



Suburban  
Whitetail  
Management  
LLC

Connecting community &  
hunters

# About us:

- **Founded by Luke Leonard & Michael Clinebell**
  - Luke Leonard- I have hunted for almost 30 years. I look forward to getting into the woods every year. I also value taking new hunters into the woods to learn about hunting and the environment. I have spent time hunting in Alaska, Colorado, Wyoming, Ohio, West Virginia, Florida and Canada. I learn something new every time I go into the woods. I currently introducing my children to the outdoors and hunting. Teaching them to hunt is of the utmost importance to me. I also enjoy helping fellow hunters gain access to new places to hunt. I find it very important that we balance our environment. Operating SWM is the best way I can think of to do my part in insuring that hunters and our community have a mutual understanding of the balance of community and environment.
  - Mike Clinebell- I have hunted in and around this area for 23 years. I am very familiar with hunting in suburban areas and the issues and benefits that come hunting in these environments. I also enjoy travelling to other states to hunt. Such as Alaska, Colorado, Wyoming, Ohio, West Virginia, Florida and Mexico. I have gained a lot of knowledge about hunting and communities by doing this. I have taken the National Bow hunters education course. I am a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation & Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. I have a very optimistic view of how hunting and community can be brought together to help further wildlife conservation. I firmly believe that if we all do our part, we can use hunting as a conservation tool in areas that have previously been left unmanaged.
- We currently manage programs in Franklin Park & Ross Township & McCandless Twp.
- We are a safety first company.
- Any property we hunt is covered under PA statute 68 477-1
  - Protects landowners from accidents that happen on their property
- We are fully insured.
  - Covers all parties involved ( Landowner, Hunter & company )
- All hunts are conducted in accordance with all state game laws.
- All hunters must also comply with all Suburban Whitetail bylaws.
- We conduct archery only hunts.
- This program is a conservation tool, not a “trophy hunt”.
- Our hunting services cost the township, borough and or landowner nothing.
- We are here to help the community.

# How is our program setup:

## 4 Categories

- Township or borough properties
- Private properties (homeowners)
- Hunters
- Wildlife



# Township or Borough Properties

- Public property owned by the township or borough
  - Green Spaces
  - Vacant Land
- Parks owned by a township or borough
  - Community Parks
  - Walking Trails
- We check all properties for safety hazards
  - Public hazards & hunter related hazards.
  - Can we eliminate these hazards or find a solution to work around them?
- We submit a list of huntable properties back to the township
  - Not all properties are suitable for hunting.
  - Not all properties have access to the property.
  - The township tells us what properties they would like to be hunted.
- After we have signed permissions back, we then tag & remove all existing tree stands
  - People often hunt these lands illegally without permission from the township.



# Private Properties

- Private property owned by an individual or business
  - Homes
  - Vacant Land
  - HOAs
  - Businesses
- How do we get these properties?
  - Private property owners reach out to us directly at [Suburbanwhitetailpa@gmail.com](mailto:Suburbanwhitetailpa@gmail.com)
  - Private property owners reach out to the township looking for help (referral).
  - Neighbors & word of mouth.
  - We do at times approach businesses & landowners with large tracts of land for permissions.
- We check all properties for safety hazards.
  - Public hazards and hunter related hazards
  - Neighbors (people, pets and homes)
  - Specific safety distances (50yds from a dwelling)
  - Parking and access
  - Can we eliminate these hazards or find a solution to work around them?
  - Not all properties are suitable for hunting
- Once we have talked with property owners about their property & specific needs, they can then sign a permission slip that allows us to place a hunter on their property.
  - We work with homeowners to accommodate their needs; all specific regulations for their property will be listed on the signed permission slip.
- After we have a signed permission slip, we will place a hunter on the property.
  - The same hunter will be hunting that property all season.



# Hunters

- We look for hunters that live within the community that is being hunted.
- If we cannot find enough local hunters, we will then open the hunting opportunities to hunters that live in the surrounding areas.
- We are looking for a multitude of qualities in our hunters
  - Ethical
  - Responsible
  - Safe
  - Active
- Hunters are interviewed.
- Hunters must pass a required archery proficiency test.
- Hunters must follow all state laws while hunting.
- Hunters must also adhere to all Suburban Whitetail bylaws (more controlled than state laws).
  - Must have all arrows marked with a personal identification number
  - Must fill out a log that keeps track of hours hunted, deer seen, deer harvested (turned into the township or borough monthly)
  - Required to hunt from an elevated platform, unless given permission otherwise
  - Take out what you take in rule
  - All successful hunters must remove any field dressings from the field
  - All hunters must harvest a doe before they can harvest a buck
  - All hunters must donate their 1<sup>st</sup> and every 3<sup>rd</sup> deer that they harvest
- All of our hunters will have a permission slip to be on a specific property and a parking pass.
- Hunters are assigned to a property that they will hunt for the entire season.
- We expect all of our hunters to be courteous to the non-hunting community.



# Wildlife

- Suburban Whitetail was developed to help wildlife survive on their landscape.
- By conducting controlled hunts, we are helping all wildlife have a better quality of life.
- Our current program is for archery whitetail hunting only.
  - We can offer other hunting services for wildlife (turkey & predators).
  - This is determined by the township and/or landowner.
- If we can help balance deer populations, we can help all wildlife in that area live on a sustainable landscape.

# Summary

- Suburban Whitetail works with the townships, boroughs, and private landowners.
- Suburban Whitetail connects hunters and community in a safe and effective way.
- This program is at no cost to any landowner.
- This program is safe.
- All parties involved are insured.
- This program is designed to help conserve wildlife and habitat.
- This program is not a short-term program; it will take years to see the full benefits of the program.
- We hope that this program will be one of the main tools in helping your township and/or borough have a better habitat for wildlife.
- Educational resources about hunting and programs like ours can be found at the [Pennsylvania State Game commission website](#) and at the [Community Deer Advisor website](#).