

Dear Editor,

While walking on the beach last month I noticed that many trees had been cut down in the Land Trust Protected areas between approximately Station 24 and Station 27. There has also been, at least to this "non-expert", extensive pruning of the wax myrtles well below the 5 foot minimum with resultant loss of much of the dune protecting foliage. Several other Islanders noticed this same tree loss, and together sent a letter to Sullivan's Island Town Council, asking them to look into this violation of town ordinances.

There has been, and will continue to be, healthy debate about conservation of the natural beauty of the accreted areas. Town Council is currently consulting with a "land management group" for a comprehensive overall plan for these areas. I believe compromise is possible wherein the overall beauty and protection of these areas can be reconciled with views, access, and safety, in a manner that can "put to rest" this constant and recurrent debate.

However, I hope all residents of Sullivan's Island can agree that ordinances, now in effect, must be followed. A tremendous amount of debate on the 'accreted land' has resulted in the current restrictions on further degradation of a natural weather barrier. One only has to look up the coast to the Wild Dunes debacle and their beach erosion problem. There can be no excuse for anyone taking matters into their own hands, and damaging our common areas, which is held in trust for all the residents of Sullivan's Island. Therefore, I would hope that Sullivan's Island Town Council will pursue this "investigation" with vigor-and report its findings to the voters. Those responsible must be held accountable-after all, respect for our laws is the fundamental basis of government.

Respectfully,

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