

Policy for Natural Areas in Covington Park CDD

The Covington Park community features numerous wetland preservation and conservation areas. These areas are subject to governmental regulation and are not intended to be maintained like ordinary landscaping. Instead, these areas are to be left untouched to allow for nature to take its normal course.

In the event that trees and/or vegetation from these areas encroaches on your property, you may have the right to cut back trees and/or vegetation to your property line. That said, removal of native vegetation within and immediately surrounding these areas is discouraged, and may be restricted or prohibited by Hillsborough County, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). ***Maintenance of the natural areas, disposal of personal property within the natural areas, and other activities within the natural areas are strictly prohibited, except by authorized representatives of the CDD. Failure to comply with this policy may result in fines and/or penalties, civil liability, or criminal prosecution, and the CDD reserves all rights to enforce the same.***

If it appears that trees and/or other vegetation from the CDD's natural areas are encroaching on your property or pose a threat of falling and damaging your property, please contact Rizzetta & Company, Inc., the CDD Manager at 813-533-2950. The CDD's Manager will have the trees and/or other vegetation evaluated and, to the extent that it is determined that the CDD has responsibility for any items, take any necessary action to address the same, consistent with applicable law and regulatory approvals. In the event that you intend to trim any encroaching trees and/or vegetation ***on your property***, you will need to determine whether any regulatory approvals are needed and if so obtain such approvals. In that regard, the CDD's Staff is authorized to provide, subject to review of the application, a "no objection" letter from the CDD to the applicable regulatory authorities. If you have any questions, please contact the CDD Manager at the above number.

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