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Vegetation Removal Guidelines for Designated Critical Dunes Areas

1. Wherever possible preserve existing woody vegetation and native grasses.
2. Tree Protection Guidelines – During site evaluation before any construction
 - a. Note valuable tree locations and incorporate their location into the overall construction design.
 - b. Identify trees to be saved.
 - c. Protect trees during construction to preserve health and ensure vitality.
3. Land Clearing Guidelines
 - a. Specify kind and location of timber to be salvaged.
 - b. Locate haul roads/lanes.
 - c. Preserve a natural buffer/filter strip between the lake and the proposed project.
 - d. Dispose of all material not salvaged.
 - e. Use best management practices to protect cleared areas from erosion.
 - f. Save valuable, healthy, aesthetically pleasing trees.
 - g. Identify healthy tree to protect.
4. Tree Removal
 - a. Cut the tree and remove the stump in separate operations.
 - b. Remove all stumps at the same time, later.
 - c. Limit heavy equipment operations to outside the drip lines of all trees to be saved.
 - d. Leave edge trees on prevailing wind side of cleared area.
 - e. Dispose of stumps, roots, logs, brush, limbs, tops, from clearing by processing through a chopping machine. Dispose of or used as mulch or as part of a landscape plan. Compost organic material.
 - f. Save tops, stumps, or field stone to pile as wildlife habitat.
5. Project Completion
 - a. Re-vegetate and stabilize all disturbed areas immediately upon project completion

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