

# WETLAND PLANT COMMUNITY: TIDAL MARSHES

## A. DESCRIPTION:

Occurs as an open expanse of grasses, sedges, and rushes along tidal bays, lagoons and streams.

## 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 FAUN  
SYSTEM DESTRUCTION

✓ LIMITED RESOURCE  
✓ REGIONAL RESOURCE  
✓ UNIQUE FEATURE

✓ JURISDICTIONAL  
✓ SEASONAL FLOOD

## D. COMMENTS:

Critical habitat with many ecological and social values.

## E. TYPICAL DOMINANT PLANTS:

### TREES (UPPER STORY)

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

### SHRUBS (MIDDLE STORY)

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

### GROUND COVER (UNDER STORY)

1. Black needlerush (*Juncus roemerianus*)
2. Cordgrass (*Juncus spp*)
3. Seashore paspalum (*Paspalum vaginatum*)
4. Seashore saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*)
5. Seashore dropseed (*Sporobolus virginicus*)