

Building Shooting Ranges

- Although land requirements for shooting and archery ranges may vary widely according to specific site conditions, here are some general guidelines from the National Shooting Sports Foundation:
 - 2-3 acres for a rifle or pistol range (not including a safety zone around the range).
 - 30 acres for one combination trap and skeet field. (When multiple trap/skeet fields are placed side by side, each additional field increases the width of your land requirements by 140 feet. For example, five combination fields would require approximately 50 acres.)
 - 1 acre for a 14-position, 50-yard archery range requires.
 - 15 acres for a 28-target walk-through field course.
 - Other possible space requirements might include: parking, rest rooms, an office, classroom, maintenance or storage building.
 - 50-60-acre suitable site may accommodate a shooting facility including trap, skeet, sporting clays, rifle, pistol, and archery ranges as well as adequate parking and classroom.

- City or county governments are eligible to partner with the state wildlife agency to build a gun range using TARMARK Partnership (90% funds from grants with 10% required match)
 - range is owned and operated by local city or county government
 - you need: 30-60 acres, do a market needs assessment, need a sound study, complete an Environmental Assessment, a wetland delineation performed to comply w/ Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, community/stakeholder feedback meetings and more
 - costs ~2 million