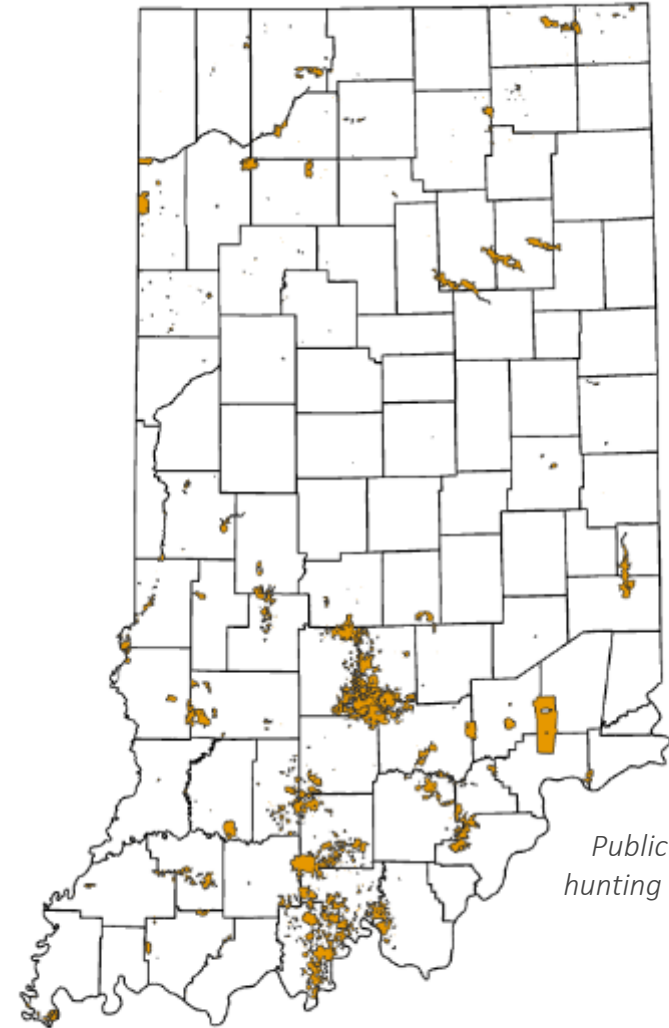


Indiana Private Lands Access Program (IPLA) 2024 Update

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What is IPLA?

- Surveys show that the number one barrier facing hunters today is access to land to hunt.
 - Public lands are overcrowded.
 - More and more private land is being leased for exclusive hunting rights.
 - People are moving to urban areas and looking for more convenient places to hunt near where they live.
- The Indiana Private Lands Access Program (IPLA) was started in 2017 as part of the Grasslands for Gamebirds and Songbirds initiative.



*Public lands open for
hunting access in Indiana*

Who is a fit for IPLA?

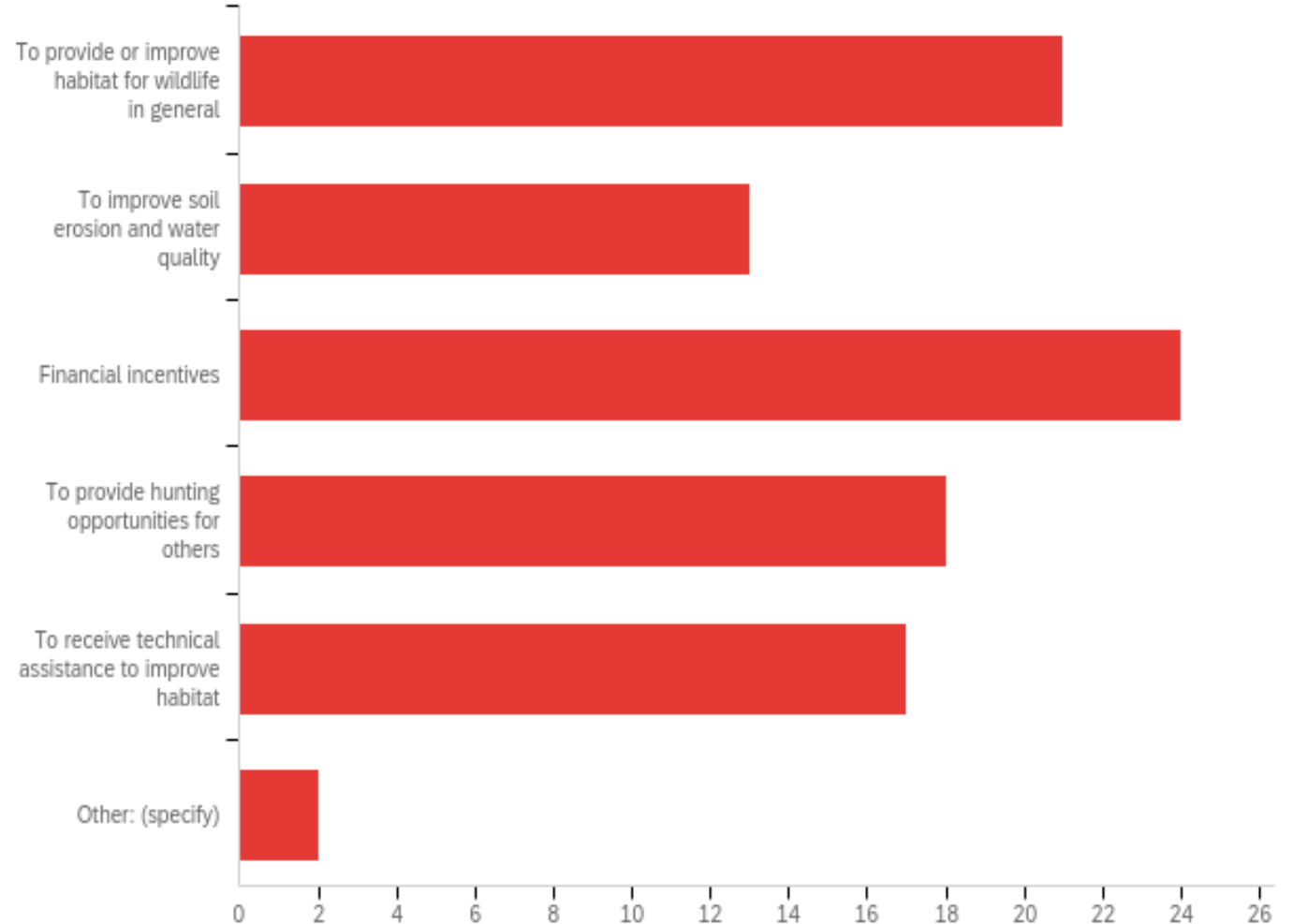
- Landowners must be in the VPA focal region to be eligible for funds – for now.
- Most of our best landowners are people we already have a relationship with.
- Absentee landowners are usually a good fit.
- The more hunts you are willing to offer, the more money you can make as a landowner.
- Must have reasonable amounts the game we are pursuing.
- We do not target land that is already being hunted. We don't want to displace people who are currently hunting a property.



What does IPLA offer landowners?

- Money
 - The more hunts you offer, the more money you can make!
- Habitat improvement money
 - Unfortunately, the habitat money cannot be used on existing CRP, WRE, etc. Hopefully, this changes with the next VPA
- Priority access to our habitat teams
 - DNR teams that will come do your habitat work for you!

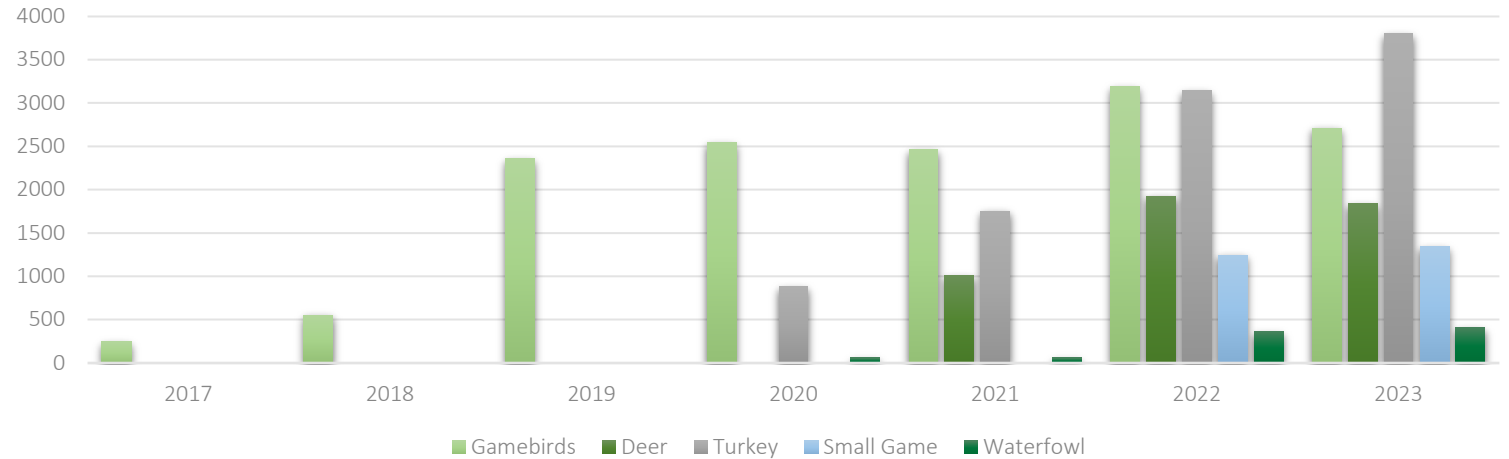
Why did you choose to enroll these acres in IPLA?



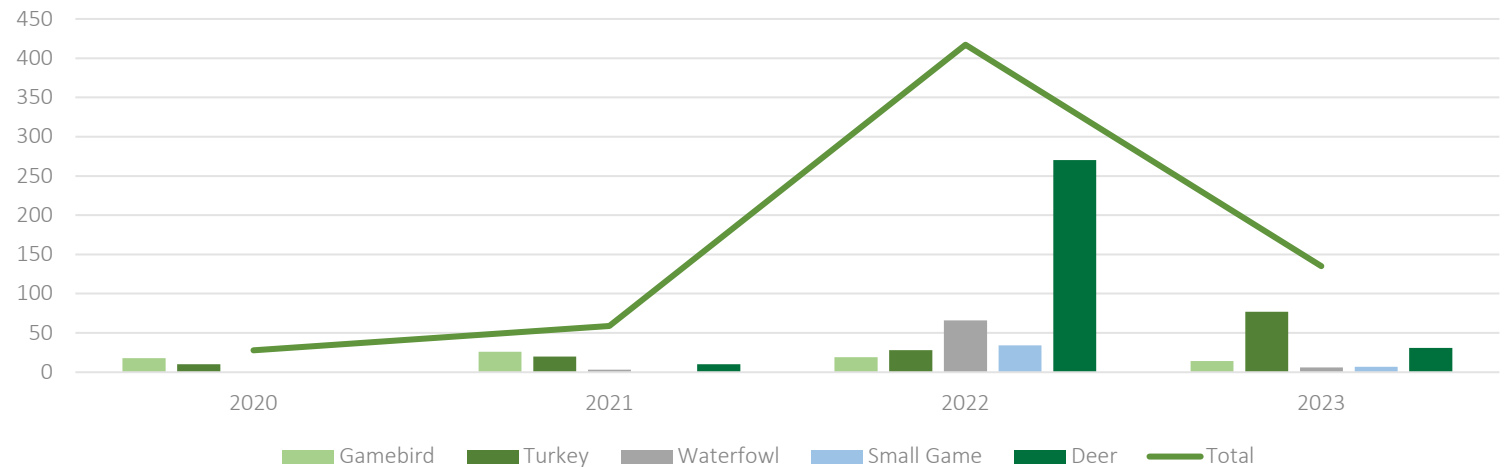
IPLA History

- IPLA started with fall 2017 hunting season (gamebirds only)
- First turkey hunts in spring 2020
- VPA funding introduced in 2020 (\$537,000 for access, \$750,000 total)
- First waterfowl hunt enrolled in fall 2020
- First deer hunts enrolled in fall 2021
- First small game hunts enrolled in 2022

IPLA Acres Enrolled



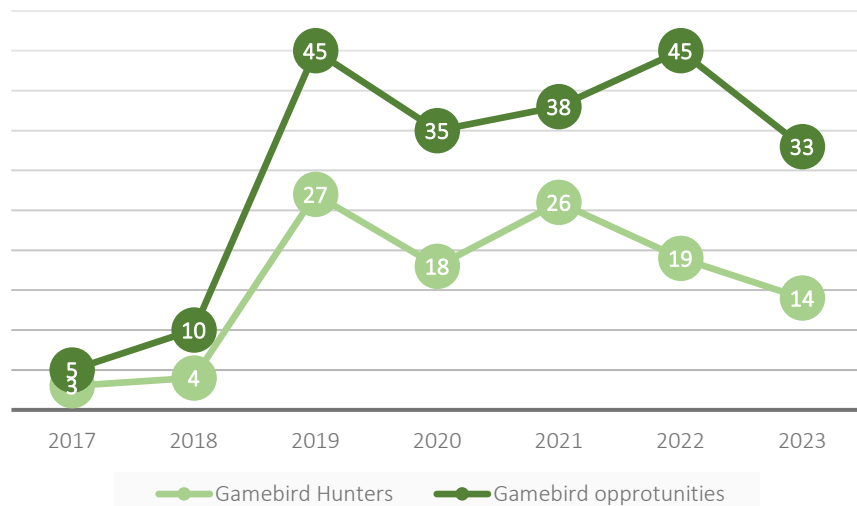
IPLA Hunter Participation



Gamebirds – Where it all started...

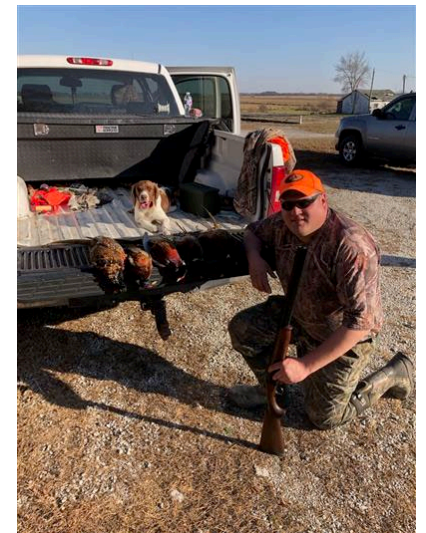
Gamebird Harvest	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pheasant	0	0	3	7	9	8	0
Quail	0	0	6	14	14	2	4
Woodcock	0	0	0	1	2	1	0

IPLA Gamebird Hunt Participation



Had a great hunt and flushed plenty of birds. Only seen 4 hens all day. Rest of the birds flushed were roosters. -Michael

Habitat was great , weather a little warm , as far as improving can't think of anything, the young hunter in our group got his first native pheasant that made it all worthwhile thanks for the opportunity to hunt keep up the good work - Galen

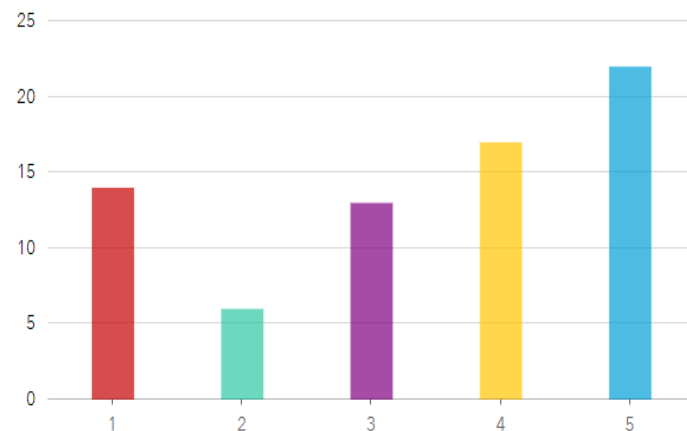


How would you rate your experience on this hunt?

Column Bar Pie Map

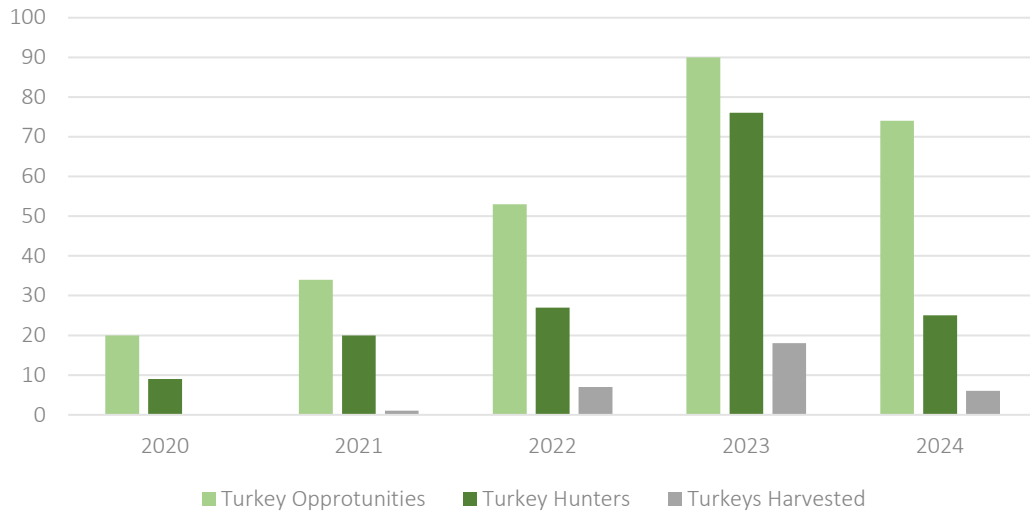
Average

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Turkey Hunting

IPLA Turkey Participation & Harvest



We cant thank the IPLA system and land owner enough. We came from nw IN to give it a shot. Luck payed out. APPLE, IPLA, AND the DNR are making a massive change in conservation. The property reminded me of a tv show and we cant believe we were given the opportunity to hunt it. thank you. - Takotasha

It was one of the best turkey hunts I have been on. Watched 5 Tom's beat up my decoys for over an hour then tried mating with my hen for another 30 min - David

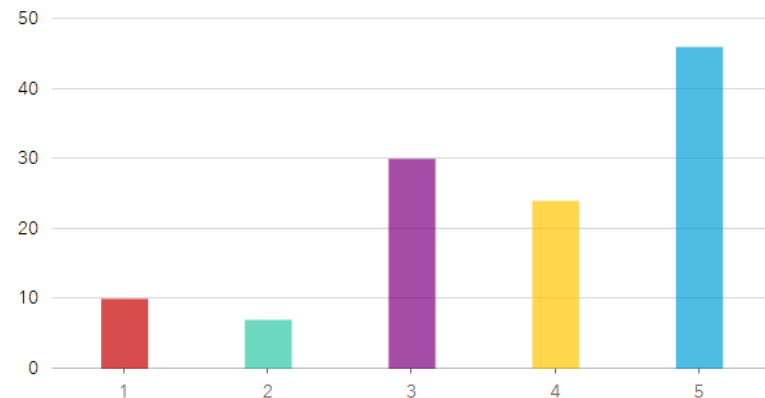
It was great experience for my 5 year old son Easton. He heard gobbling and saw 3 Jake's and 3 hens. They didn't want to get too close to the talking blind but that is just part of the process. - Easton



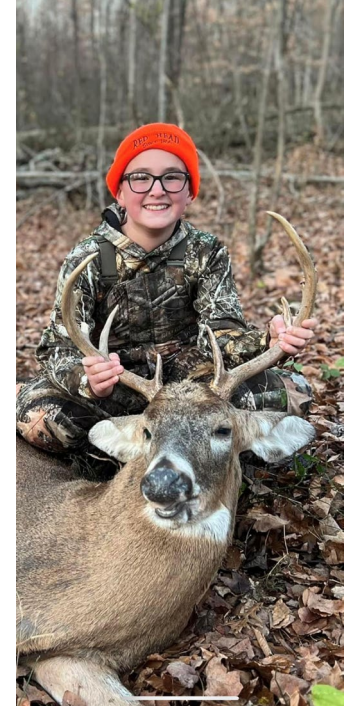
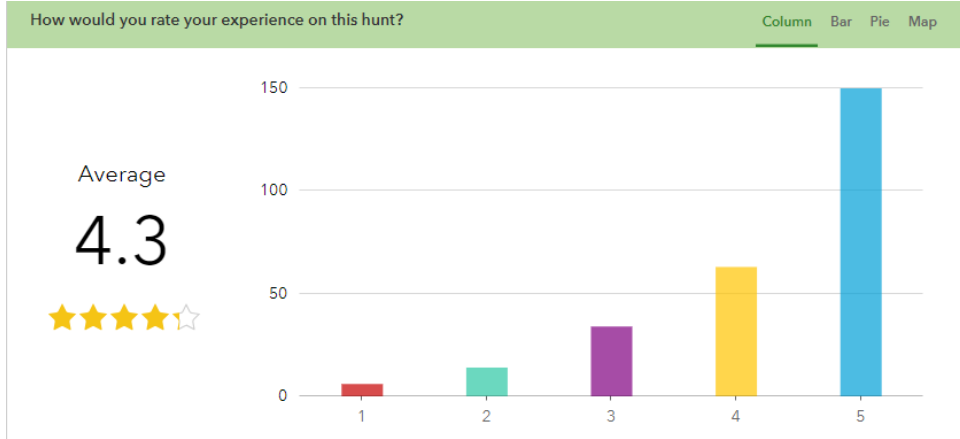
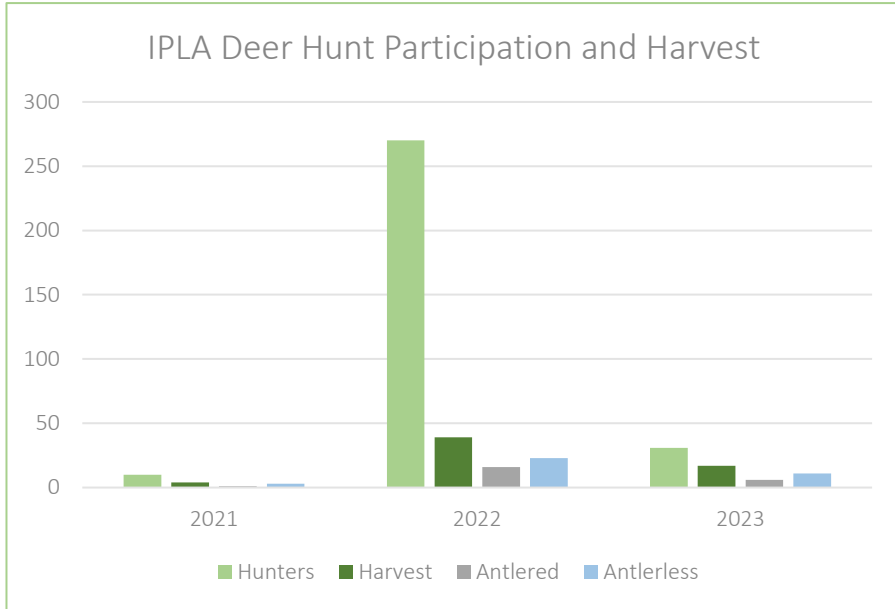
How would you rate your experience on this hunt?

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Deer Hunting



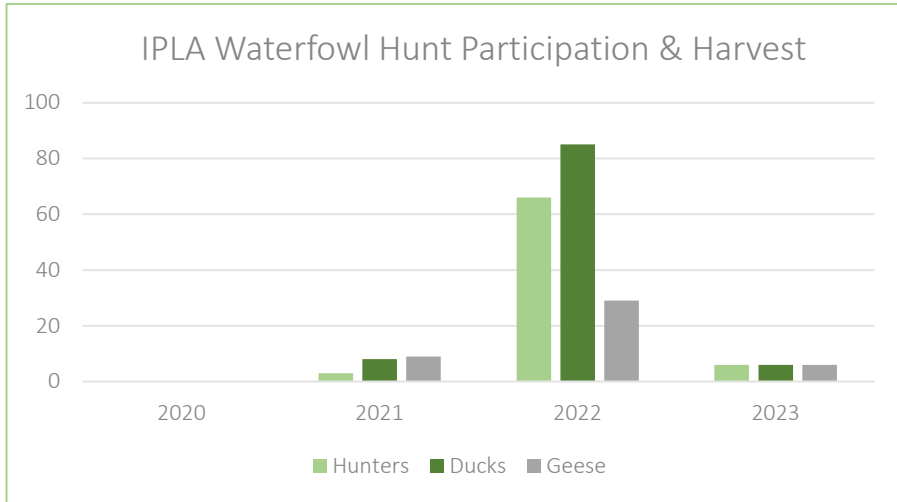
What an awesome hunt! My son Nash was drawn to hunt the property the first week of firearm season. Nash has hunted hard for 3 years and this was the first deer he has harvested. I cannot emphasize how grateful I am for the IPLA program allowing us the opportunity to hunt a great piece of property and make memories to last a lifetime! - Seth



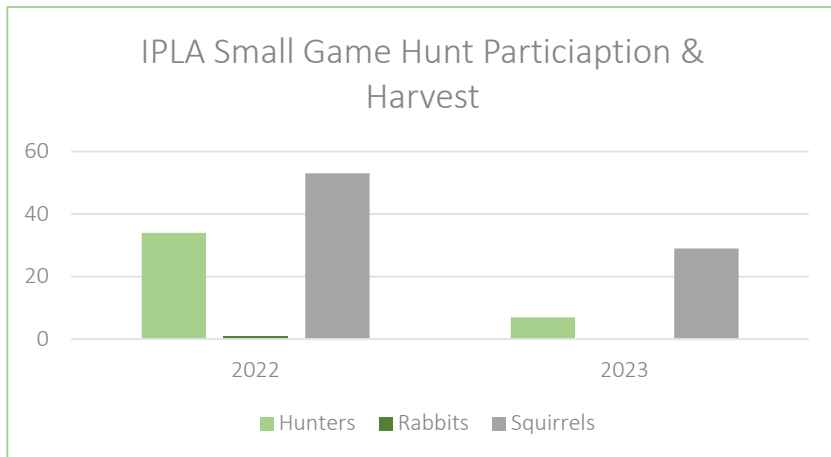
This was the best week of hunting, ever! My husband and I hunt public land normally so this was a real opportunity. We saw lots of healthy deer. My husband harvested a 9-point buck that scored 125 inches gross. I got nothing this time; but enjoyed myself. On our first morning, we saw 10 deer within the first hour there. We nicknamed the area between two of the CRP fields Buck Alley because you would see them crossing. - Stephanie



Waterfowl and Small Game Hunting

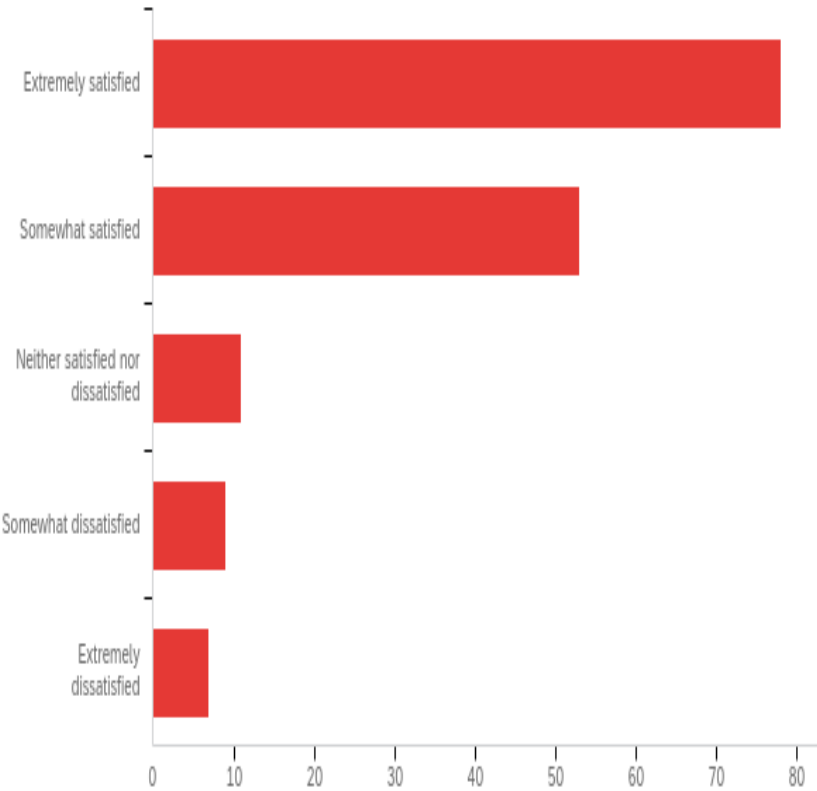


It was our first ever waterfowl hunt. The property was great. All the birds were there before light and mostly flew out before legal shooting. We only got 1 duck but learned a lot and had a great time. Thank you for the opportunity. We are definitely hooked. Thank you for the opportunity. - Dexter

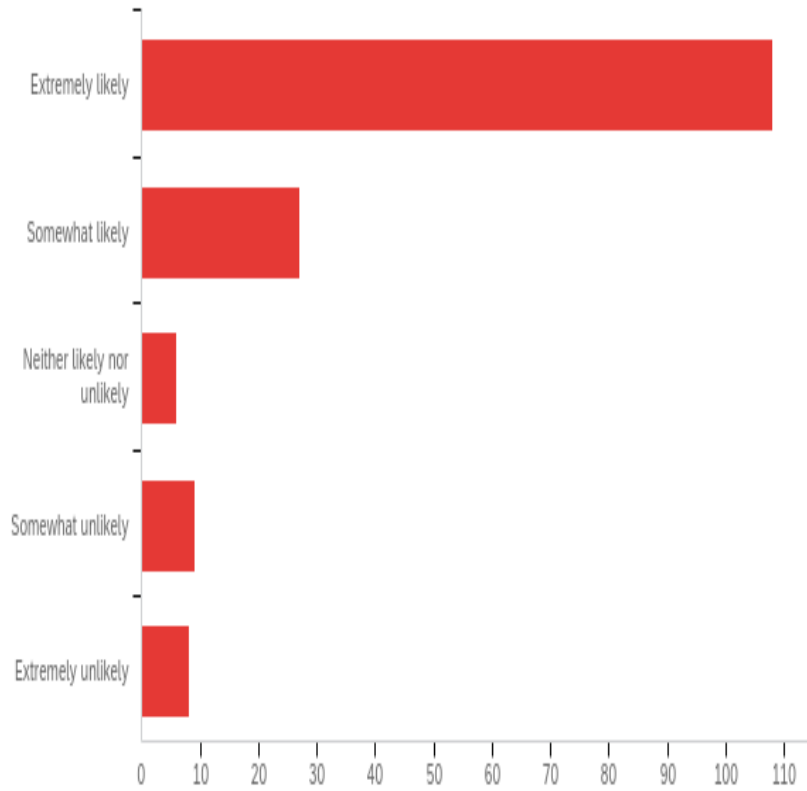


Hunter Survey (n=104)

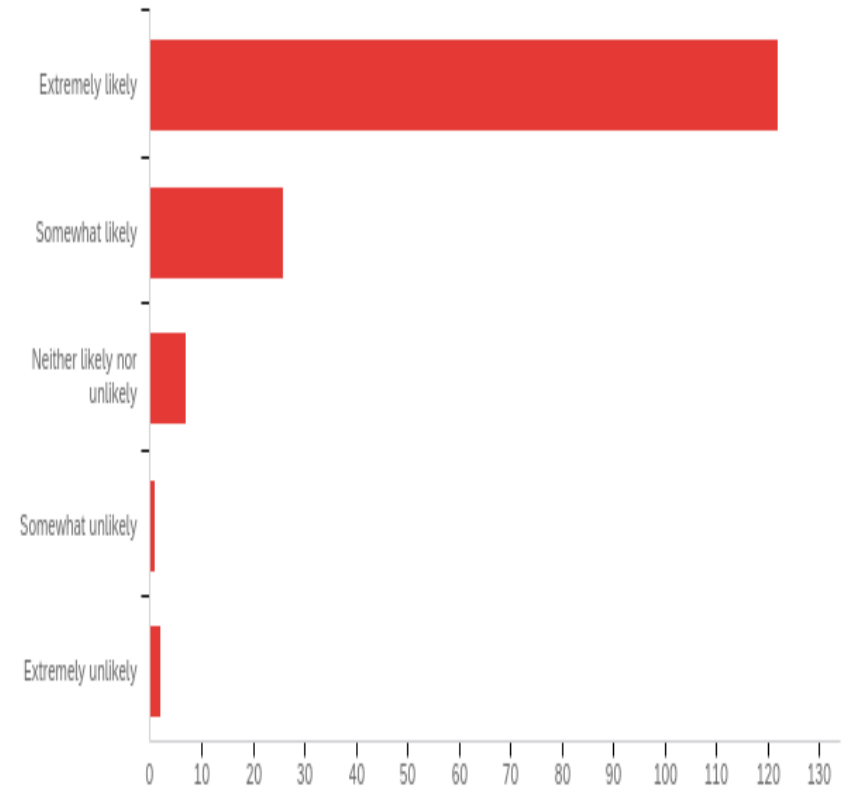
Overall, how satisfied were you with your IPLA hunt experience?



How likely are you to participate in an IPLA reserved hunt on this property if it was offered again?

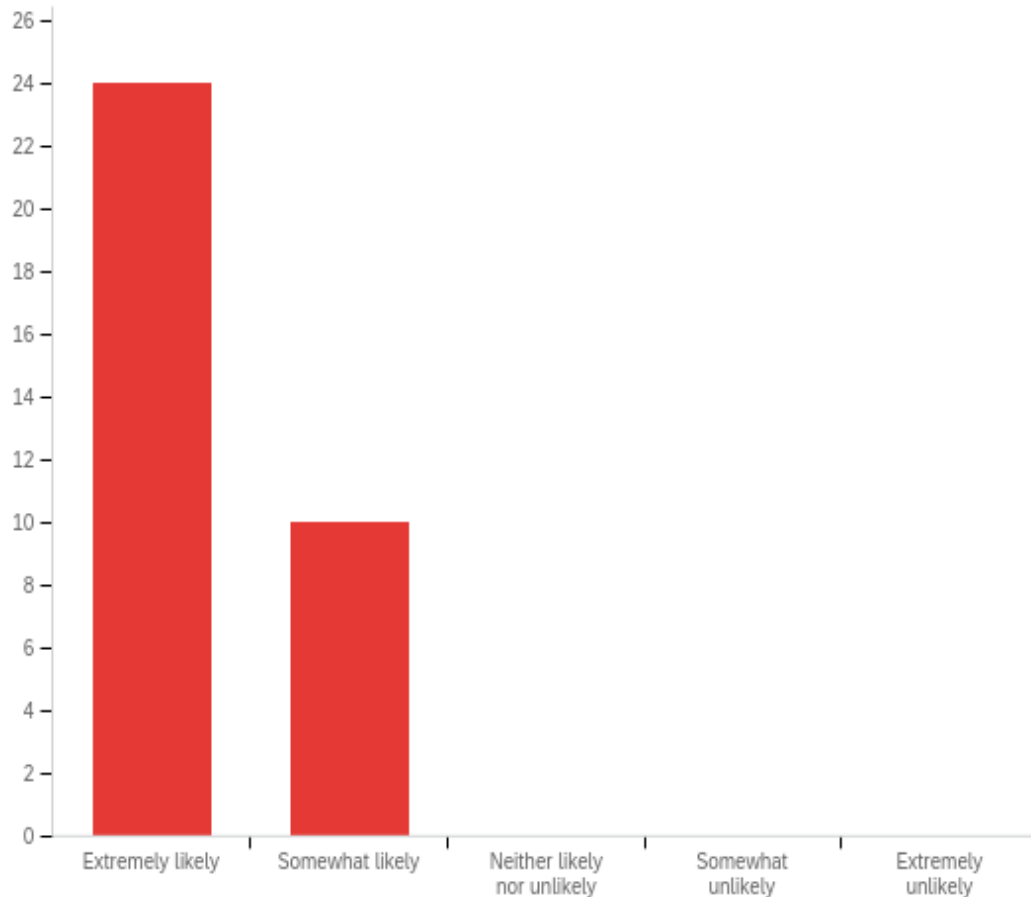


How likely are you to participate in an IPLA hunt on a different property?

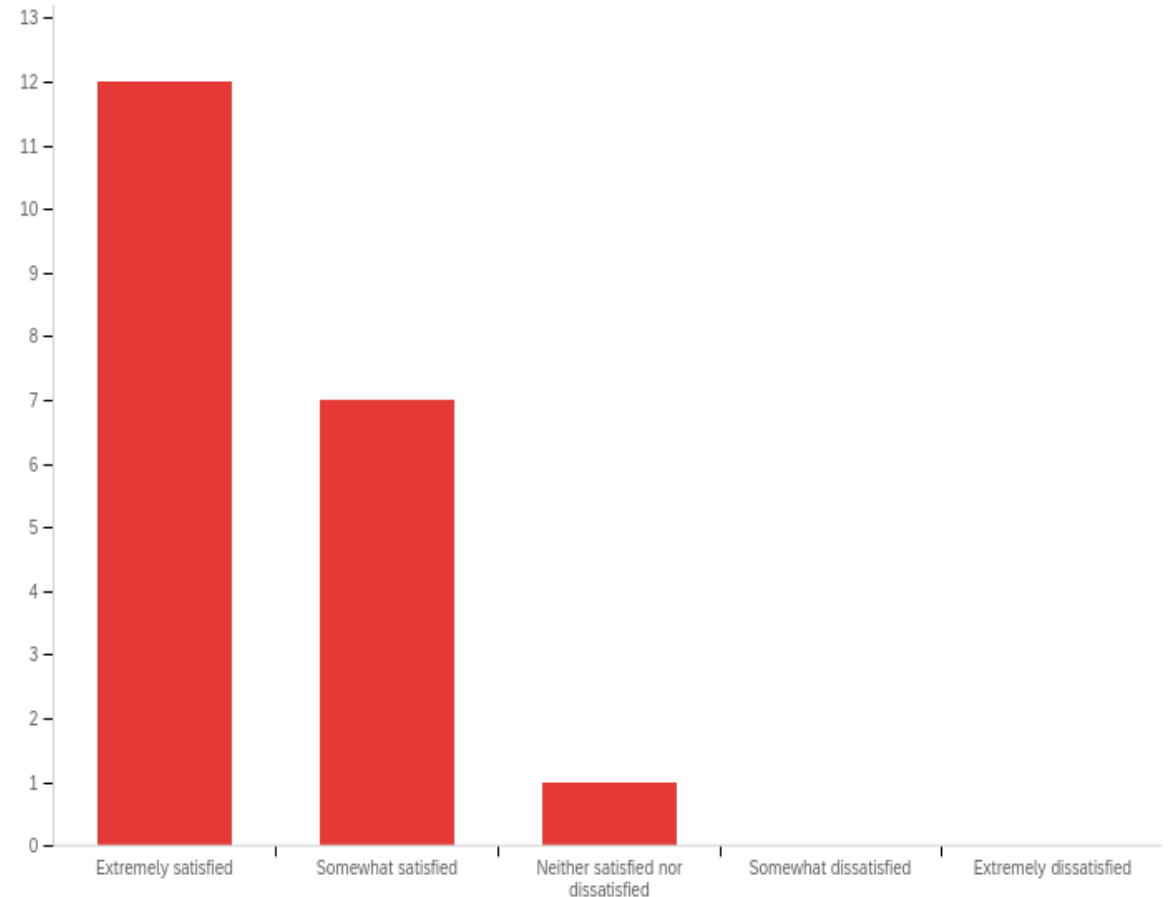


Landowner Survey

- How likely is it that you would recommend to a friend that they consider enrolling a property in IPLA?



- Considering your overall experience with IPLA, how would you rate your satisfaction?



For any questions about IPLA or if you know of landowners that might be interested you can contact:

- Any Fish and Wildlife district wildlife biologist
 - <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife-resources/wildlife-biologists/>
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