It is the policy of the Trustees of the Orleans Conservation Trust (the Trust) to consider requests for the trimming, removing of vegetation and cutting of trees on Trust property on a case-by- case basis.

Objectives that may be considered by the Trustees in response to such requests are:
-provision for views and vistas for public enjoyment on its lands;
-removal of invasive species on its land and promotion of the use of native species;
-maintenance and control of paths for neighborhood or public enjoyment where the adequacy of the property is consistent with such use.

The following shall assist the Trustees in making decisions concerning such requests:

- The Land Management Committee of the Trust shall view the property and meet with applicant/petitioner to have a clear understanding of the request and report to the Trustees.
- Issues of public safety, health and liability should be handled expeditiously with the appropriate Town or County agency.
- Any activity that is within 100 feet of a resource area (wetland, coastal bank, dune or salt marsh) is within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and application by the Trust must be made and permission received before any alteration may begin.
- Other matters such as removal of debris due to storm damage, over growth of
  invasive species, general eyesores and maintenance of a pre-existing view across
  Trust property shall require due process by the Trustees after a written
  recommendation from the Land Management Committee.
- The Trust shall consider requiring the services of qualified and insured landscape or tree person for the professional removal or alteration of vegetation for which the costs may be paid for by the applicant as previously arranged.
- In certain circumstances, the Trustees may allow specified <u>maintenance</u> trimming to be performed by an authorized person under the direction of a Trust representative, while having a clear and mutual understanding of what, how and when vegetation may be altered.
- The Trust prohibits the storing of brush, logs, yard debris or other organic material
  on Trust property. The Trust may store brush, logs, yard debris or other organic
  material on Trust property as the Trustees deem necessary. Where it is found that
  debris has been illegally dumped on Trust property, the violator shall be identified
  and required to remove the debris.
- If a Land Use Management Plan exists for a particular parcel, those recommendations shall take precedent over any request. Deed research should be done to determine if certain activities have been restricted for the subject property.