

Buffer Management Plan Policy

The Hammocks at Cape Haze

Goal: To establish community approved standards for the trimming and removal of vegetation within the buffer area.

Location: Please see Exhibit A for the Buffer coverage area.

Frequency of Maintenance Activities:

- Native upland trees (i.e., live oak, slash pine, etc.) as needed and not to exceed a frequency of one event per year.
- Non-native and/or nuisance shrubs, trees and grasses will be maintained (removal and herbicide treatment) by the selected vendor twice a year.

Means and Method:

The following maintenance activities are authorized within the Designated Buffer.

- Maintenance activities associated with native trees within the wetlands will only involve pruning of the branches and not in a manner detrimental to the health of the tree.
- No topping cuts are authorized for Oak trees and Pine Trees.
- Cutting the native shrubs will be conducted by hand pruning and not in a manner detrimental to its health. Native shrubs will not be cut or pruned below a height of 10 feet.
- Application of herbicide will be conducted by a licensed applicator and be consistent with any applicable rules, statutes, and regulations and only be used on non-native plant / tree species.
- Every effort will be made to maintain native plants species (trees, shrubs, and grasses).
- There will be no mechanical maintenance activities within the Buffer.
- Palm trees may be maintained at a horizontal (9 and 3) configuration.

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