



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

Region:
Office Use Only

Complete the Following (please print)

Form with fields: Name of Applicant, New Applicant (Y/N), Name of club or sponsor, 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:

Four horizontal lines for writing the release site description.

## 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. Minimum space requirements for raising pheasants can be found in the *Cooperative Day-old Pheasant Chick Program Guide* on the DEC website (see link above) or you can request a copy from Reynolds Game Farm. 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 delivery. Day-old pheasant chicks are distributed in April, May, and June. Chicks arrive in shipping boxes in quantities of 30, 60, or 120 birds/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 *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. Prior to releasing birds on state lands for an organized hunt (e.g., youth hunt), you must obtain a Temporary Revocable Permit (TRP) from your regional DEC office.

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cooperator's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Regional Wildlife Staff Signature

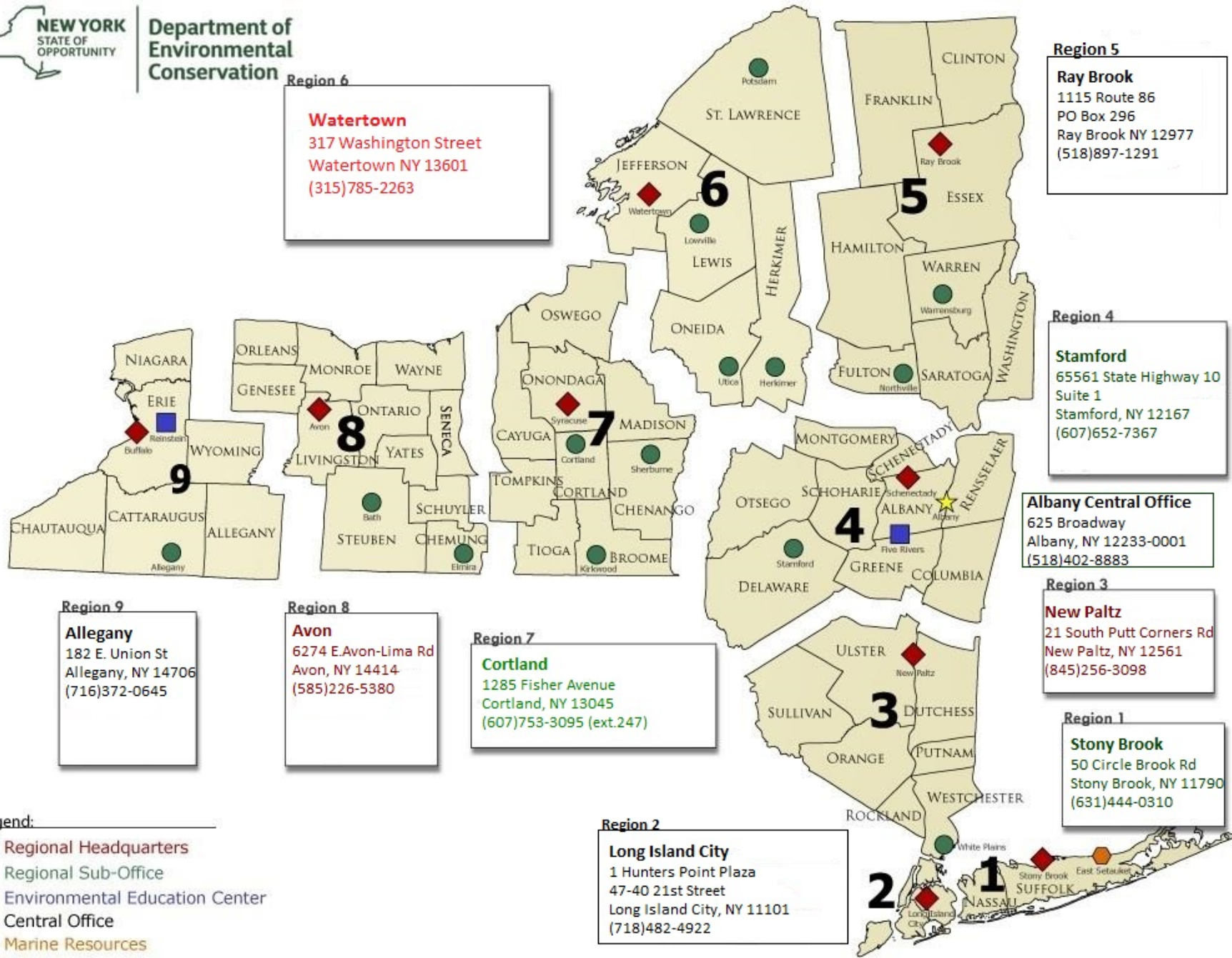
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Date

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Regional Lands & Forests Staff Signature  
(only applicable if birds are to be released on  
State Forest lands)

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 LIMITS ON CHICK AVAILABILITY.



**Region 6**

**Watertown**  
317 Washington Street  
Watertown NY 13601  
(315)785-2263

**Region 5**

**Ray Brook**  
1115 Route 86  
PO Box 296  
Ray Brook NY 12977  
(518)897-1291

**Region 4**

**Stamford**  
65561 State Highway 10  
Suite 1  
Stamford, NY 12167  
(607)652-7367

**Albany Central Office**  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-0001  
(518)402-8883

**Region 3**

**New Paltz**  
21 South Putt Corners Rd  
New Paltz, NY 12561  
(845)256-3098

**Region 1**

**Stony Brook**  
50 Circle Brook Rd  
Stony Brook, NY 11790  
(631)444-0310

**Region 2**

**Long Island City**  
1 Hunters Point Plaza  
47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718)482-4922

**Region 7**

**Cortland**  
1285 Fisher Avenue  
Cortland, NY 13045  
(607)753-3095 (ext.247)

**Region 8**

**Avon**  
6274 E.Avon-Lima Rd  
Avon, NY 14414  
(585)226-5380

**Region 9**

**Allegany**  
182 E. Union St  
Allegany, NY 14706  
(716)372-0645

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- ◆ Regional Headquarters
  - Regional Sub-Office
  - Environmental Education Center
  - ★ Central Office
  - Marine Resources