

## Guidance of Trimming Mangroves in Grand Harbor

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Situation	Permit Status	Guidance
Mangroves in Conservation Easement	Trim area shown in permit	Follow trimming permit.
	No trim area shown in permit	Follow trimming permit; however, if there is a desire or need to trim mangroves in a non-trim area, then the party desiring to trim the mangroves would bear the entire cost of obtaining a permit and trimming the mangroves. GHCA applies for the permit.
Mangroves on fringe of Conservation Easement but on adjacent property	Adjacent property abuts trim area or no trim area shown in permit	If there is a desire or need to trim mangroves in either of these areas, then the party desiring to trim the mangroves would bear the entire cost of obtaining a permit and trimming the mangroves. The property owner applies for the permit.
Mangroves not in Conservation Easement	Trim area shown in permit, no-trim area shown in permit, or not covered by permit.	If there is a desire or need to trim mangroves in any of these areas, then the party desiring to trim the mangroves would bear the entire cost of obtaining a permit and trimming the mangroves. The property owner files the permit.

### General Guidance

1. Mangroves may not be trimmed without a permit or verification of permit exemption from FDEP.
2. Mangroves may not be trimmed without permission of the landowner.
3. The entity desiring to trim must have a survey and survey stakes or permanent boundary markers showing the legal boundary between the entity's property and the adjacent property.
4. Mangroves within Grand Harbor may only be trimmed by licensed, professional mangrove trimmers.
5. The entity desiring a change in current trimming practices bears the full cost of obtaining permits and any increased cost of trimming.
6. Any fines, penalties, legal, or other costs due to unauthorized trimming of mangroves will be the responsibility of the party who authorized the trimming.
7. GHCA maintains architectural control over all property within Grand Harbor. Any trimming of mangroves within Grand Harbor must be approved by the GHCA Architectural Review Board.
8. Any trimming of mangroves within Grand Harbor must follow state and local regulations, including the 1996 Mangrove Trimming Act.