

# UPLAND PLANT COMMUNITY: MESIC PINE FLATWOODS

## A. DESCRIPTION:

Typical pine flatwoods with dense stands of slash pine, saw palmetto and pineland three-awn/broomsedge. Standing water for very short periods after it rains.

## 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:

Ground water recharge area.

## E. TYPICAL DOMINANT PLANTS:

### TREES (UPPER STORY)

1. Slash pine (*Pinus elliotti var. densa*)
2. Cabbage palm (*Sabal palmetto*)
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### SHRUBS (MIDDLE STORY)

1. Saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*)
2. Wax myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*)
3. Gallberry (*Ilex glabra*)
4. Rusty lyonla (*Lyonia ferruginea*)
5. Winged sumac (*Rhus copallina*)

### GROUND COVER (UNDER STORY)

1. Pineland three-awn (*Aristida spp.*)
2. Broomsedge (*Andropogon spp.*)
3. Runner oak (*Quercus pumila*)
4. Shiny blueberry (*Vaccinium myrsinites*)
5. Panic grass (*Panicum spp.*)