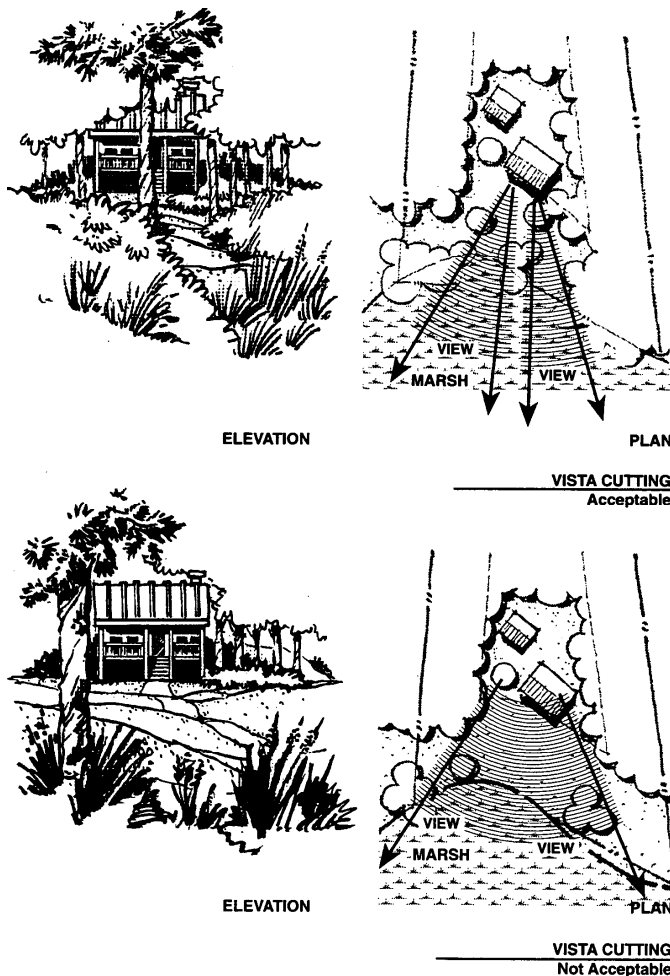


Vista Pruning

The objective of vista pruning is to provide views from the main rooms on the first floor of the house while maintaining a filtered view of the house from the river, marsh, pond, trails or golf course. The Spring Island Habitat Review Board (HRB) establishes and monitors landscaping policy as mandated by the covenants of the SIPOA. Selective clearing and trimming to open key locations and to frame views from the home is permitted with written approval by the HRB.



The initial vista pruning, upon HRB approval, should be performed after the house has been framed. View vistas to amenities should be maintained as originally approved by the HRB, with sufficient vegetative mass (trees and

shrubs) being retained to break up the view of the home from outside the lot. Pruning in the buffer area (for view vistas) must leave vegetation of varying heights and types (trees, shrubs, aquatic plants etc.) so as not to create a “hedge” appearance. Clear cutting is not allowed. The establishment of new vistas or the removal of trees or shrubs requires approval from the Trust Landscape Ecologist as the landscaping representative of the HRB.



Marsh view vista

River and Marsh Views

Marshes are delicate wetland habitats that must be protected from runoff by maintaining a thick vegetative buffer at least 50' in width. Beaufort County law requires protection of this area and enforces its regulations with fines. Pruning in the buffer area (for view vistas) must leave vegetation of varying heights so as not to create a “hedge” appearance. No lawns may be located within a minimum of 50' of the marsh or river edge.

Pond Vistas

Pond edges are important wildlife habitat and filter runoff. Pruning to achieve views to a pond shall be done with wildlife and pond edge erosion in mind. A variety of vegetation types (trees, shrubs, aquatic plants), and varying heights must be maintained along the pond edge. Pruning must be selective to ensure a filtered view of the home from across the pond. No lawns may be located within a minimum of

30' of the pond edge. One pond access path (less than 5' wide) may be established through the filter vegetation at an acute angle to the pond edge.



Pond view vista

Golf Course Vistas

The goal of vista pruning along the golf course is to provide the homeowner a view of the course while, at the same time, preserving a clearly defined natural buffer along the golf course. Maintaining this approach to vista pruning will insure that the Old Tabby Links golf experience continues to provide an atmosphere of golfing in a nature preserve. All homes are encouraged to have at least a 75 foot buffer of native vegetation separating them from the edge of the area maintained by the golf

course. (Exceptions are golf course properties fronting the 18th Fairway) In cases where the SIPOA buffer is less than 75' in width, the home owner is encouraged to supplement the SIPOA buffer to achieve the 75' width. between the homesite and the course. SIPOA has the sole responsibility for maintaining SIPOA property between homesites and the golf course.

Pruning in this natural area shall not result in a "hedge" appearance, but have varying heights of vegetation. Pathways from the home to the course should be located along a shared property boundary so that the view down the path from the course is into the side Nature Curtain.



Marsh view vista established at framing.



View from golf course.