



Vista pruning

The objective of vista pruning is to provide attractive views from the main rooms on the first floor of a house while maintaining a filtered view of the home from marshes, ponds, trails or the golf course. Clearing and trimming to open key locations and to frame views is permitted with written approval by the HRB.

With new construction, initial vista pruning should be performed after the house has been framed. Views should be maintained as originally approved by the HRB. Pruning in the buffer area must leave vegetation of varying heights and types (trees, shrubs, aquatic plants) so a hedge-like appearance is not created. Clear-cutting is not allowed. Creating new vistas or removing trees or shrubs requires Landscape Ecologist approval.

River and marsh views

Marshes are delicate wetland habitats that must be protected from runoff by maintaining a thick vegetative buffer. Beaufort County law requires protection of a 50' buffer and regulations are enforced with fines. Pruning for view vistas in the buffer area must leave vegetation of varying heights. Lawns may not be located within 50' of a marsh or river edge.

Pond vistas

Pruning to achieve views to a pond must be done with wildlife and pond edge erosion in mind. It's a good idea to maintain a variety of vegetation types and heights along a pond edge. Selective pruning under the guidance of the landscape ecologist can provide a filtered view of the home from across the pond.

Golf course vistas

The goal of vista pruning along the golf course is to provide the homeowner with a view of the course while at the same time preserving a clearly defined natural buffer along the course.

In cases where the required POA buffer is less than 75' in width, the homeowner is encouraged to supplement the buffer to achieve the desired width. The POA is responsible for maintaining the property between home sites and the golf course.