

## Tree Mitigation Policy

The following policy is proposed to prevent the decline of the existing arboreal assets of the Plantation, and provide guidelines for removal and mitigation requirements. Upon "on-site" inspection, the POA will provide permission to remove trees meeting the following criteria:

- (A) Removal of trees that are dead.
- (B) Removal of trees deemed structurally compromised that impose imminent liability to surrounding persons or structures.
- (C) Removal of trees where buttress root growth is causing structural damage to driveway surfaces and or foundational migration.
- (D) Removal of trees causing roof damage where remedial pruning would compromise the integrity of the tree.
- (E) Removal of trees under nine (9) inches DBH (diameter at breast height).
- (F) Removal of trees within three (3) feet of a roof line causing potential damage.

**Live Oak Trees are a protected species Island-wide; hence, removal is rarely granted. Where special circumstances exist, mitigation is calculated at three times the rate of other species.**

Homeowners desiring to embark on landscape renovations or similar activities impacting or requiring the removal of otherwise healthy trees, are provided two mitigation options:

### **Tree Replacement:**

For purposes of tree replacement, this policy is utilizing the four categories of trees defined in the Hilton Head Island Land Management Ordinance 16.6.104F.

Following an "on-site" inspection, a cumulative inventory of DBH (diameter at breast height) will be determined for the proposed trees to be removed. Homeowners may then elect to replant one tree from the **Category 1 or Category 3 list for every 10 inches of DBH previously determined.**

The homeowner has an additional option of selecting two trees in either category: from **Category 2 or Category 4 for every 10 inches of DBH previously determined.**

Trees selected for replanting must meet a 2-inch DBH requirement and include care and irrigation for a one year period. Records of mitigation will be maintained by the POA with follow up health inspections provided.

## **Plantation Tree Fund**

Owners wishing not to exercise "on-site" mitigation outlined above may instead choose to contribute to the Plantation Tree Fund. Contributions to the Tree Fund will be calculated at the cumulative sum, divided by 10, times (x) \$75, (10" DBH of trees requested for removal). Monies from collective contributions will be escrowed and utilized exclusively for Plantation beautification projects deemed appropriate by the General Manager and Board of Directors.

### **Tree Mitigation:**

Healthy trees: any tree over the *diameter at breast height (10 DBH)*, take the cumulative sum, divide by 10, times (x) \$75 = money to be paid into Tree Fund.

### **Category I: Broad-leaved Evergreen Overstory Hardwoods and Endangered Species**

American Holly	American Beech	Overcup Oak
Bald Cypress	American Elm	Pecan
Laurel Oak	American Hornbeam	Pignut Hickory
Loblolly	American Sycamore	Post Oak
Pound Cypress	Bitternut Hickory	Red Buckeye
Spruce Pine	Black Cherry	Red Maple
Sweet Gum	Black Gum	Red Mulberry
Sweet Bay	Black Widow	Redbay
Tough Bunia	Boxelder	River Birch
Tupelo	Buckhorn Bumelia	Sand Hickory
Turkey Oak	Carolina Ash	Sassafras
Water Tupelo	Carolina Basswood	Scrub Holly
Water Locust	Carolina Buckhorn	Southern Bayberry
White Oak	Carolina Silverbell	Southern Red Oak
Yaupon Holly	Carolina Willow	Sugarberry

## **Category II: Deciduous Overstory Hardwoods and Broad-leaved Evergreen Understory**

American Beech	Bitternut Hickory	Boxelder
American Elm	Black Cherry	Buckhorn Burmelia
American Hornbeam	Black Gum	Carolina Ash
American Sycamore	Black Widow	Carolina Basswood
Carolina Buckhorn	Pignut Hickory	Sugarberry
Carolina Silverbell	Post Oak	Swamp Chestnut Oak
Carolina Willow	Red Buckeye	Swamp Cottonwood
Common Persimmon	Red Maple	Sweet Gum
Dahoon Holly	Red Mulberry	Water Hickory
Devilwood	Redbay	Water Oak
Eastern Cottonwood	River Birch	Water Locust
Eastern Hophornbeam	Sand Hickory	Water Tupelo
Florida Basswood	Sassafras	Turkey Oak
Florida Maple	Scrub Hickory	White Oak
Hercules	Southern Bayberry	
Honey Locust	Southern Red Oak	

## **Category III: Cone-bearing Evergreens and Palms**

Cabbage Palmetto	Pond Pine
Eastern Red Cedar	Slash Pine
Loblolly Pine	Shortleaf Pine
Long Leaf Pine	Southern Red Cedar

## Category IV: Ornamental and Small Understory Trees

American Plum	Chickasaw Plum	Crepe Myrtle
Carolina Laurel Cherry	Common Sweetleaf	Eastern Coralbean
Eastern Red Bud	Littlehip Hawthorn	Swamp Dogwood
Flatwoods Plum	Parsley Hawthorn	Witch Hazel
Florida Chinkapin	Possumhaw Holly	
Flowering Dogwood	Southern Crab Apple	
Fringetree	Sparkleberry	