



**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**  
**Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources**  
**Application**  
**Cooperative Day-old Pheasant Chick Program**

County: _____
Office Use Only

Complete the Following (please print)

Name of Applicant			New Applicant	
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Name of club or sponsor (if any)			No. of Chicks Requested	
Street/P.O. Box Number		City	State	Zip Code
Telephone (Home)	Telephone (Work/Cell)	E-mail		
Size of brooder house	No. of Brooding Units	No. of Outdoor Pens	Size of Outdoor Pens	Age at which birds will be released

**Release Site Location:** County: \_\_\_\_\_

Township: \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Intersecting Roads: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the area where you wish to release pheasants. **BE SPECIFIC!** Provide a hand drawn map, or if available include printed maps (tax maps) and photos. Record the exact location of each site using road names, nearest village, landmarks, landowners, or other helpful information. You must record a release site description below, even if the site was the same last year. Applications will be rejected if the release site description is deleted. What type of cover is present? Example: corn, hay, fallow field, switch grass, shrubs or other vegetation. Provide a list of all cover types and the approximate acreage of each. Use additional sheets if necessary.

**Release Site Description:**

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# Cooperative Day-old Pheasant Chick Program

## Applications:

Cooperative Day-old Pheasant Chick Program applications must be submitted by **March 25<sup>th</sup>**. Additional forms are available at Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regional offices, the Richard E. Reynolds Game Farm (607-273-2768) or the DEC website: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7271.html>. Applicants are required to have adequate brooding facilities, outdoor rearing pens, and a release site at the time of application.

## Approval Process:

Applications are approved or rejected based on the quality of the release site, availability of birds, brooding facility set-up, and outdoor pen design. The number of birds provided is based on the size of the brooding building, number of brooding units, and the size of the outdoor pen. DEC staff will review applications, make approval or rejection determinations, and notify all applicants by May 1st. All release sites must be open to public pheasant hunting.

## Delivery of Pheasants:

The game farm manager will notify cooperators of the location, date, and time of delivery approximately three weeks prior to the delivery. Day-old pheasant chicks are distributed in April, May and June. Birds arrive in shipping boxes, approximately 120 chicks per box. A car, van or pick-up truck with a cap is suitable for transporting chicks to the brooding facility. Place the chicks under the brooding unit immediately upon arrival. Make sure they have plenty of fresh water and medicated game bird starter feed.

## Release of Pheasants:

Pheasants cannot be released until they are 8 weeks old or older. This allows the growing birds time to acclimate to the environment in an outdoor pen. Birds should never be released to the outdoors directly from the brooding facility. A number of release methods are recommended. Birds can be gently released from a pen, crate, or commercial shipping box. Check the DEC *Cooperative Day-old Pheasant Chick Program Guide* for more information. All birds must be released **before** December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

## Remember:

All birds must be released on land open to public pheasant hunting or property posted with "ASK Permission" Program stickers. Private shooting preserves are ineligible to receive birds. Program violations will terminate participation.

I certify I have read the DEC *Cooperative Day-old Pheasant Chick Program Guide* and I have met all the requirements necessary to obtain, raise, and release day-old pheasant chicks.

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Cooperator's Signature

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Date

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Regional Wildlife Staff

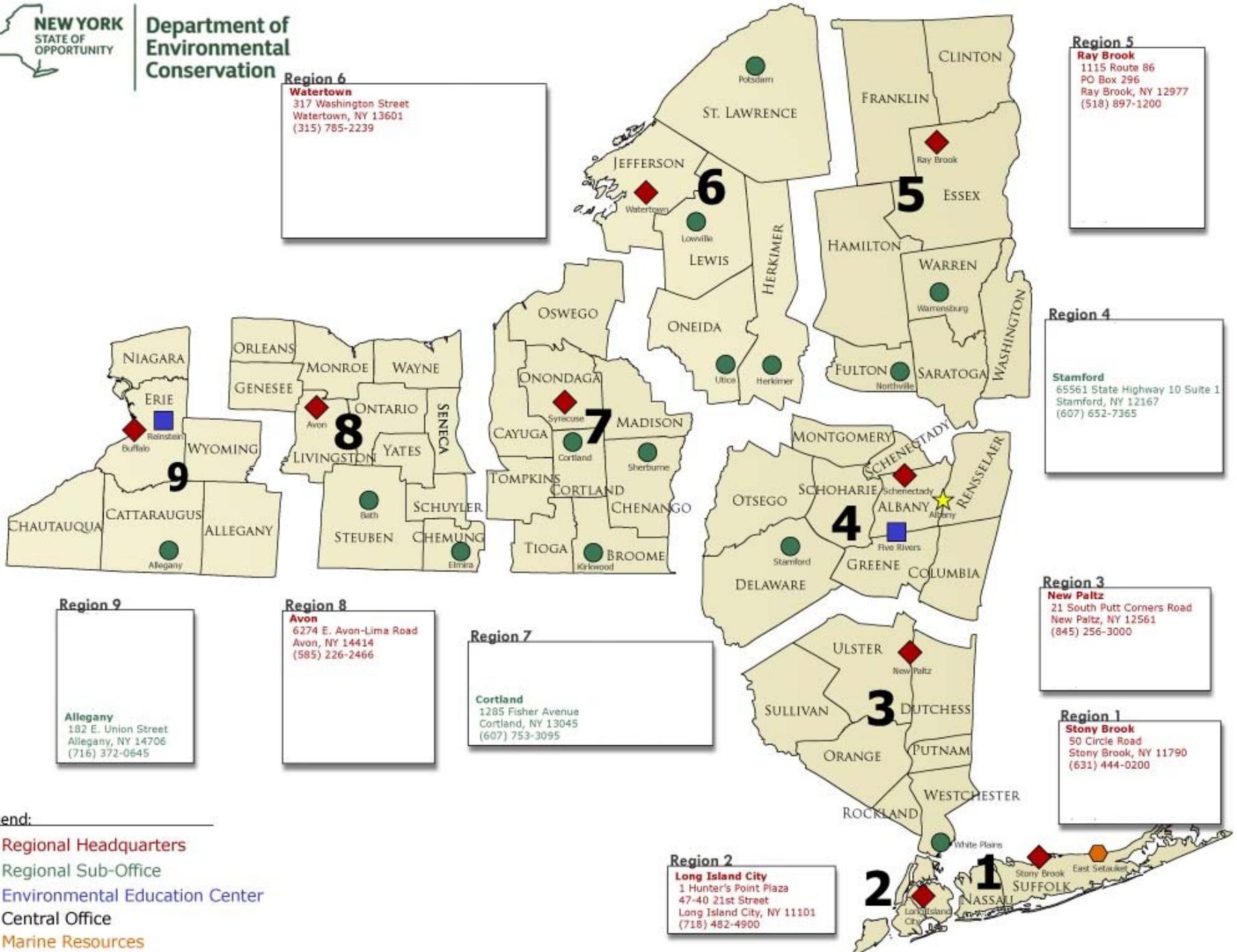
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Date

COMPLETE AND RETURN BY **MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>** TO THE APPROPRIATE REGIONAL WILDLIFE OFFICE  
AS SPECIFIED ON THE ENCLOSED MAP.

LATE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED DUE TO CHICK AVAILABILITY.



Department of Environmental Conservation



Region 6
Watertown
317 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601
(315) 785-2239

Region 5
Ray Brook
1115 Route 86
PO Box 296
Ray Brook, NY 12977
(518) 897-1200

Region 4
Stamford
65561 State Highway 10 Suite 1
Stamford, NY 12167
(607) 652-7365

Region 3
New Paltz
21 South Putt Corners Road
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 256-3000

Region 1
Stony Brook
50 Circle Road
Stony Brook, NY 11790
(631) 444-0200

Region 2
Long Island City
1 Hunter's Point Plaza
47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101
(718) 482-4900

Region 9
Allegany
182 E. Union Street
Allegany, NY 14706
(716) 372-0645

Region 8
Avon
6274 E. Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414
(585) 226-2466

Region 7
Cortland
1285 Fisher Avenue
Cortland, NY 13045
(607) 753-3095

- Legend:
Regional Headquarters (red diamond)
Regional Sub-Office (green circle)
Environmental Education Center (blue square)
Central Office (yellow star)
Marine Resources (orange circle)