Policy

Clarkson University is fortunate to have many acres of land available for its use. These lands, grounds, forests, roads, walks, streams, ponds, and other geographical areas owned and operated by the University are to be used primarily for the academic enrichment and the recreational enjoyment of the University community. The land use policy provides for proper planning, care, and administration of these land areas to encourage and develop their responsible use.

1. Planning and Development
Planning and development of the University lands shall be the responsibility of the Physical Plant Department. The master land use plan shall be maintained and updated as necessary to accommodate the University long-range plan requirements. All requests for ground use changes and/or construction will be directed to the Physical Plant Department.

2. General Maintenance and Upkeep
General responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the University lands is with the Physical Plant Department. In those instances where University land is assigned and used primarily by an academic or recreational department, and it is felt to be the best operating procedure, the general maintenance and upkeep may be delegated to the pertinent operating department. The safety, security, and proper use and care of the land are also under its delegated assignment.

Any unsafe, unsightly, and improperly cared for land areas should be reported to the Physical Plant Department.

3. Delegated Areas of Responsibility
The following major areas of delegated operating responsibility have been established within the land use policy:

a. Athletic. Certain areas of the University lands are delegated to the Athletic Department and are to be used specifically for athletic purposes. Uses of these areas for other than athletic functions must be approved by and scheduled with the Chair of the Athletic Department.

   These areas are designated on the land use map as Zone A areas.

b. Athletic-Recreation. Certain areas of the University lands are delegated to the Athletic Department and are primarily available for athletic purposes. These same areas are less intensively used for athletic functions and are available more frequently for recreational purposes. Uses of these areas for other than athletic functions must be approved by and scheduled with the Chair of the Athletic Department.

   These areas are designated on the land use map as Zone A-R areas.

c. Recreation-General.
Many sections of the University lands are available for the general and unscheduled recreational use and enjoyment of the University community. These are the responsibility of the Physical Plant Department and are subject to the general land use policies outlined herein.

   Such areas are designated on the land use map as Zone R-G areas.

d. Recreation-Specific. Certain areas of the University lands are delegated to the Recreation Office for specific recreational uses. These areas may, at times, be used for other than their primary purposes. Such other uses will be approved by and scheduled with the Recreation Office.

   These areas are designated on the land use map as Zone R-S areas.

e. Housing. Those University lands in the immediate vicinity of University student housing are delegated to the Housing Department and are available for the unscheduled light recreational, aesthetic, and quiet enjoyment of the University residents. Use of these areas for other purposes must be approved and scheduled with Student Life.

   These areas are designated on the land use map as Zone H areas.

f. Academic. University lands adjacent to the academic facilities are reserved for the general academic uses of the University and the necessary traffic to accomplish these purposes. Use of these areas for other than academic purposes must be approved and scheduled by the director of the Cheel Campus Center with the concurrence of the Physical Plant Department.

   These areas are designated on the land use map as Zone A-C areas.

g. Roads & Parking Lots. These areas are to be used for the moving and storage of all mechanized traffic. A separate policy concerning traffic and use of roads and parking lots exists and is included as part of Clarkson University traffic regulations.

   These areas are designated on the land use map as Zone A-C areas.

h. Walks. The University walks are intended and reserved for foot traffic only.

4. Prohibited Uses of Land
a. **Hunting and the Discharge of Arms.** Hunting on any University owned and/or operated land is strictly prohibited. The discharge of arms, including bow and arrow, rifles, and pistols, etc. is not permitted. The use of certain approved areas for this purpose under competent supervision and strictly enforced safety conditions is permitted (ROTC, Rifle Range, etc.).

b. **Motorized Vehicles.** The use of motorized vehicles on any area not paved or surfaced and specifically designated for that purpose is prohibited. Recreational Vehicles (snowmobiles, ATV’s, unregistered dirt bikes, etc.) are not allowed on Clarkson University's property at any time. Use of mechanized vehicles on University ski trails is prohibited.

c. **Grounds Disruption.** No cutting, digging, planting, transplanting, excavating, or other disruption of any nature on any grounds owned by Clarkson University is allowed without the written permission of or accomplishment by the Physical Plant Department.

d. **Unauthorized Construction.** No construction or destruction of walls, fences, walks, paths, ponds, roads, or structures of any type is permitted without the written permission and approval of the Physical Plant Department. Such work, if approved, will be performed only under the direction and supervision of the Physical Plant Department.

e. **Wood Cutting.** Permission to cut and remove fallen timber by other than University grounds crews for University use can be obtained only from the Physical Plant Department. A signed permit must be obtained from the Physical Plant office in order to cut and/or remove timber or forest products of any kind from University owned and/or operated properties and grounds.