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Policy: Live Plant Collection for Local Use

- Plants from the local area may be most appropriate for landscape planting in a residential setting. The Downeast Lakes Community Forest represents an extensive resource base of local plants.
- DLLT shall provide permits to local residents or property owners for selective collection of local native plants from the Downeast Lakes Community Forest for purposes of planting on private property within the local area.
- Such permits shall specify the species, quantity, harvest method, time period for harvesting, and activities to mitigate soil disturbance. Where necessary or appropriate, DLLT may specify the individual plants that may be collected.
- Collection will only be permitted for species that are abundant on the Downeast Lakes Community Forest and not considered rare, sensitive, special concern, threatened, or endangered in Maine or nationally.
- Collection of commercially valuable tree species shall only be permitted in circumstances such that collection will not diminish future harvest potentials, such as within 20 feet of the center line of a DLLT road.
- Persons who remove plants from the community forest without prior written permission or in violation of permit terms may be barred from access to DLLT property as a consequence.
- There will be no charge for a permit made available under this policy. DLLT reserves the right to recover out-of-pocket costs incurred as a result of authorizing and supervising any particular harvest.
- All permittees shall be solely responsible for their actions on DLLT property and shall execute as a condition of permission to take wood, a document releasing, indemnifying and holding DLLT harmless from any claims or liabilities of any kind. In addition, DLLT may on its sole discretion impose insurance requirements in particular instances.
- The program of providing permits for plant collection shall be administered by the Executive Director.