicants are required to complete the Township's hunter safety and orientation presentation being held on Wed., August 11 at 7pm in a location to be determined – you will be notified by email of the location. Do not submit an application if you cannot attend. No permit will be issued unless you complete this orientation.**
8. Only one hunting permit, one parking permit per applicant, and signage will be issued.
9. Property permits will be issued by the Township Administrator via a random lottery. At the hunter safety and orientation course, each successful applicant will be given a consecutively numbered raffle ticket with a detachable section bearing the same number as the ticket. The detachable section will be placed in a container and the other half will be retained by the applicant. Tickets will be blindly drawn at random and at which point the applicant with the matching ticket number will be able to select their property preference. This process will continue until all property permits have been issued. Hunters that meet and/or exceed their minimum harvest quota will be given priority for the following season's property selection process. Refer to #22 below.
10. All permits are non-transferable.
11. Hunters are only authorized to be on the property for which they have been issued a permit and are responsible for knowing where they are within the parcel property lines at all times.

12. Each hunter's permits must be prominently displayed on their persons and vehicle dashboard whenever the hunter is on the property.
13. Motorized vehicles are restricted to public roads and designated parking areas except that ATVs may be used by hunters with disabilities for the purpose of deer recovery, hanging/removing tree stands, and filling feeders. The vehicle path must be discussed and agreed upon in advance with the Township and the permit holder shall be responsible for repairing any damage. The vehicle must bear a handicapped placard and may only be used by the individual disabled permit holder.
14. The Township shall provide and post hunting notice signs on the properties to be hunted. Prior to any hunting activities taking place, permittees shall inspect the boundaries of the properties for which they have received a permit and make sure that they see hunting notice signs in the places designated by the Township. Permittees shall have a continuing obligation to notify the Township of any missing signs during the hunting season.
15. Hunting permitted from elevated tree stands, which shall be a minimum of 10' in height. No permanent stands shall be constructed, and screw-in steps are prohibited. Stands must have permit identification number visibly marked on the stand. Stands left in place shall be done so at the hunter's own risk, the Township will not be liable for loss or any damage to stands. All tree stands must be removed within fourteen (14) calendar days after the close of the hunting season. Only one (1) tree stand per permit holder may be left on the property during the hunting season. Ground blinds are prohibited except with approval from the Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee and written consent from the Township.
16. Target practice is strictly prohibited. Discharge of a crossbow prior to transporting is not considered target practice. A field target, such as the Rinehart RFT, is recommended to discharge crossbows.
17. Except for specifically designated Township-owned properties where firearms are permitted, all properties shall be limited to bow hunting only. All hunting shall be conducted pursuant to state law and Fish & Wildlife safety zones.
 - a. Hunters shall not hunt or possess a nocked arrow within 150 feet of any building or possess a loaded firearm within 450 feet of a building, even if not occupied, without possessing written permission from the owner or lessee.
 - b. Where permitted on specific Township-owned properties, firearms hunting shall be from elevated tree stands, no exceptions.
 - c. Bow hunting is allowed on Sunday's where Township hiking and horseback trails have not been established and blazed.
 - d. All firearms hunting is prohibited on Sundays on Township-owned properties.
 - e. All firearms hunting, where permitted on specific Township-owned properties, is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. except as follows:
 - i. Saturdays
 - ii. Six (6)-day firearm season (always starts the second Monday after Thanksgiving)
 - iii. Properties without posted Township trails.
 - f. Hunters shall hunt subject to the safety zones shown on the particular map created and supplied by the Township for each property being hunted.
 - g. There shall be no hunting on Christmas Day.
18. Hunting may begin one half hour before sunrise and must end one half hour after sunset. Access to the property is permitted up to 1 ½ hours before and after legal hunting hours to allow for set-up and/or tracking purposes.
19. Baiting is allowed.

20. Only white-tailed deer may be hunted; the hunting, shooting, killing, pursuit or removal of any other wildlife is strictly prohibited.
21. The season harvest quota is two (2) antlerless deer (does) per permit holder. Hunters are required to harvest a doe before shooting at an antlered deer.
22. Hunters will be judged on their previous year's harvest numbers. Hunters that harvest five (5) or more antlerless deer (does) will be given the option to renew the same property for the following season. If the hunter would like to switch properties, they would be offered the first choice of remaining properties after renewals are established. Hunters must reapply each year.
23. Readington Township will pay a vendor designated by the Township for all donations made to the Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH) venison donation program. Copies of all HHH receipts must be submitted to the harvest reporting system within 24 hours of harvest.
24. Hunters are required to take and submit a head-shot photo of all deer harvested on township property, together with all appropriate harvest report details, including a NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife confirmation number, and be made within 24 hours to the program's online harvest reporting system or they will NOT count towards your quota.
25. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while on the property is prohibited.
26. Littering is prohibited.
27. Hunting program issues should be submitted in writing to the Township Administrator, 509 Rt. 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889 with a copy to the Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee at the same address. Concerns regarding violations shall be reported to NJ Fish & Wildlife officers. Any issues involving local law shall be reported to Readington Township Police Department. For emergencies, please call 911 (contact info is provided on back of permits).
28. Hunters shall provide proof of insurance with a minimum liability of \$1,000,000. A copy of a valid insurance card or policy must be submitted with the application. You are responsible to update/renew your policy as needed and provide a copy, showing proof of coverage and expiration date, for your file with the Township before you can hunt.
29. Several hunting parcels may contain restricted, or limited times/dates/and hunting areas that could change. Permitted hunters will be notified of these restrictions in advance.
30. The Township Committee reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding the permit process and permit recipients as deemed to be in the best interest of the Readington Township Deer Management Program.

Violations or Non-Compliance:

Violation or non-compliance of any Deer Management Program rule or regulation or any applicable State law or local regulation will result in the immediate loss of hunting privileges on the property, will subject the hunter to any applicable penalties, and will permanently remove the individual from future program participation. Readington Township reserves the right to withhold or revoke program participation at any time for any reason, in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions made by Readington Township shall be final and binding, without recourse of any kind.

Appeal Process:

Appeals of any decisions of this Program shall be submitted in writing to the Administration office. The appeal shall consist of a plain, concise, and complete written statement on the grounds for the appeal. The appeal panel will consist of one (1) member appointed by the Township Committee, one (1) member from the Environmental Commission not serving on the Wildlife Advisory Sub-committee, and one (1) member from the Wildlife Advisory Subcommittee. Any decision of the appeal panel shall be made by majority vote. All decisions of appeal panel are final.

2021-2022 READINGTON TOWNSHIP DEER MANAGEMENT PERMIT APPLICATION

- Application must be submitted in person to the Administration Office by the applicant by **Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 4:30 PM.**
- Only complete applications will be processed, incomplete applications will not be considered.
 - Permits will be issued through a random lottery system. Lottery and mandatory hunter orientation meeting will be held at date/time and location to be determined.
- All applications require a \$100 non-refundable fee paid at the time of submission. Check or Money Order shall be made payable to: Township of Readington
- You must have the following with you when you turn in your application:
 - Copy of Driver's License
 - Current (and valid) hunting license
 - Liability insurance (minimum of \$1 million coverage)

Photocopies of the above documents should be made and attached to your application.

Note: When submitting your application to the Township of Readington, detach and retain the instruction form pertaining to dates, the rules and regulations page, and the Township maps of the hunting properties.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Age: _____ *must be 18 years or older on or before the first day of Fall Bow

Vehicle Information

Liability Insurance

Year: _____ Insurance Carrier: _____
 Make: _____ Policy Number: _____
 Model: _____ Expiration Date: _____
 Color: _____
 License Plate #: _____

Have you ever possessed a Readington Township Deer Management Permit?

Yes	No

Conservation Identification Number (CID#): _____
 2021 NJ Bow & Arrow Resident License #: _____
 2021 NJ Firearms Resident License #: _____
 2021 NJ All-Around Sportsman License #: _____

The Township of Readington, Readington Township Wildlife Advisory Sub-committee et. al., shall be held harmless from all suits, judgments, costs, fees, and liabilities arising out of or related to the hunting activities of the hunters. If your insurance policy expires once the hunting season starts and you want to continue hunting, you must provide an updated policy to the Township of Readington. Your issued permit is not valid without valid insurance.

KNOWINGLY OR PURPOSELY PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION FORM SHALL BE CAUSE FOR THE APPLICATION TO BE DENIED AND/OR PERMIT REVOKED.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

email address – PRINT CLEARLY: _____

PROPERTIES AVAILABLE FOR 2021/2022 SEASON

(see property maps below)

Name	Block/Lot	Acres	Bow/Firearms
Chambersbrook Rd.	39/14.02	13.2	Bow only
Coddington Rd.	38/38.01	28.7	Bow/Firearms
Dreahook Rd.	44/4.03	8.5	Bow only
Dreahook Rd.	44/4.04	22.0	Bow/Firearms
Dreahook Rd.	45/26.06	55.4	Bow only
Old Highway 28	13/21	19.7	Bow only
Old Highway 28	13/54, 34.01, 31	77.1	Bow only
Ridge Rd.	39/10	36.2	Bow only
Rockafellow's Mill Rd.	74/4.05	49.6	Bow/Firearms
Route 202 South	76/3,3.01	34.0	Bow only
Route 523	9/1	38.0	Bow/Firearms
Route 523	25/19,20	85.4	Bow only
629 Route 523	46/5.07	16.7	Bow only
Summer Road	75/15.01, 16.02	34.1	Bow only
Thor Solberg Rd	57/2	50.7	Bow/Firearms
US Highway 22 East	21/30	70.0	Bow/Firearms

TOWNSHIP OF READINGTON CONSENT FOR BACKGROUND CHECK

I hereby authorize the Readington Township Police Department and/or the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife to conduct a background and hunting license check for the purpose of determining if I been convicted of a felony, other significant state or local violations, or violated the NJ Fish and Wildlife Code within the past ten (10) years.

LEGAL NAME: (print) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

NJ CONSERVATION ID#: _____

DRIVER LICENSE #:: _____

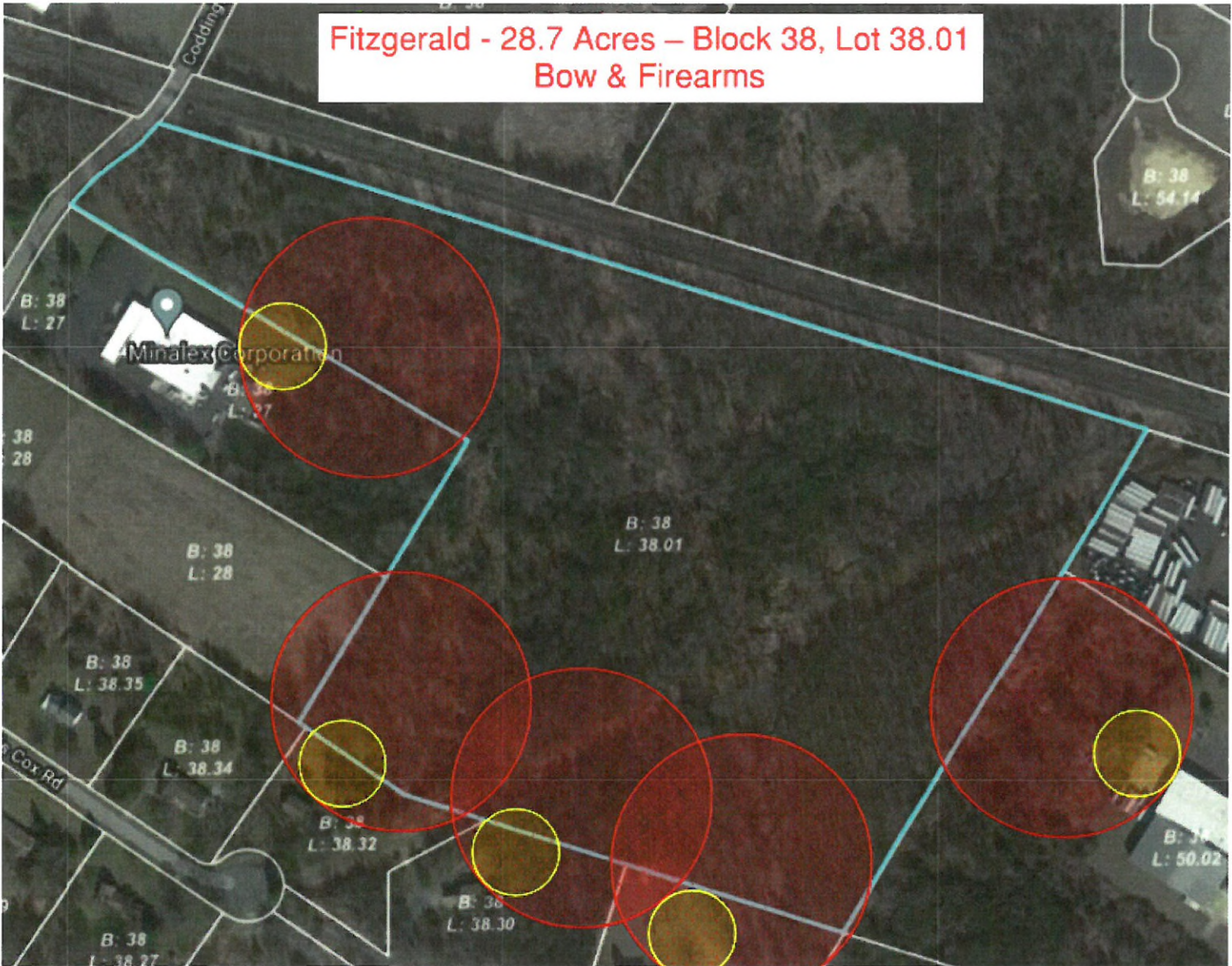
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DATE: _____

Chambers Brook - 13.2 Acres
Block 39, Lot 14.02
Bow Only



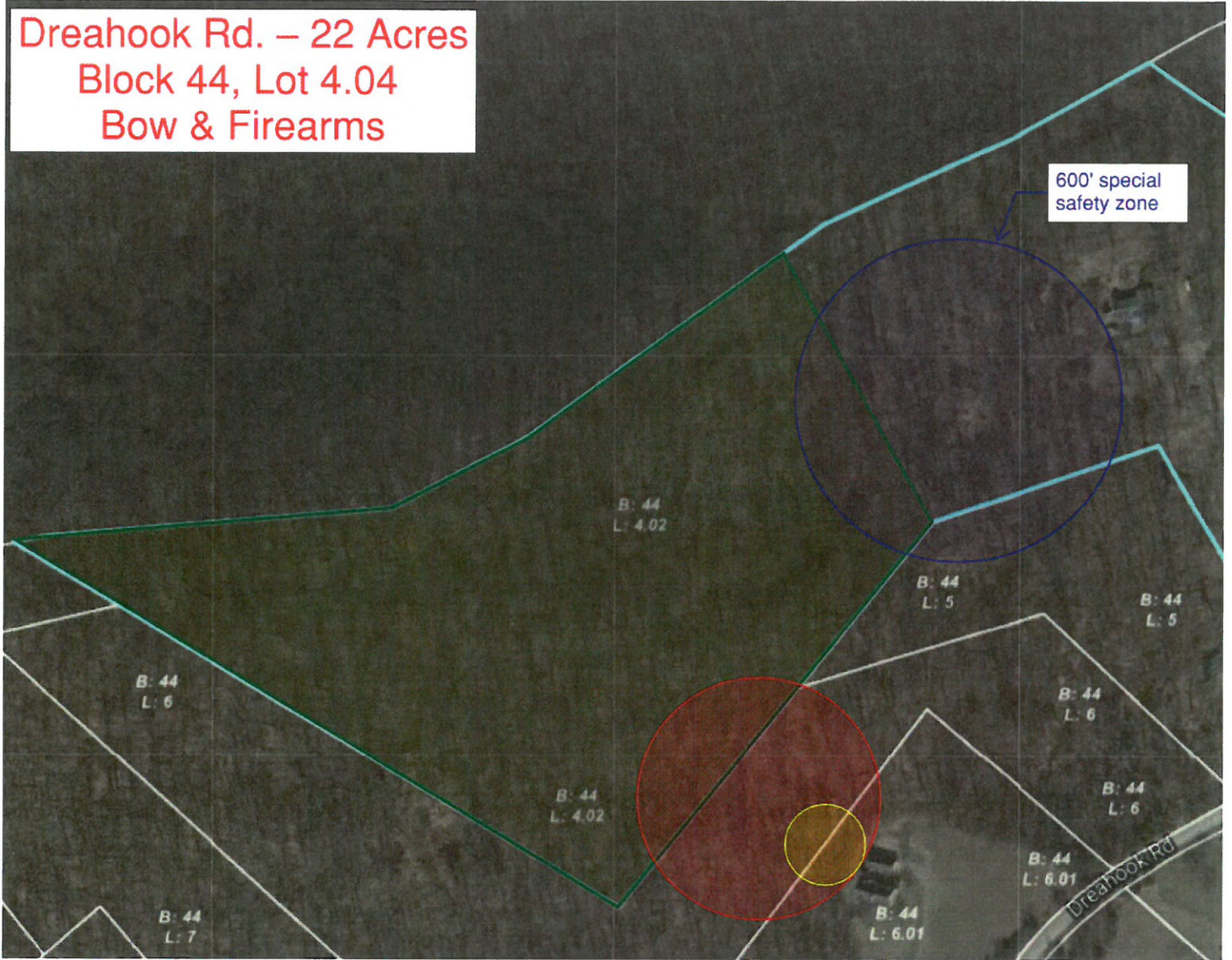
Fitzgerald - 28.7 Acres – Block 38, Lot 38.01
Bow & Firearms



Dreahook Rd. – 8.5 Acres
Block 44, Lot 4.03
Bow Only



Dreahook Rd. – 22 Acres
Block 44, Lot 4.04
Bow & Firearms



Holland Brook Headwaters - 55.4 Acres
Block 45, Lot 26.06
Bow Only



Whitehouse – 19.7 Acres
Block 13, Lot 21
Bow Only

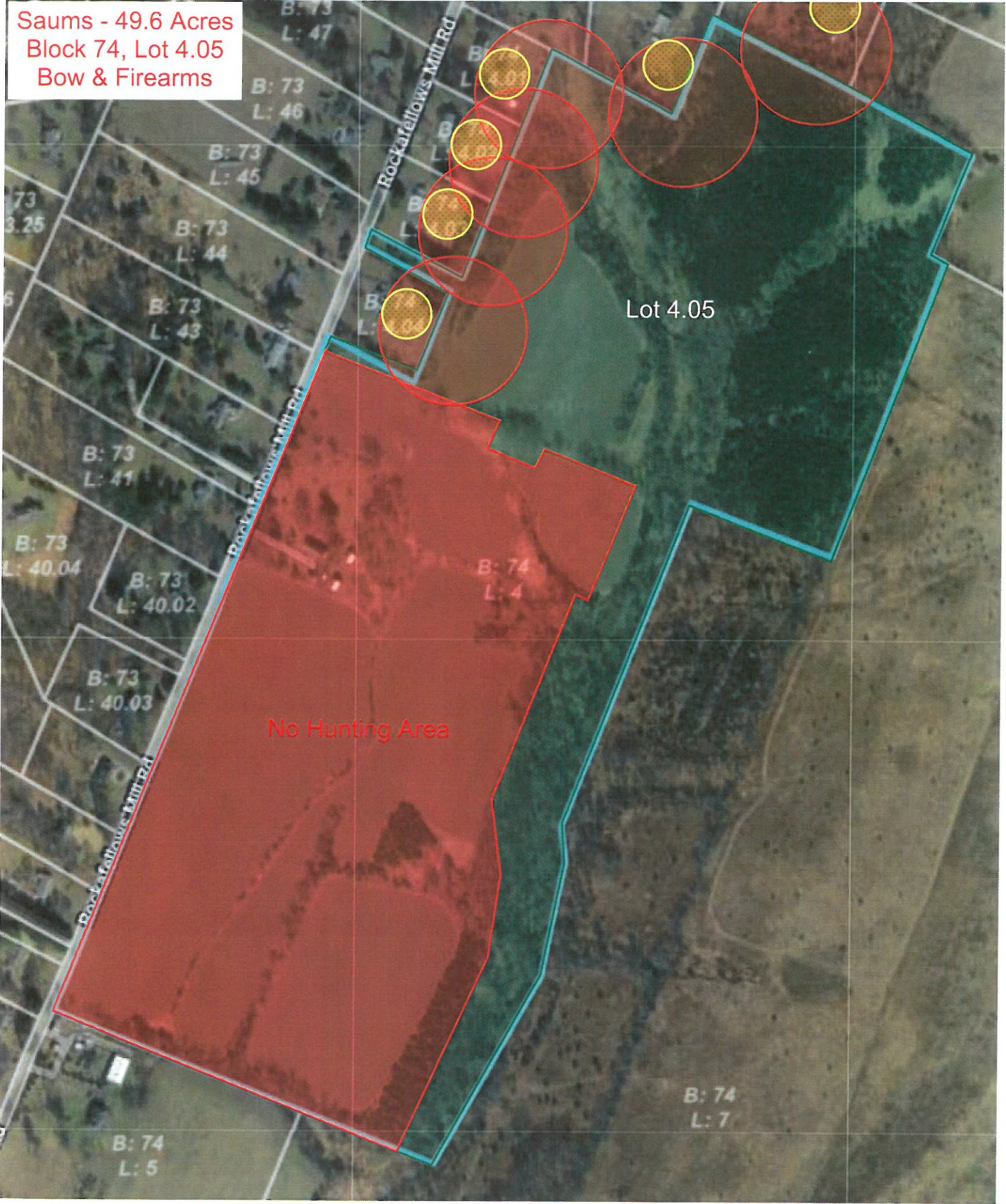


E. Whitehouse - 77.1 Acres
Block 13, Lots 54, 34.01, 31
Bow Only





Saums - 49.6 Acres
Block 74, Lot 4.05
Bow & Firearms



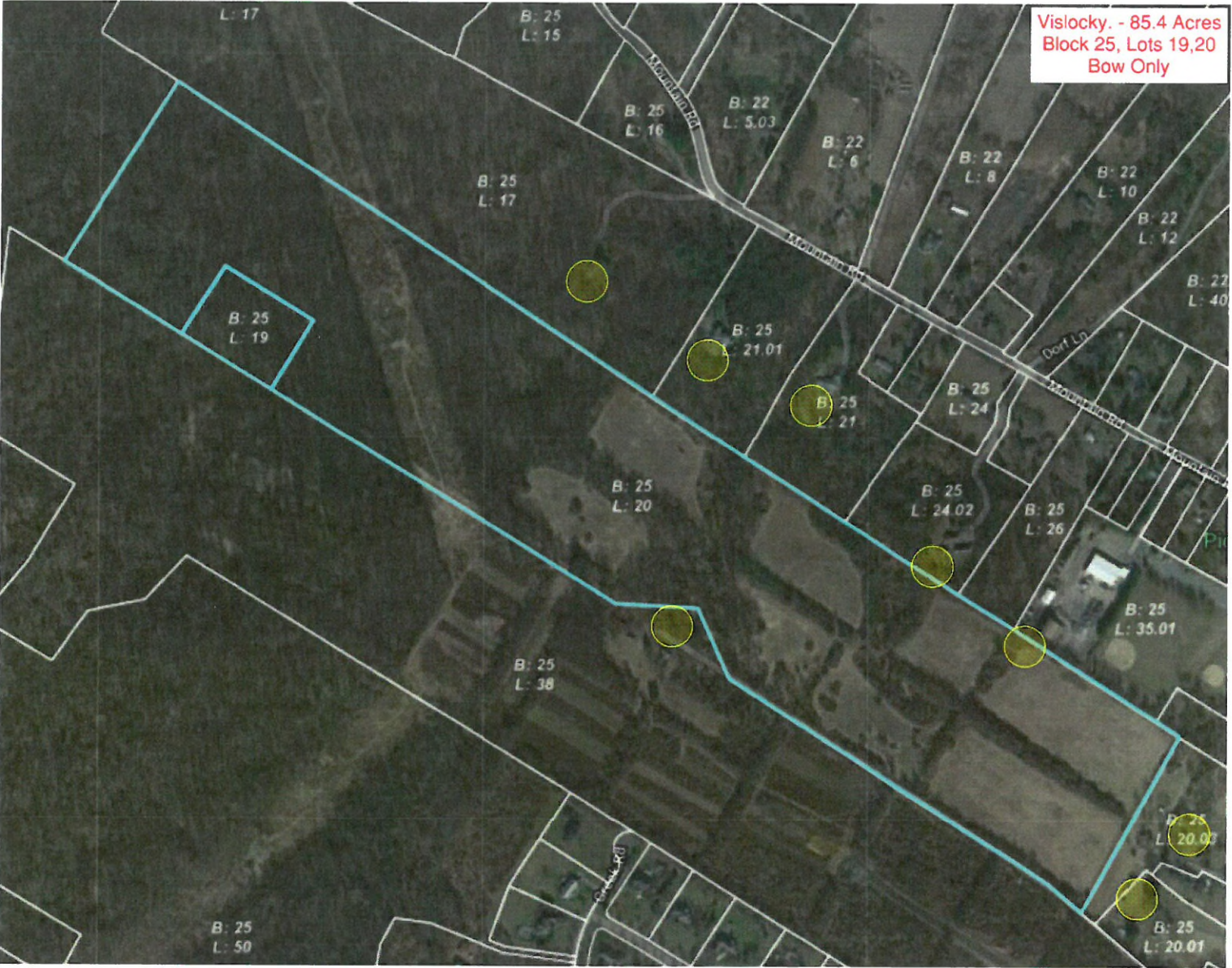
Route 202 South - 34.0 Acres
Block 76, Lots 3 3.01
Bow Only



Merck - 38 Acres
Block 9, Lot 1
Bow & Firearms



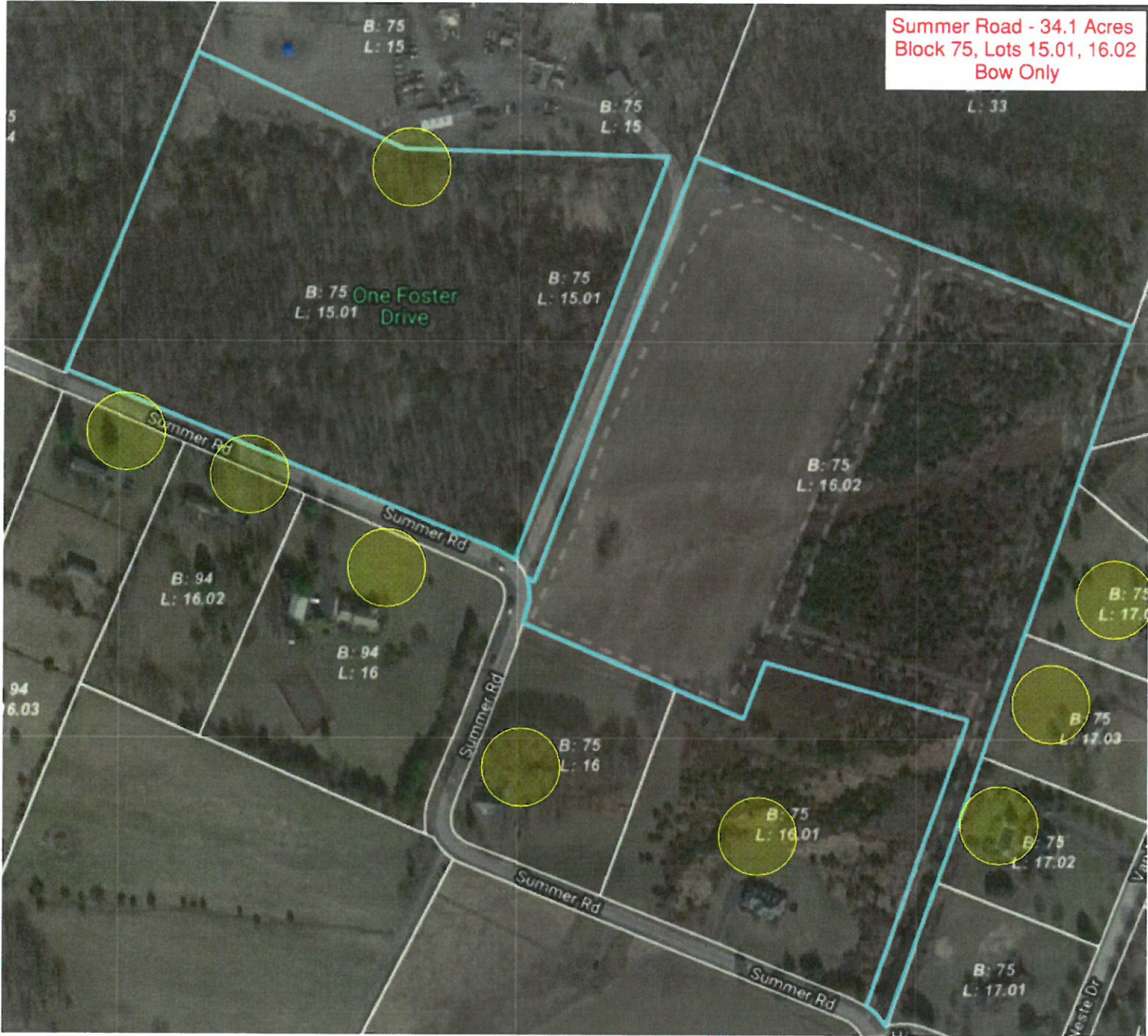
Vislocky - 85.4 Acres
Block 25, Lots 19,20
Bow Only



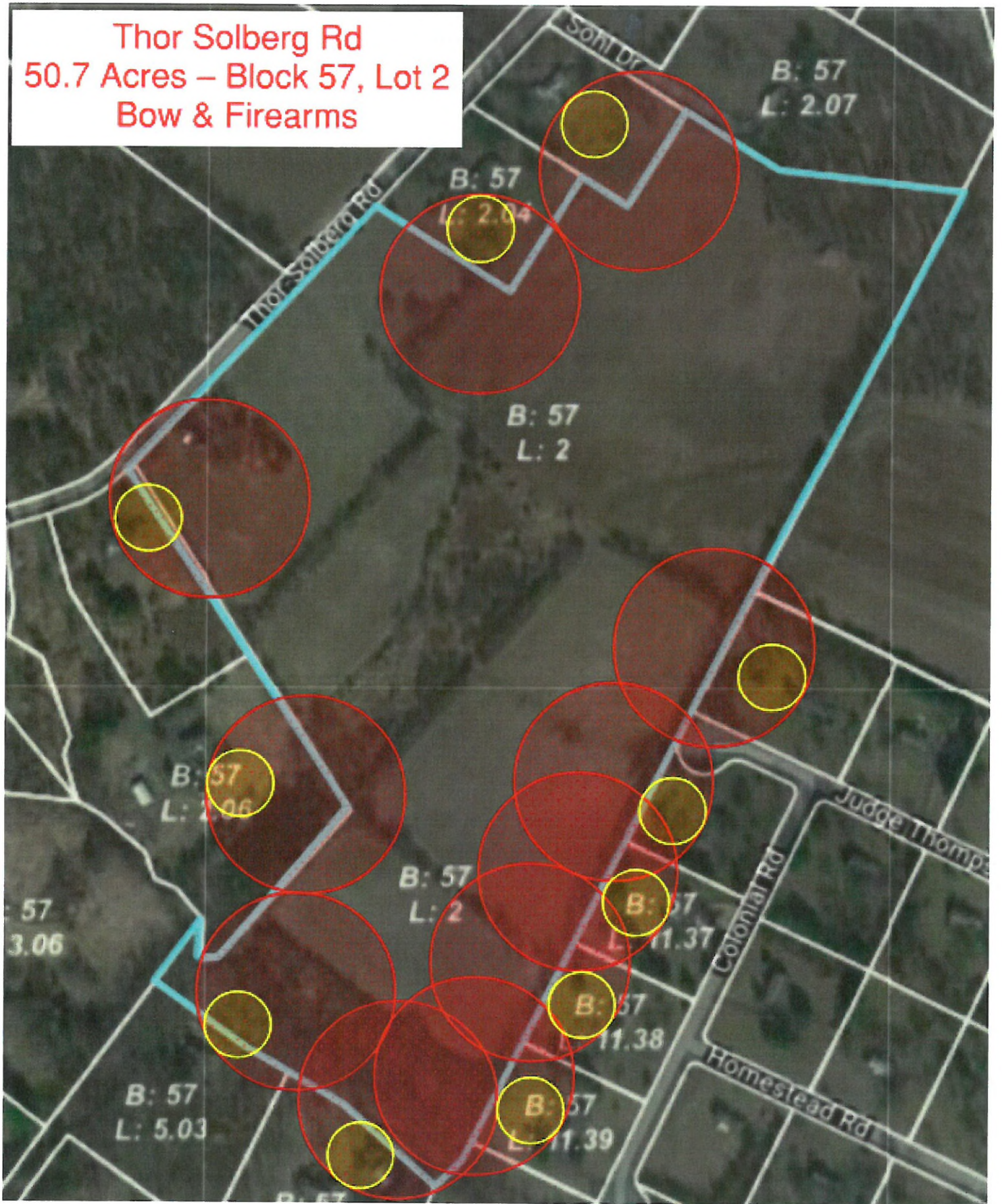
626 Rt. 523 – 16.7 Acres
Block 46, Lot 5.07
Bow Only



Summer Road - 34.1 Acres
Block 75, Lots 15.01, 16.02
Bow Only



Thor Solberg Rd
50.7 Acres – Block 57, Lot 2
Bow & Firearms



Rt. 22 - West of Rockaway Creek - 70 Acres
Block 21, Lot 30
Bow & Firearms

