

NORTH CENTRAL STATE COLLEGE  
POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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NC STATE/OSU-M CAMPUS WOOD CUTTING POLICY

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A. Wood cutting will be conducted on campus consistent with the principles of the woodlands context and integrated landscape philosophy outlined within the 2003 Mansfield Campus Master Plan.

B. Plant Operations and Maintenance will manage the planting, care/trimming and removal of trees to the extent necessary on the Mansfield Campus using in-house personnel and contract professionals.

C. Wood cutting conducted in and around the campus core (e.g buildings, roadways, parking lots, lawns, etc) and activity spaces (e.g. athletic fields, trails, etc) will be conducted to ensure personal safety, security and protection of campus improvements and infrastructure. Trees on the bulk of the unimproved and limited access portion of campus will be left in place unless they present an identifiable nuisance or are included as part of a professionally developed and approved forest management plan.

D. Private wood-cutting anywhere on Campus is prohibited. All wood (standing or on the ground) on the Campus is property of the University and will not be removed without approval.

E. Tree trimming and removal may be conducted to the extent required by easements or real property agreement. Plant Operations & Maintenance will coordinate with the entities conducting this work.

F. Tree removal associated with approved construction projects or improvements will be conducted within Institutional contract guidelines and insurance requirements. Typically, the wood becomes the property of the contractor who is responsible for its removal and disposal, with the value of the wood helping offset the costs of the overall project.

G. Plant Operations & Maintenance will stockpile and stage wood accumulated through their trimming and removal work. Wood not required by the Campus will first be offered for public sale through the University when quantities and conditions permit. Wood will be available “as is” and “where is” for removal. Onsite cutting and splitting will not be permitted without prior agreement and adequate insurance and indemnification is provided. Sale proceeds will be used

to cover costs associated with marketing and conducting the sale. Shared Service will determine the distribution of the remaining balance of proceeds.

H. Wood remaining unsold may be offered to campus faculty, staff and students in limited quantities at no cost on a first come basis. Wood will be for personal use and not resale. Plant Operations & Maintenance will develop and operate this program subject to availability of staff resources.