

PROPERTY CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America

The council has adopted several **conservation practices** to ensure the proper operation and maintenance of the Samoset Council properties and camps. These sound conservation practice and procedure are designed to enhance the health of the ecosystems, to maximize building longevity and to support the programs of the Samoset Council, Boy Scouts of America.

SELECT CUTTING:

Each year the council may perform select cutting in specific areas of any council own property. Cutting practices always following the outlines of the forest management plans for that property. The following guidelines are the basis of the conservation management plan.

- All cutting should occur in the fall and winter months to protect soils and avoid conflict with other camp activities.
- All cutting will be done in such a manner to fulfill the management objectives as outlined below.
- All trees within 50 feet of a building shall be removed to enhance the life of the building and for the safety of our campers. Trees that are too close to the building do not allow proper ventilation and will increase deteriorating factors. (This policy was recommended by the council properties committee and approved by the council board in 2011).
- All trees that pose a risk to any building, campsite or program area on any council property can only be removed by authorized personnel. (This policy was recommended by the council properties committee and approved by the council board in 2011).

FOREST MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES:

- The management objectives of the forest stands are to produce timber, protect camp infrastructure and convert early successional species to late successional species.
- In addition, all trees that pose a threat to camper safety can be removed at any time with a recommendation by any of the following committees: risk management, camping & outdoor program, properties, and council board.



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