

WETLAND PLANT COMMUNITY: AQUATIC MAR

A. DESCRIPTION:

Occurs as open expanse of grasses, sedges, rushes or herbaceous plants where soils are saturated or inundated with freshwater for two or more months a year.

B. FUNCTION:

✓ WILDLIFE HABITAT
✓ BIOTIC DIVERSITY
✓ STABILIZATION
✓ ENERGY CONSERVATION

✓ UNIQUE FEATURE
✓ LANDSCAPE
✓ RECREATION
✓ AESTHETICS

✓ FLOOD PROTECTION
✓ WATER QUALITY
✓ WATER QUANTITY
✓ CLIMATE MODIFIER

C. SPECIAL CONCERNS:

✓ ENDANGERED FLORA
✓ ENDANGERED FAUNA
SYSTEM DESTRUCTION

✓ LIMITED RESOURCE
✓ REGIONAL RESOURCE
✓ UNIQUE FEATURE

✓ JURISDICTIONAL
✓ SEASONAL FLOOD

D. COMMENTS:

Maximum social and ecological value

E. TYPICAL DOMINANT PLANTS:

TREES (UPPER STORY)

1. N/A
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

SHRUBS (MIDDLE STORY)

1. Sawgrass (*Cladium jamaicensis*)
2. Maidencane (*Panicum hemitomon*)
3. Cordgrass (*Spartina bakeri*)
4. Cattail (*Typha spp*)
5. Common reed (*Phragmites spp*)

GROUND COVER (UNDER STORY)

1. Beak rushes (*Rhychospora spp*)
2. Spike rushes (*Juncus spp*)
3. Sedges (*Carex spp. & Cyperus spp*)
4. Umbrella grass (*Fuirena spp*)
5. Pickerelweed (*Pontederia spp*)