

## **The Clays at Lone Oaks Farm**

*A partnership between the University of Tennessee, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and US Fish and Wildlife Service*

This project represents a \$3.5 million investment to create a premier hunter education and clay target center at Lone Oaks Farm. It will feature a 4,000-square-foot building with a pro shop, conference room, kitchen, and classroom, and an attached pavilion for outdoor gatherings and events. The shooting ranges will include two combination skeet/trap fields and two stand-alone trap fields. The facility will open with a fifteen-station sporting clays course, which will quickly be expanded to twenty stations. The sporting clays course will feature three throwers at each station to allow for more target presentations appropriate for shooters of all skills levels. Finally, there will be two options for five-stand sporting clays: one overlaid on one of the trap/skeet combination fields, and a mini five-stand course on the first station of the sporting clays course. Additional phases could be pursued to add more trap fields and another sporting clays course.

Project milestones:

- 2016: Conceptual development of center and partnership development.
- Spring 2017: Conceptual proposal approved by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- February 2018: Funding secured from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and US Fish and Wildlife Service (\$2.6 million).
- May 2018: Design team (architects, landscape architects, shooting consultants) selected and contracted.
- December 2018: Designs completed and approved.
- May 2019: Competitive bid process completed. Contractor selected (Mid-South Business Construction of Jackson, Tennessee).
- July 2019: Construction begins.
- Fall 2019: Sporting clays course completed and available for special events.
- September 2020: Facility completed and open to the public.



Figure 1. Architect's rendering of the front view of The Clays and its pavilion.



Figure 2. Architect's rendering of the side view of The Clays.

