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INTRODUCTION

This publication is the tenth in a series of marsh inventory reports compiled by the Wetlands Research Section, Virginia Institute of Marine Science. The nine previous reports that have been published are:

Lancaster County Northumberland County Mathews County York County and the Town of Poquoson Stafford County Prince William County King George County City of Hampton Fairfax County

This report is presented in much the same format as the preceeding reports.

Under Section 62.1-13.4 of the Virginia Wetlands Act, the Virginia Institute of Marine Science is obligated to inventory the tidal wetlands of the Commonwealth. The inventory program is designed to assist wetlands boards, cities, counties, planning districts and other local, state and federal agencies as well as the general public and private industry.

A recently published study, <u>Guidelines for Activities Affecting</u> <u>Virginia Wetlands</u>, Silberhorn, Dawes and Barnard, 1974, VIMS SRAMSOE No. 46, will be helpful in the utilization of this report. Excerpts from the above document are included in the following text, explaining marsh vegetation types and their evaluation.

Gloucester County is blessed with miles of beautiful shoreline and relatively unpolluted waterways, as well as an abundance of fish, shellfish, crabs and waterfowl. However, this abundance is due in no small part to Gloucester's still largely undisturbed but irreplaceable resource, its tidal marshes. These marshes reduce pollutants, serve as natural habitats for wildlife and fish and support through their interactions with the tidal waters much of what makes Gloucester's waterways clean and productive.

Unfortunately, rapid and unplanned growth as well as shortsighted waterfront property owners and developers are a constant threat to the continued vitality of this resource. Only through careful planning and strict controls can needless destruction of these marshlands be avoided. It is our desire that this inventory will be useful to those concerned with conserving this valuable resource.

This report is organized into six sections, each of which attempts to describe the marshes along a significant length of Gloucester County shoreline. Of the over 6,300 acres of tidal marshes found in Gloucester County, the vast majority (6,080 acres or 96 percent) may be classed as either brackish or saltwater marshes. Only in the most upstream reaches of the Poropotank River (Section I) and the Piankatank River (Section VI) are tidal freshwater marshes found to any great extent and these are only a portion of the 489 and 355 acres of marsh found respectively along the Gloucester County sections of these two rivers. Along Gloucester's York River shoreline (Sections I, II, III) and within the numerous creeks which drain into the York are found over 2439 acres of tidal marsh. Gloucester County's other three river shorelines, the Severn, Ware, and North contain 848, 605, and 152 acres respectively, while 1448 acres of tidal marsh are found bordering on Mobjack Bay or along small creeks draining directly into the bay.

METHODS

Aerial photographs and topographic maps (U.S.G.S.) were utilized to obtain wetland locations, wetland boundaries and patterns of marsh vegetation. Acreages and wetland boundaries were substantiated by observations on foot, by boat and by low level overflights. Individual plant species percentages are quantitative estimates of coverage based on visual field inspections of every marsh. In some instances, especially in tidal freshwater areas, these percentages are subject to seasonal bias.

Marshes one guarter of an acre or larger are designated by number. Many marshes smaller than one quarter acre (usually narrow fringing marshes) are designated by the same symbol (shaded) as the larger marshes on the section maps but assigned no number. Small marshes (less than one acre) are exaggerated and are not indicated to scale. Information such as individual marsh acreage, plant species percentage and acreage, marsh type, and other observations are recorded in tabular form. Plant species percentages are recorded to the nearest percent, and acreages to the nearest tenth of an acre. In marshes of less than one acre, the species are recorded to the nearest hundredth of an acre. In those instances where an individual plant species is estimated to amount to less than 0.5 percent, the symbol (-) is used to indicate a trace amount. In unusual situations where an individual marsh is estimated to contain 50 percent or more of a species that is not listed as a marsh type, the closest applicable marsh type is used. For example, a marsh which is judged to contain 60 percent wild rice would be listed as Type XI (Freshwater Mixed).

MARSH TYPES AND EVALUATION

For a better understanding of what is meant by marsh types, some background information is required. The personnel of the Wetlands Research Section have classified twelve different common marsh types in Virginia, based on vegetational composition. These marsh types have been evaluated according to certain values and are recorded in the <u>Guidelines</u> report. The following is a brief outline of the wetland types and their evaluation as found in that publication:

"It is recognized that most wetlands areas, with the exception of the relatively monospecific cordgrass marshes of the Eastern Shore, are not homogenously vegetated. Most marshes are, however, dominated by a major plant. By providing the manager with the primary values of each community type and the means of identification he then has a useful and convenient tool for weighing the relative importance of each marsh parcel. In Virginia, many wetlands management problems involve only a few acres or a fraction of an acre. The identification of plant communities permits the manager to evaluate both complete marshes and subareas within a marsh.

"Each marsh type may be evaluated in accordance with five general values. These are:

"1. Production and detritus availability. Previous VIMS reports have discussed the details of marsh production and the role of detritus which results when the plant material is washed into the water column. The term "detritus" refers to plant material which decays in the aquatic system and forms the basis of a major marine food web. The term "production" refers to the amount of plant material which is produced by the various types of marsh plants. Vegetative production of the major species has been measured and marshes have been rated in accordance with their average levels of productivity. If the production is readily available to the marine food web as detritus, a wetlands system is even more important than one of equal productivity where little detritus results.

Availability of detritus is generally a function of marsh elevation and total flushing, with detritus more available to the aquatic environment in the lower, well-flushed marshes.

"2. <u>Waterfowl and wildlife utilization</u>. Long before marshes were discovered to be detritus producers, they were known as habitats for various mammals and marsh birds and as food sources for migratory waterfowl. Some marsh types, especially mixed freshwater marshes, are more valuable because of diversity of the vegetation found there.

"3. Erosion buffer. Erosion is a common coastal problem. Marshes can be eroded, but some, particularly the more saline types, are eroded much more slowly than adjacent shores which are unprotected by marsh. This buffering quality is derived from the ability of the vegetation to absorb or dissipate wave energy by establishing a dense root system which stabilizes the substrate. Generally, freshwater species are less effective than saltwater plants in this regard.

"4. <u>Water quality control</u>. The dense growth of some marshes acts as a filter, trapping upland sediment before it reaches waterways and thus protecting shellfish beds and navigation channels from siltation. Marshes can also filter out sediments that are already in the water column. The ability of marshes to filter sediments and maintain water clarity is of particular importance to the maintenance of clam and oyster production. Excessive sedimentation can reduce the basic food supply of shellfish through reduction of the photic zone where algae grows. It can also Kill and degrade pollutants through complex chemical processes, a discussion of which is beyond the scope of this paper...."

"5. <u>Flood buffer</u>. The peat substratum of some marshes acts as a giant sponge in receiving and releasing water. This characteristic is an effective buffer against coastal flooding, the effectiveness of which is a function of marsh type and size.

"Research and marsh inventory work accomplished by VIMS personnel indicate that 10 species of marsh vegetation tend to dominate many marshes, the dominant plant depending on water salinity, marsh elevation, soil type and other factors. The term "dominant" is construed to mean that at least 50% of the vegetated surface of a marsh is covered by a single species. Brackish and freshwater marshes often have no clearly dominant species of vegetation. These marshes are considered to be highly valuable in environmental terms."

Marsh Types and Their Environmental Contributions

(Edited from Guidelines for Activities Affecting Virginia Wetlands)

Type I Saltmarsh Cordgrass Community

- a. Average yield 4 tons per acre per annum. (Optimum growth up to 10 tons per acre.)
- b. Optimum availability of detritus to the marine environment.
- c. Roots and rhizomes eaten by waterfowl and stems used in muskrat lodge construction. Also serves as nesting material for various birds.
- d. Deterrent to shoreline erosion.
- e. Serves as sediment trap and assimilates flood waters.

Type II Saltmeadow Community

- a. 1-3 tons per acre per annum
- b. Food (seeds) and nesting areas for birds.
- c. Effective erosion deterrent.
- d. Assimilates flood waters.
- e. Filters sediments and waste material.

Type III Black Needlerush Community

- a. 3-5 tons per acre per annum.
- b. highly resistant to erosion.
- c. Traps suspended sediments but not as effective as Type II.
- d. Somewhat effective in absorbing flood waters.

Type IV Saltbush Community

- a. 2 tons per acre per annum or less
- b. Nesting area for small birds and habitat for a variety of wildlife.
- c. Effective trap for flotsam.

Type V. Big Cordgrass Community

- a. 3-6 tons per acre per annum.
- b. Detritus less available than from Type I.
- c. Habitat for small animals and used for muskrat lodges.
- d. Effective erosion buffer.
- e. Flood water assimilation.

Type VI Cattail Community

- a. 2-4 tons per acre per annum
- b. Habitat for birds and utilized by muskrats.
- c. Traps upland sediments

Type VII Arrow Arum-Pickerel Weed Community

- a. 2-4 tons per acre per annum
- b. Detritus readily available to marine environment.
- c. Seeds eaten by wood ducks.
- d. Susceptible to erosion from wave action and boat wakes, particularly in winter months.

Type VIII Reed Grass Community

- a. 4-6 tons per acre per annum.
- b. Little value to wildlife except for cover.
- c. Invades marshes and competes with more desirable species.
- d. Deters erosion on disturbed sites.

Type IX Yellow Pond Lily Community

- a. Less than 1 ton per acre per annum.
- b. Cover and attachment site for aquatic animals and algae.
- c. Feeding territory for fish.

Type X Saltwort Community

- a. Less than 0.5 tons per acre per annum.
- b. Little value to aquatic or marsh animals.

Type XI Freshwater Mixed Community

- a. 3-5 tons per acre per annum.
- b. High diversity of wildlife.
- c. High diversity of wildlife foods.
- d. Often associated with fish spawning and nursery grounds.
- e. Ranks high as a sediment trap and nursery grounds.

Type XII Brackish Water Mixed Community

- a. 3-4 tons per acre per annum.
- b. Wide variety of wildlife foods and habitat
- c. Deterrent to shoreline erosion.
- d: Serves as sediment trap and assimilates flood waters.
- e. Known spawning and nursery grounds for fish.

EVALUATION OF WETLAND TYPES

(From Guidelines for Activities Affecting Virginia Wetlands)

For management purposes, the twelve types of wetlands identified above are grouped into five classifications based on the estimated total environmental value of an acre of each type.

> <u>Group One</u>: Saltmarsh Cordgrass (Type I) Arrow Arum-Pickerel Weed (Type VII) Freshwater Mixed (Type XI) Brackish Water Mixed (Type XII)

Group One marshes have the highest values in productivity and wildfowl and wildlife utility and are closely associated with fish spawning and nursery areas. They also have high value as erosion inhibitors, are important to the shellfish industry and valued as natural shoreline stabilizers. Group One marshes should be preserved.

Group Two:	Big Cordgrass (Type V)
	Saltmeadow (Type II)
	Cattail (Type VI)

Group Two marshes are of only slightly lesser value than Group One marshes. The major difference is that detritus produced in these marshes is less readily available to the marine environment due to higher elevations and consequently less tidal action to flush the detritus into adjacent waterways. Group Two marshes have very high values in protecting water quality and acting as buffers against coastal flooding. These marshes should also be preserved, but if development in wetlands is considered to be justified it would be better to alter Group Two marshes than Group One marshes.

Group Three:

Yellow Pond Lily (Type IX) Black Needlerush (Type III)

The two marshes in the Group Three category are quite dissimilar in properties. The yellow pond lily marsh is not a significant contributor to the food web but it does have high values to wildlife and waterfowl. Black needlerush has little wildlife value but it ranks high as an erosion flood buffer. Group Three marshes are important though their total values are less than Group One and Two marshes. If development in wetlands is considered necessary, it would be better to alter Group Three marshes than Groups One or Two.

Group Four:

Saltbush (Type IV)

The saltbush community is valued primarily for the diversity and bird nesting area it adds to the marsh ecosystem. To a lesser extent it acts as an erosion buffer. Group Four marshes should not be unnecessarily disturbed but it would be better to concentrate necessary development in these marshes rather than disturb any of the marshes in the preceding groups.

Group Five:

Saltwort (Type X) Reedgrass (Type VIII)

Based on present information Group Five marshes have few values of any significance. While Group Five marshes should not be unreasonably disturbed, it is preferable to develop in these marshes than in any other types. For a better understanding of Virginia's Wetlands in general, the Wetlands Act of 1972 and marsh types and their evaluation, the following publications are recommended:

> Coastal Wetlands of Virginia Interim Report No. 3 Guidelines for Activities Affecting Virginia's Wetlands Special Report in Applied Marine Science and Ocean Engineering No. 46 Gene M. Silberhorn, George M. Dawes, Thomas A. Barnard, Jr., June 1974 Virginia Institute of Marine Science Gloucester Point, Virginia 23062

Local Management of Wetlands Environmental Considerations Special Report in Applied Marine Science and Ocean Engineering No. 35 Kenneth Marcellus, George M. Dawes, Gene Silberhorn, June 1973 Virginia Institute of Marine Science Gloucester Point, Virginia 23062

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Coastal Wetlands of Virginia Interim Report Special Report in Applied Marine Science

And Ocean Engineering No. 10. Marvin Wass and Thomas Wright, December 1969 Virginia Institute of Marine Science Gloucester Point, Virginia 23062

Laws of Virginia Relating to Wetlands and Subaqueous Waters Virginia Marine Resources Commission 2401 West Avenue Newport News, Virginia 23607

Wetlands Guidelines

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Tidal Wetland Plants of Virginia Educational Series No. 19 Gene M. Silberhorn, illustrated by

Mary Warinner. August 1976 Virginia Institute of Marine Science Gloucester Point, Virginia 23062

MARSH PLANTS

Common Names and Scientific Names as Found in the Data Tables

Arrow Arum

Arrowhead

Beggar Ticks

Big Cordgrass

Black Needlerush

Cattails

Common

Narrow-leaved

Common Threesquare

Jewel-weed*

Marsh-fleabane

Marsh Hibiscus

Marsh Mallow*

Olney Threesquare

Orach*

Pickerelweed

Rice Cut Grass

<u>Peltandra virginica</u> (L.) Kunth <u>Sagittaria</u> spp. <u>Bidens</u> spp. <u>Spartina cynosuroides</u> (L.) Roth.

Juncus roemerianus Scheele

Typha latifolia L. Typha angustifolia L. Scirpus americanus Pensoon Impatiens capensis Meerb. Pluchea purpurascens (Swartz) DC. Hibiscus moscheutos L. Kostelelzkya virginica (L.) Presl. Scirpus olneyi Gray Atriplex patula L. Pontederia cordata L. Leersia oryzoides (L.) Swartz

* Marsh species not included in Virginia's Wetlands Act of 1972

MARSH PLANTS (cont.)

Royal Fern Saltbushes Groundsel Tree Marsh Elder Saltgrass Saltmarsh Aster* Saltmarsh Bulrush Saltmarsh Cordgrass Saltmarsh Fimbristylis* Saltmeadow Hay Saltwort Sea Lavender Sea Oxeye Smartweeds Softstem Bulrush Spike-rush Switch Grass Tearthumb Water Dock

Osmunda regalis (Willd.)

Baccharis halimifolia L. Iva frutescens L. Distichlis spicata (L.) Greene Aster tenuifolius L. Scirpus robustus Pursh. Spartina alterniflora Loisel. Fimbristylis spadicea (L.) Vahl. Spartina patens (Aiton.) Muhl Salicornia spp. Limonium carolinianum (Walter) Britton. Borrichia frutescens (L.) DC. Polygonum spp. Scirpus validus Vahl. Eleocharis obtusa (Willd.) Schultes Panicum virgatum L. Polygonum arifolium L. Rumex verticillatus L.

* Marsh species not included in Virginia's Wetlands Act of 1972.

MARSH PLANTS (cont.)

Water-hemp

Wild Rice

Yellow Pond-Lily

Amaranthus cannabina (L.) J.D. Sauer

Zizania aquatica L.

Nuphar luteum (L.) Sibthrop and Smith

Glossary of Descriptive Terms

cove marsh

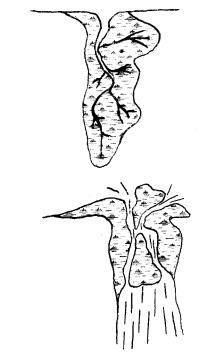
a marsh contained within a concavity or recessed area on a shoreline; the marsh vegetation is usually found surrounding a central, open-water pond, and tidal flushing is permitted through an inlet.

creek or embayed marsh

a marsh occupying a drowned creek valley; in many large creek marshes the salinity decreases headward; this type of marsh may be divided for inventory purposes into sections if significant changes in the plant community occur along its length.

delta marsh

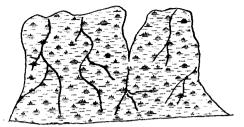
a marsh found growing on sediment deposited at the mouth of a tidal creek; tidal exchange through the creek mouth is usually restricted to narrow channels by the marsh.



Glossary of Descriptive Terms

extensive marsh

a large marsh where the length and depth or width are roughly comparable; most extensive marshes are drained by many tidal channels and creeks which have little freshwater input.



fringe marsh

a marsh which borders along a section of shoreline and generally has a much greater length than width or depth.

high marsh

the marsh surface is at an elevation of mean high water or above; it is usually inundated less than twice daily by tidal action.

low marsh

the marsh surface is at an elevation below mean high water; it is usually inundated twice daily by tidal action.

Glossary of Descriptive Terms

marsh island

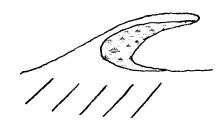
an isolated marsh surrounded on all sides by open water; interior portions of the marsh may contain trees scattered at highest elevations

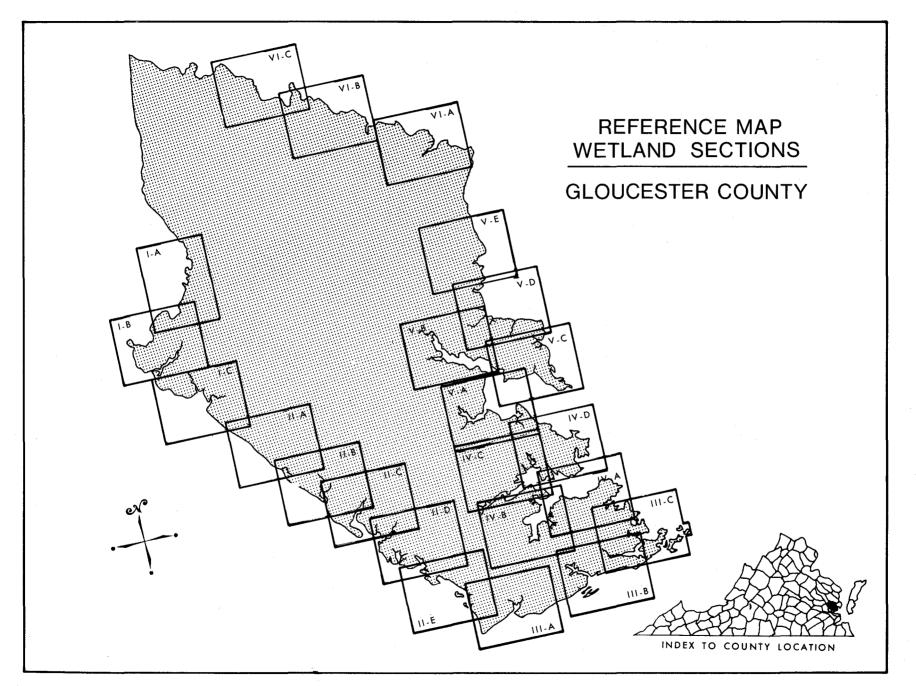
pocket marsh

a marsh contained within a small, essentially semi-circular area on a shoreline.

point or spit marsh

a marsh which extends from the uplands in the form of a point or spit; its development is usually influenced by tidal currents that form a sand berm behind which the marsh forms.





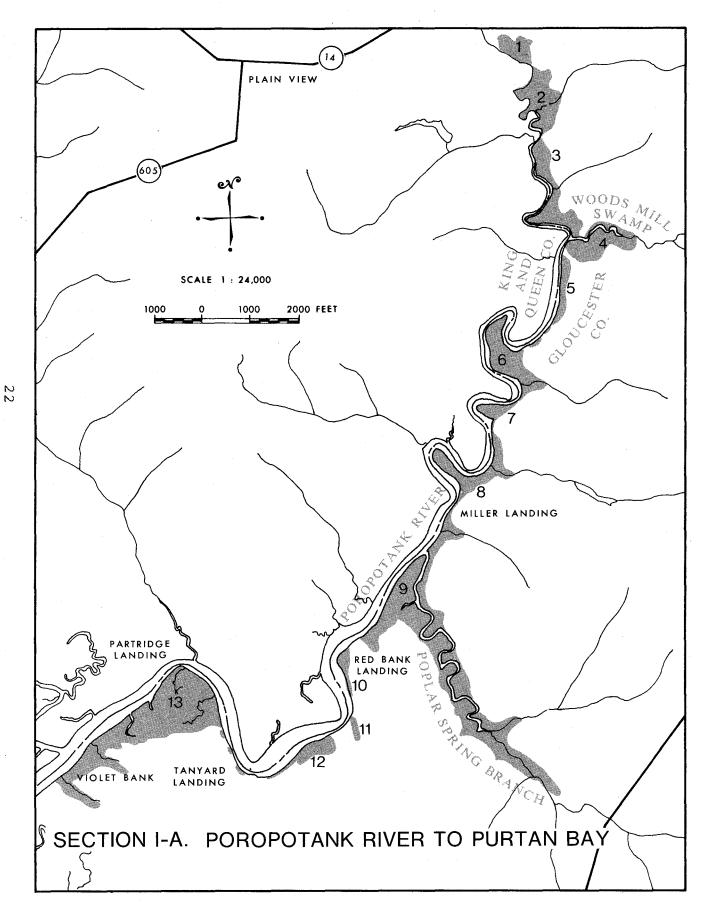
SECTION I

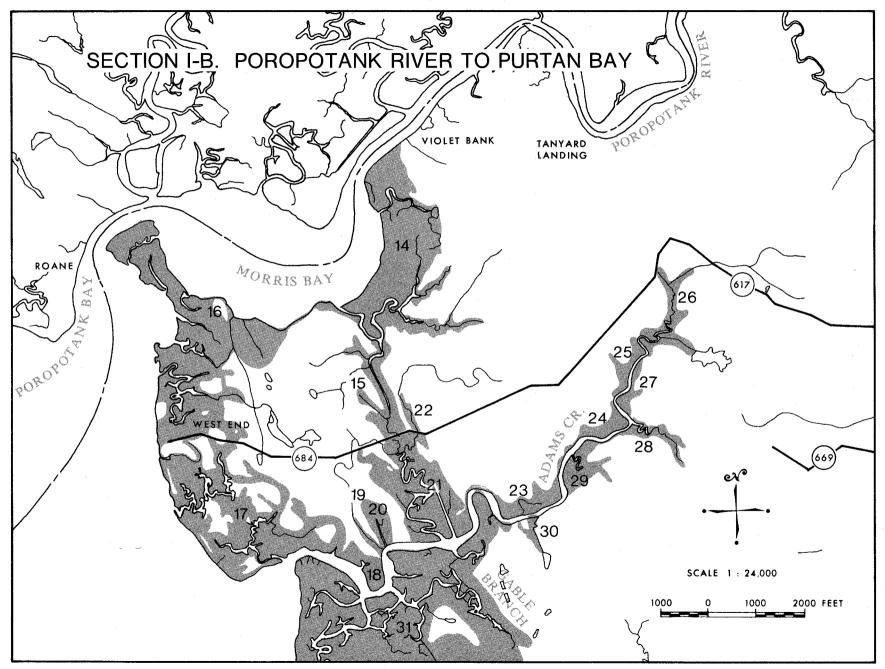
Poropotank River to Purtan Bay

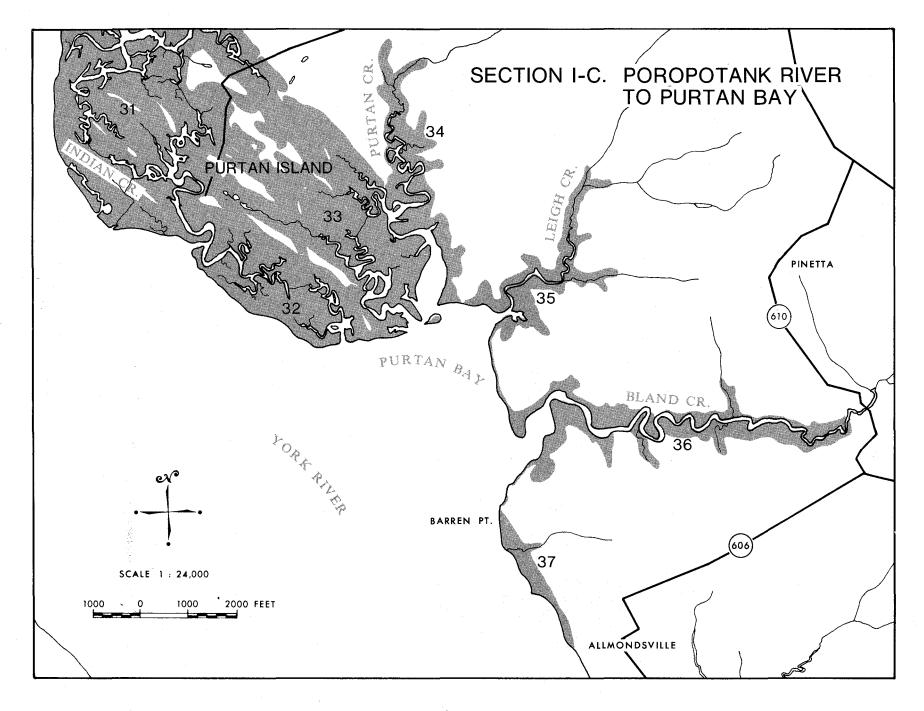
This section of shoreline marks a portion of the northwest boundary of Gloucester County and is illustrated with three map plates (A,B,C). Since the county line is located down the middle of the Poropotank River only the marshes located along the eastern shoreline of this river are described here. Map plate IA delineates the Gloucester County marshes located along the upper reaches of the Poropotank River, while plates IB and IC illustrate the tidal marshes found near the mouth of the Poropotank River as well as the extensive marshes of the Purtan Island area. Several creek marshes which drain into Purtan Bay are also included here.

The tidal marshes in Section I of Gloucester County range from tidal freshwater to broad saltmeadow and saltmarsh cordgrass areas. The tidal freshwater marshes (Type XI) are only found in the upper third of the Poropotank River and are dominated by such plant species as wild rice and pickerel weed. These marshes serve as a valuable habitat and feeding area for waterfowl as well as an important nursery area for fishes. Saltmarsh cordgrass is also found in this upstream portion of the Poropotank, but it does not dominate the plant community as it does further downstream in the regions of higher salinity.

Brackish water marshes (Types I, II, III, XII) dominate the lower two thirds of the Poropotank River as well as the Purtan Island and Purtan Bay areas and are characteristic of most of the tidal marsh that is found in Gloucester County. Saltmarsh cordgrass, sea lavender and saltmarsh aster are found growing along creek banks and in low areas that receive daily inundation by the tides. Just above this zone occur saltgrass and black needlerush, as well as saltmeadow hay and saltmarsh bulrush. Big cordgrass may also be found if the salinity is very low. At highest elevations are found the saltbushes and other species such as sea oxeye, saltmarsh fimbristylis and switchgrass.







Pickerelweed Arrow Arum Olney Threesquare Beggar Ticks Big Cordgrass Saltmarsh Fimbristylis Switch Grass Marsh Mallow Total Acres Saltmarsh Cordgrass Saltmeadow Hay Black Needlerush Saltbushes Saltmarsh Bulrush Water-hemp Saltmarsh Aster Sea Oxeye Smartweeds Weed Marsh Type Rice Saltgrass Marsh Hibiscus Sea Lavender Cattails Saltwort Jewel Other PIIM # Marsh Location **Observations** c,2 % The most upstream portion of 10 -5 _ 3 15 30 30 5 f,-Poropotank Poropotank River marshes; 4 1 XI River c,0.1 dominated by freshwater species 0.4 `_ 0.2 acres 0.1 0.6 1.2 1.2 0.2 £.-20 _ 5 5 10 5 45 10 k,-% Freshwater creek marsh; large Poropotank 2 XI 16 stand of wild rice; trace of River silver plume grass. 0.8 1.6 k, 3.2 -0.8 0.8 acres 1.6 7.2 % 75 _ -10 15 _ d,-Large stand of cordgrass mixed Poropotank Т 3 12 with freshwater species. River 9.0 cres --1.2 -1.8 d,-Poropotank % 3 5 2 10 40 7 30 3 d,-Creek marsh; grades into woody River XI 4 14 Woods Mill swamp. Swamp acres 5.6 0.4 0.7 0.4 0.3 1.4 1.0 4.2 d.-% 90 5 5 Long, fringing, creek marsh; Poropotank dominated by saltmarsh Ι 5 1 River cordgrass. acres 0.90 0.05 0.05 % c,-d,-60 10 20 _ 10 -Poropotank Cordgrass dominated creek marsh; I 6 14 River c,-d,mixed with freshwater species. 8.4 1.4 2.8 -1.4 acres 10 % 65 -15 5 Cordgrass dominated creek marsh; Poropotank 7 Τ 4 some pickerelweed fringe. River acres 2,6 0.6 0.2 0.4 -_ % 75 20 5 -Poropotank 8 10 Cordgrass dominated creek marsh, I River 7.5 acres -2.0 0.5

Section I. Poropotank River to Purtan Bay

b- Rice Cut Grass a- Tearthumb c- Water Dock d- Softstem Bulrush e- Yellow Pond-Lily

h- Arrowhead

f- Spike Rush

g- Marsh-fleabane

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i- Orach

j- Common Threesquare k- Royal Fern

Section I. Poropotank River to Purtan Bay (continued)

#	Marsh Location	Total Acres		Saltmarsh Cordgrass	Saltmeadow Hay	Saltgrass	Saltbushes	Black Needlerush	Big Cordgrass	Saltmarsh Bulrush	Cattails	Water-hemp	Marsh Hibiscus	Switch Grass	Saltmarsh Aster	Sea Oxeye	Sea Lavender	Saltmarsh Fimbristylis	Saltwort	Marsh Mallow	Smartweeds	Pickerelweed Arrow Arum	Olney Threesquare	Beggar Ticks	Wild Rice	Jewel Weed	Other	Observations	Marsh Type
9	Poplar Spring Branch	77	%	30	5	-			45	-	5	2	-	-	1					-	2	5			2		c,1 d,2 f	Creek marsh; grades upstream from brackish to freshwater	
	Diditon		acres	23.1	3.8	-			34.6	-	3.8	1.5	-	-	0.8					-	1.5	3.8			1.5		c,0.8 d,1.5 f,-		XII
10	Poropotank	3	%	60	-	-	-		35		5																	Fringe marsh; dominated by	г
	River		acres	1.8	-	-	-		1.0		0.2										:							cordgrass.	
			%	85	-		-		5	5	5		-		-	÷												Pocket marsh; big cordgrass	
11	Poropotank River	2	acres	1.7	-		-		0.1	0.1	0.1		-		1.													and bulrush across front; interior of saltmarsh cordgrass.	١
			%	50	10	-	10	10	20		1					-												Pocket marsh, saltbush growing	
12	Poropotank River	5	acres	2.5	0.5	-	0.5	0.5	1.0							-		-										on spoil from dredge & channels.	I
•		<i>(</i>)	%	60	5	5		5	20	5					-	-	-	-										Creek marsh; dominated by	
13	Poropotank River	61	acres	36.6	3.0	3.0		3.0	12.2	3.0					-	-	-	-										cordgrasses.	I
			%	40	20	15	3	15	2	5	-				-	-	-	- 1					-					Creek marsh with broad areas of	
14	Poropotank River	110	acres	44.0	22.0	16.5	3.3	16.5	2.2	5.5	-				-	-	-	-					-					meadow; several pockets extend into uplands.	XII
	D		%	25	30	20	5	15	-	5					-	-	-	-										Upper portion of creek marsh;	
15	Poropotank River	18	acres	4.5	5.4	3.6	0.9	2.7	-	0.9				-	-	-	-	-										drainage into Poropotank; dominated by high marsh.	II
			%	45	5	10	-	35	-	5					-	-	-	-					-					Meadow and needlerush predomi- nate near uplands; isolated	XII
16	Poropotank River	136	acres	61.2	6.8	13.6	-	47.6	-	6.8					-	-	-	-					-					hummocks of cedar and pine throughout.	A11

a- Tearthumb b-

b- Rice Cut Grass c

c- Water Dock d- Softstem Bulrush

e- Yellow Pond-Lily

f- Spike Rush g- Marsh-fleabane h- Arrowhead i- Orach j- Common Threesquare k- Royal Fern

Section I. Poropotank River to Purtan Bay (continued)

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			%	35	15	15	-	2 5	5	5				-	_	-	-	-										High marsh surrounds areas	
17	York River	105	acres	36.8		15.8	-	26.2	5.2	5.2				-	-	-	· _	-										of cedar, pine, myrtle, holly; low marsh of cordgrass near channels.	XII
			~	45	5	15	-	30	-	5													-					Small creek marsh section needlerush and meadow	
18	Adams Creek	9	acres	4.0	0.4	1.4	-	2.7	-	0.4				,									-					predominate in northern half of marsh.	XII
			%	40	10	10	15	25	-	-	-					-	-											Long, narrow pocket marsh;	
19	Adams Creek	2	acres	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	-	-	-					-	-										-		XII
20		10	%	45	10	5	5	30	-	5	-				-	-	-	-	-									Pocket marsh; dominated by	
20	Adams Creek	10	acres	4.5	1.0	0.5	3.0	3.0	-	0.5	-				•	-	-	-	-									cordgrass and needlerush; meadow fringes along sections of upland.	XII
			%	45	10	10	5	25	-	5			,		-	-	-	-	-	-			-					Creek marsh; grades from	
21	Adams Creek	59	acres	26.6	5.9	5.9	3.0	14.8	-	3.0					-	-	-	-	-	-			-					low to high marsh with upper portion crossed by road.	XII
			%	5	35	20	40	-						-	-	-	-	-										Upper portion of creek marsh dominated by high marsh species;	
22	Adams Creek	3	acres	0.2	1.0	0.5	1.2	-						-	-	-	-	-										drains toward Adams Creek via culvert under road.	II
			%	75	5	5	-	15		-					-	-		-	-			1	-					Fringing marsh; dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass, with	
23	Adams Creek	12	acres	9.0	0.6	0.6	-	1.8		-					-	-	-	-	-				-					scattered patches of meadow and needlerush.	I
			%	40	20	20	-	15	-	5					-	-	-	-	-	1			-					Fringing marsh; several large areas of meadow and scattered	
24	Adams Creek	8	acres	3.2	1.6	1,6	-	1.2	-	0.4					-	-	-	-	-				-					patches of needlerush.	XII

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			%	65	10	5	5	10	2	3	-						-	-					-					Creek marsh with pocket area	
25	Adams Creek	7	acres	4.6	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.2	-						~	·					-					extending into uplands.	I
			%	55	5	5	10		25	-	-		-							_								The most upstream section of	
26	Adams Creek	14	acres	7.7	0.7	0.7	1.4		3.5	-	-		_							-								Adams Creek; small area disturbed by spoil deposition.	I
			%	90	5	5	-	-	-	-					-								-					Fringing marsh section;	1
27	Adams Creek	5	acres	4.5	0.2	0.2	-	: _	-						-								-					dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass.	I
			%	80	5	5	5	-	-	-	5																	Pocket marsh; scattered	
28	Adams Creek	7	acres	5.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	-	-	-	0.4																	patches of high marsh throughout.	I
		·	%	65	15	10	-	5		5	-		-		-		-	-					-					Creek marsh; cattails	
29	Adams Creek	10	acres	6.5	1.5	1.0	-	0.5		0.5	-		-		-		-	-					-					in several pockets which extend back into uplands.	I
	-		%	70	5	5	-	15		5	-												-					Pocket marsh; impounded stream	
30	Adams Creek	3	acres	2.1	0.2	0.2	-	0.4		0.2	-												-					above marsh.	I
-			%	50	15	10	-	25	-	-				•	-		-	-					-					Extensive marsh; includes seve- ral ridges of uplands; road	
31	Purt a n Island	334	acres	167.	50.1	L 33.4	-	83.5	-	-	<i>,</i>			-		-	-	-					-					built on fill across marsh restricts drainage in some areas	I
	Purt a n	100	%	50	10	10	-	30	-	-		·		-		-	-	-					-					Extensive marsh; large needle- rush and meadow areas; isolat-	
32	Island	122	acres	61.0	12.2	2 12.2	-	36.6	-	-				-	-	-	-	-					-					ed by ridge pine from adjacent extensive marsh.	I,

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33	Purtan Island	234	%	15 35_1	15 35.1	20 46.8	-	50 117.0	-	-				-	-		-	1	-				-					Upper portion includes large area of poorly drained meadow caused by road construction.	III
34	Purtan Creek	62	%	25 15.5	15	30 18.6	20	5		5	-						-	-		-			-					Cordgrass and needlerush dominate lower section; salt- bushes and meadow more evident in upper section.	XII
35	Leigh Creek	42	% acres	65	15 6.3	20	-	-	-	-	-				-			-					-					Creek marsh; saltmarsh cord- grass mixed with areas of saltmeadow.	r
36	Bland Creek	95	% acres	65 61.8	5 4.8	10 9.5	3 2.8	5 4.8	5 4.8	2	5 4.8	-			-		-	-			-		-					Creek marsh; dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass throughout.	I
37	B a rren Point	11	% acres	85 9.4	5 0.6	-	5 0.6	5 0.6					·····		-	-	-											Fringe marsh; high marsh species along upland edge; cordgrass along river	I
	Tot al Section I	1641.	% acres	43	12 190.0	12 195.0	2 30.2	22 367.7	4 68.7	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	- 3.8	1 17.4		c,- d,- c,0.9 d,1.9	f,- k,- f,- k,-	
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SECTION II

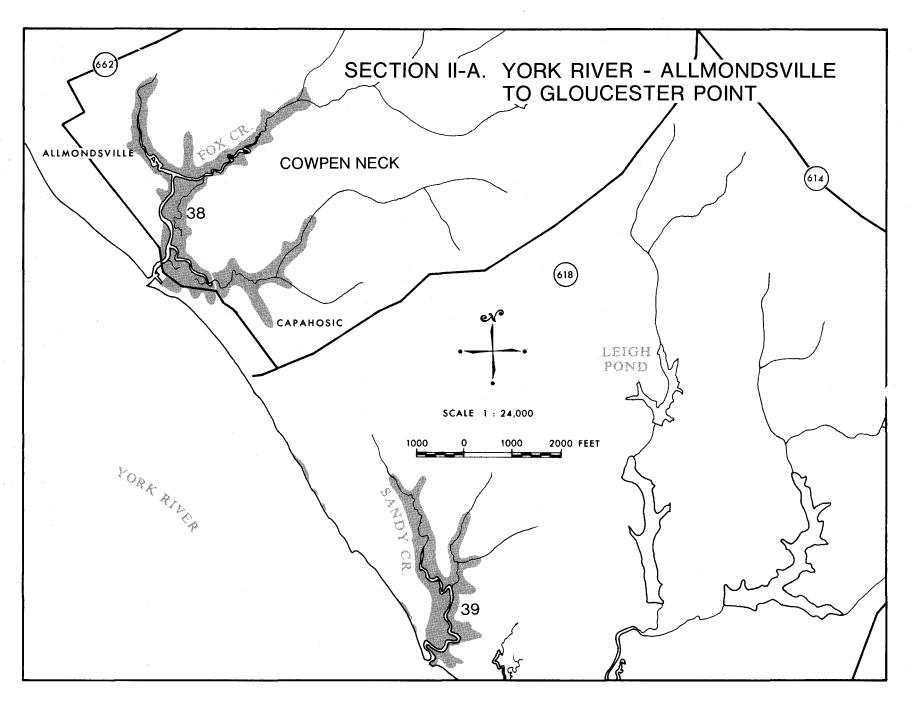
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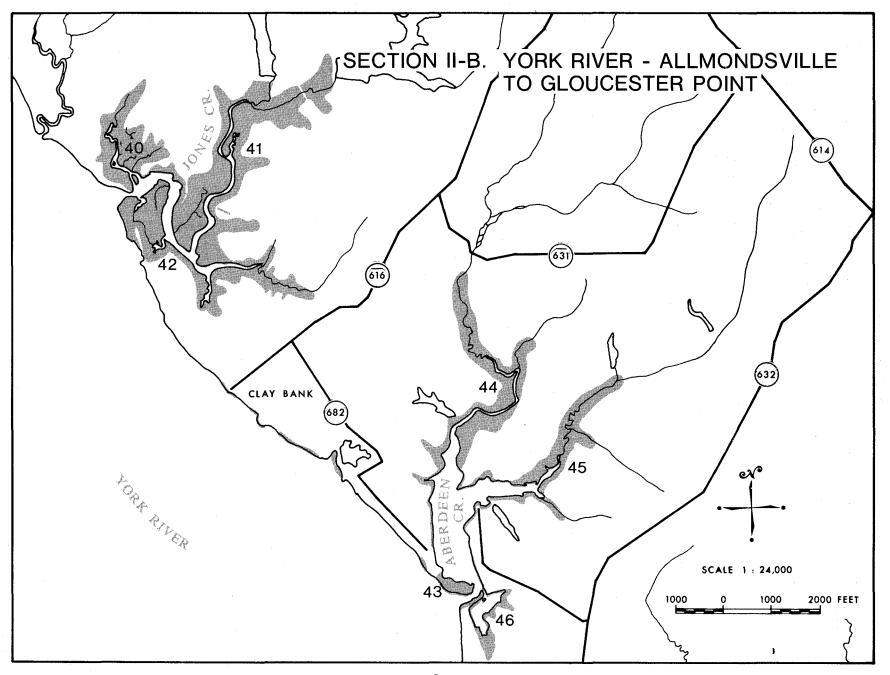
This section of Gloucester County Shoreline includes most of that which borders the York River west of Gloucester Point. It is characterized by numerous creek-marsh systems which drain into the York River. These creek systems are separated by sections of shoreline with little marsh. Approaching Gloucester Point, however, there are several broad areas of brackish water marsh. These include the Catlett, Carmines and Mumfort Islands.

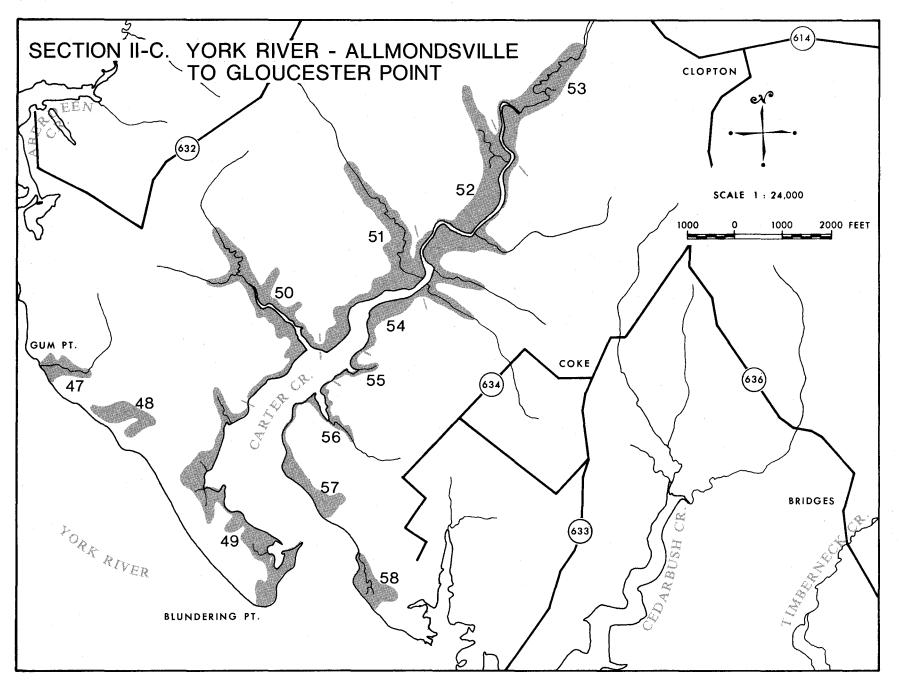
The vegetation within each creek-marsh system changes gradually as one proceeds upstream. Generally the lower portions of these creeks are dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass and black needlerush while the most upstream sections are dominated by the high marsh species of saltgrass, saltmeadow hay and saltbushes. The upstream portions of certain creek marshes such as Carters Creek may also contain areas of big cordgrass, cattails, saltmarsh bulrush and marsh hemp. These species are generally associated with areas of reduced salinity.

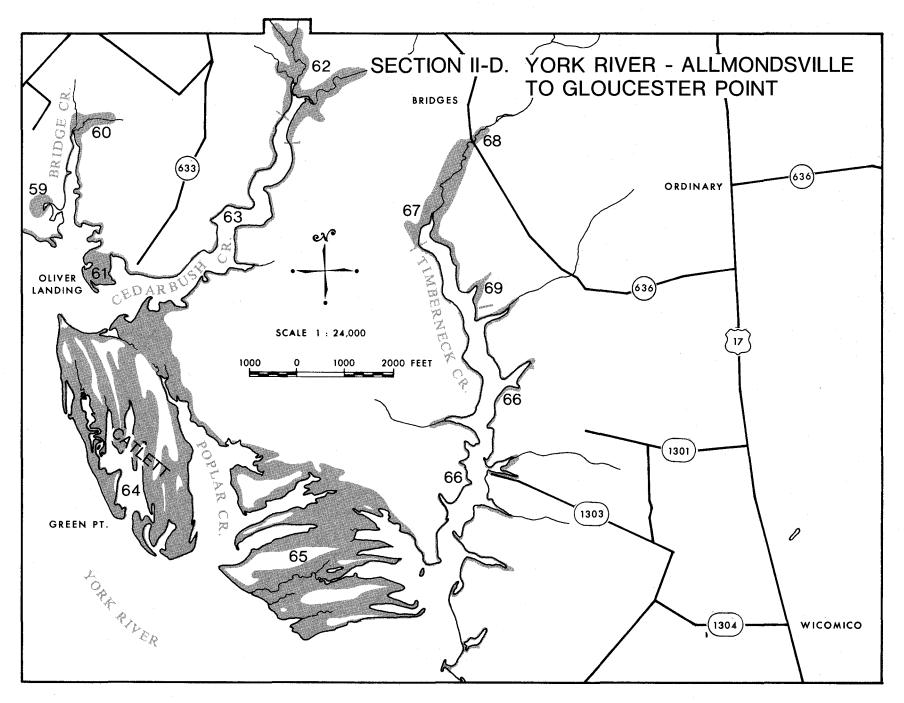
The marshes of the Catlett Islands are dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass and black needlerush as well as large areas of saltmeadow hay and saltgrass. These marshes have an interesting configuration as they are characterized by a series of upland ridges of pine and cedar separating areas of high marsh. In contrast, the Carmines Islands are mostly low marsh, dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass. The Mumfort Islands are characterized by a zone of saltmarsh cordgrass surrounding an interior of high marsh with some pine and cedar at highest elevations.

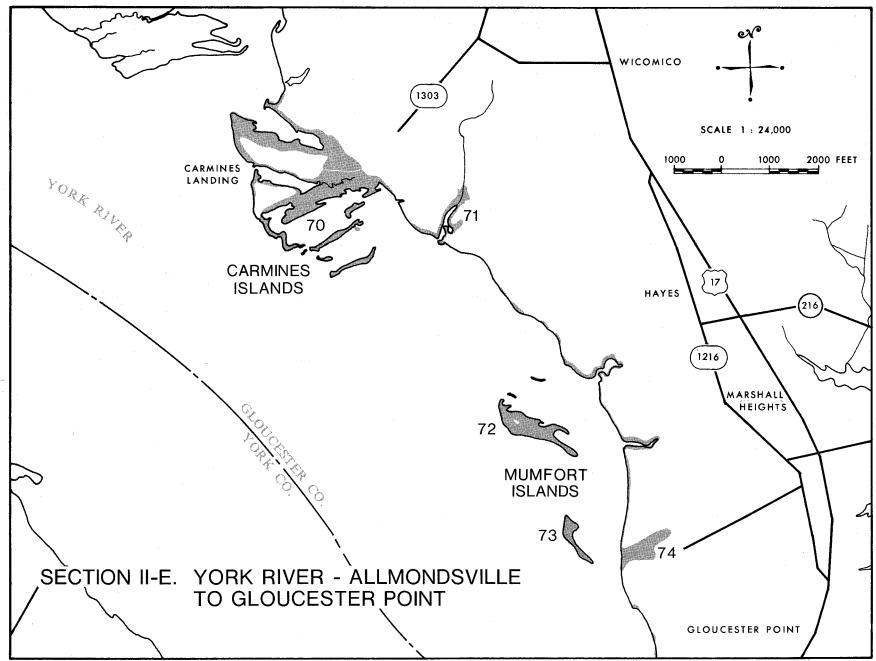
All of these marsh systems serve as an important habitat for both waterfowl and shellfish as well as an important area for both juvenile and adults of finfish such as spot, menhaden, alewife, croaker, stripped bass and grey trout.











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Section II. York River-Allmondsville to Gloucester Point

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38	Fox Creek	80	%	75	5	5	10	-		3	2		-		-	-	-	-		-								Creek marsh; mouth of creek bulkheaded for use as small harbor; right branch crossed	I
-			acres	60.0	4.0	4.0	8.0			2.4	1.6		-		-	-	-	-		-								by dirt road.	
39	Sandy Creek	42	% acres	80 33.6	5 2.1	5 2.1	-	2 0.8	-	5 2.1	2 0.8				1 0.4	-					<u> </u>							Creek marsh; shallow sandbar across mouth; marsh dominated by cordgrass.	I
			%	75	5	10	-	2		2	5	-			1	-	-	-										Creek marsh; left branch of creek; dominated by	Τ
40	Jones Creek	34	acres	25.5	1.7	3.4	-	0.7		0.7	1.7	-			0.3	-	-	-						_				cordgrass.	
41	Jones Creek	61	%	45	15	15	15	-		5	3	2			-	-	-	-										Creek marsh; middle branch; upper portion grades to high marsh; crossed by road.	XII
			acres	27.4	9.2	9.2	9.2	-		3.0	1.8	1.2			-	-	-	-				 							
42	Jones Creek	69	%	75	5	10	-	2		2	5	-			1	-	-	-										Creek marsh; right branch; mostly low marsh.	I
			acres	51.8	3.4		-	1.4		1.4	3.4	-			0.7	-	-	-											
43	Aberdeen	4	%	55	15	10	10	10							-	-	-	-	 									Spit marsh; interior section with some trees and high marsh;	I
	Creek		acres	2.2	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4							-	-	-	-										cordgrass along creek.	
44	Aberdeen	35	%	65	10	10	-			5	8				2								-					Creek marsh; left branch of creek; cattails and high marsh	
	Creek		acres	22.8	3.5	3.5	-			1.8	2.8				0.7								-					species dominate upstream portion.	I
	Aberdeen		%	75	5	5	-			5	8				2								-					Creek marsh; right branch of creek; cattails in most upstream	
45	Creek	28	acres	21.0	1.4	1.4	-			1.4	2.2				0.6								-					portion.	I

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46	Rosewell Harbor	5	% acres	85 4.2	5	5 0.2	3				2				-				-	-								Cove fringed by cordgrass; several pocket marshes; spit partially separates cove from creek.	I
47	Gum Point	7	% acres	70	10	10	0.2 5 0.4	· ·			0.1 5 0.4				-		-											Pocket marsh; dominated by low marsh.	I
48	York River	10	%	40 4.0	10 1.0	30 3.0	10 1.0	5 0.5			-			-	-	-	-	5 0.5	-									Connection to river partially blocked by sand berm; sections of marsh are irregularly flood- ed.	XII
49	Carter Creek	42	% acres	55 23.1	10 4.2	5	5 2.1	10 4.2	3 1.3	5 2.1	5 2.1				2	_	-											Wide fringing marsh formed on creek side of large spit; includes several pocket marshes.	I
50	Carter Creek	23	% acres	70 16.1	10 2.3	10 2.3	-	-	-	5	5.				-		-	-		-		-					Ъ,- Ъ,-	Creek marsh; cattails in pockets along uplands; meadow increases in upstream portion.	I
51	Carter Creek	31	% acres	35 10.8	20	20	10 3.1	-	5	5	5		-		-		-			-								Creek marsh; interior of marsh extends back in pocket; broad acres of meadow.	XII
52	Carter Creek	42	% acres	35 14.7	20 8.4	10	10 4.2		10 4.2	5	10 4.2	-	-				-			-								Creek marsh on both sides of channel; large areas of meadow; includes several pocket marsh areas.	XII
53	Carter Creek	25	% acres	25 6.2	10 2.5	5	10 2.5	 	30 7.5	5 1.2	10 2.5	5 1.2	-							-	-	-	-					The most upstream portion of Carter Creek; significant increase in big cordgrass over downstream areas.	XII

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54	Carter Creek	15	%	65	15	5	-	5	-	5	5		-		-		-			-								Fringing marsh; patches of needlerush and meadow but	I
			acres	9.8	2.2	0.8	-	0.8	-	0.8	0.8		-		-		-			-								dominated by cordgrass.	
55	Carter Creek	2	%	80	5	5	-	· _	-	-	10		-		-					-								Small pocket marsh including some marsh fringe along creek.	г
			acres	1.6	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.2		-		-					-								some marsh fringe along creek.	1
			%	75	5	5	-	-	5	-	10		-							-								Pocket marsh with fringe of	
56	Carter Creek	2	acres	1.5	0.1	0.1	-	-	0.1	-	0.2		-							-								cordgrass along main branch of creek.	I
			%	40	5	5	20	20	10	-	-	/	-		-		-	-		-								Fringing marsh; marsh formed	
57	Carter Creek	9	acres	3.6	0.4	0.4	1.8	1.8	0.9	-	-		-		-		-			-								behind sandy ridge; needlerush and saltbushes prominent.	XII
			%	80	5	5	10	-	-	-	-		-		-													Fringing marsh; formed behind	
58	Carter Creek	10	acres	8.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	-	-	-	-		-		-													narrow berm of saltbushes; saltbushes also along uplands.	I.
	Bridge's		%	50	30	10	10		-		-		-		_		-			_									
59	Creek	4	acres	2.0	1.2	0.4	0.4				-		-		_		_	-		-								Pocket marsh; small entrance opens to broad area of meadow.	I
	Bridge's		%	80	5	5	-			-	10		-	-	_													Pocket marsh at head of Bridges	
60	Creek	6	acres	4.8	0.3	0.3	-			-	0.6		-		_													Creek; cattails in upper por- tion.	I
			%	65	10	10	5	-		5				-	-		-	5											
61	Oliver Landing	8	acres	5.2	0.8	0.8	0.4	-		0.4				-	-	-	-	0.4										Spit marsh; small berm of salt bushes along western edge.	I

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62	Cedarbush	22	%	45	20	20	10	-	-	-	5	-	-		-		-	-		-								Two pocket marshes at head of Cedarbush Creek; upper portions	
ŶĨ	Creek		acres	9.9	4.4	4.4	2.2	-	-	-	1.1	-	-		-		-	-		-							Two pocket marshes at head of Cedarbush Creek; upper portions of each dominated by meadow. XI Intermittent marsh fringe along both sides of Cedarbush Creek. I Extensive marsh; divided by parallel ridges of pine, myrtle and cedar. XI Extensive marsh divided by parallel ridges of pine, myrtle and cedar. XI Marsh fringe along both sides of Timberneck Creek; cattails found in small pocket areas along shoreline. I		
(0)	Cedarbush		%	90	5	-	5		-		-		-					-		_								along both sides of Cedarbush	
63	Creek	1.4	acres	1.3	0.1	-	0.1		-		-		-					-		-								Observations Two pocket marshes at head of Cedarbush Creek; upper portions of each dominated by meadow. X Intermittent marsh fringe along both sides of Cedarbush Creek. X Extensive marsh; divided by parallel ridges of pine, myrtle and cedar. X Extensive marsh divided by parallel ridges of pine, myrtle and cedar. X Marsh fringe along both sides of Timberneck Creek; cattails found in small pocket areas along shoreline. X Marsh flore grades from cordgrasses in downstream section to saltbushes and switchgrass near head. X 5 Section of marsh above Route 636; tidal flushing is permit- 2 ted through culvert under road. X	1
64	Catlett	150	%	40	10	20	8	20	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	2	-								parallel ridges of pipe	
04	I sla nds		acres	60.0	15.0	30.0	12.0	30.0	-	-	-			-	-	-	-	-	3.0	-								myrtle and cedar.	XII
	Catlett	10	%	35	15	15	8	20	-	5	-			-	-	-	-	1	1	-									VIT
65	Islands	43	acres	15.0	6.4	6.4	3.4	8.6	-	2.2	-			-	-	-	-	0.4	0.4	·-								Wo pocket marshes at head of Zedarbush Creek; upper portions f each dominated by meadow. Intermittent marsh fringe long both sides of Cedarbush reek. Extensive marsh; divided by warallel ridges of pine, myrtle and cedar. Extensive marsh divided by warrallel ridges of pine, myrtle and cedar. Extensive marsh divided by marrallel marrallel marsh divided by marrallel marrallel marsh divided by marrallel marrallel marsh divided by marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrallel marrall	A11
	Timberneck		%	90	5	-	5	-	-				-		-	-	-											of Timberneck Creek; cattails	
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	Timberneck	20	%	35	20	25	10	3	-	2	2	+		3	-		-	-		-			-					Laundania and Talina and A	
67	Creek	20	acres	7.0	4.0	5.0	2.0	0.6	-	0.4	0.4	-	-	0.6	-		-	-		-			-					section to saltbushes and	XII
()	Timberneck		%	5	5	-	-			-	15		40							15	-						f,15 j,5	636: tidal flushing is permit-	
68	Creek	1	acres	-	-	-	-			-	0.2		0.4							0.2							f,0.2 j,-	ted through culvert under road.	XII
	Timberneck		. %	85	5	5	5		-		-		-		-														
69	Creek	0.50		0.43	0.03	0.03	0.03		-		-		~		-													by saltmarsh cordgrass.	I

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70	Carmines Islands	62	%	80	5	5	10	-					-	-	-	-	-	-		-								Extensive marsh dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass; other species generally fringe	I
	ISTANUS		acres	49.6	3.1	3.1	6.2	-					-	-	-	-	-	-		-		 	ļ					upland areas.	
71	York River	5	%	80	10	3	5	-			2		-		-	-		-		-								Cove marsh; including several pockets of marsh dominated by	I
/1	IOIK MIVEL	5	acres	4.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	-			0.1		-		-	-		-		-								cordgrass as well as broad cordgrass area near mouth.	
72	Mumfort	12	%	70	5	-	15	- 5	5					-	-	-	-	-										Marsh island fringed by cord- grass; saltbushes and needle- rush dominate interior; some	I
12	Islands	12	acres	8.4	0.6	-	1.8	0.6	0.6					-	-	-	-	-										trees growing at highest elevations.	
73	Mumfort	4	%	50	10	5	30	5	-					-	-	-	-	-										Saltmarsh cordgrass island; patches of saltbushes and a	I
	Islands		acres	2.0	0.4	0.2	1.2	0.2	-					-	-	-	-	-								;		number of pine trees	
74	Gloucester	8	%	90	-	5	5	-			-		-	-	-	-		-		-								Cordgrass fringe along shore- line of river and around sev-	I
	Point		acres	7.2	-	0.4	0.4	-			-		-	` -	-	-	,	-		-								eral small coves; includes large pocket marsh of 7 acres that is dominated by cordgrass.	
	Total	925.9	%	57	10	11	7	6	2	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				b,- f,-	j,-	
	Section II	923.9		532.3	91.7	103.9	64.4	50.6	16.2	24.8	30.0	2.4	0.4	0.6	3.3	-	-	1.3	3.4	0.2	-	-	-				b,- £,0.2	j,-	
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Section II. York River-Allmondsville to Gloucester Point (continued)

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e- Yellow Pond-Lily

k- Royal Fern

f- Spike Rush g- Marsh-fleabane

h- Arrowhead

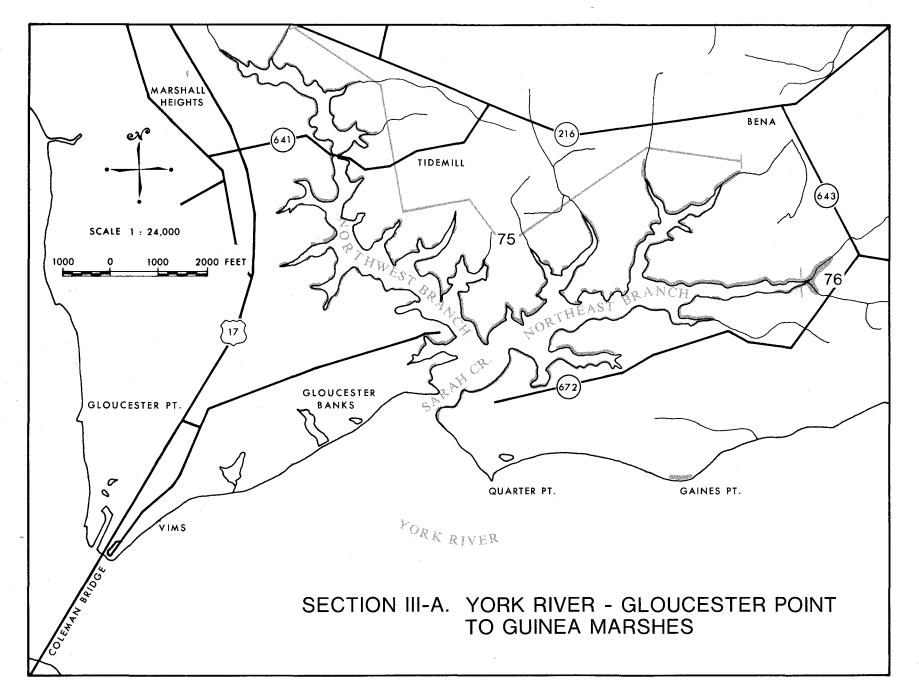
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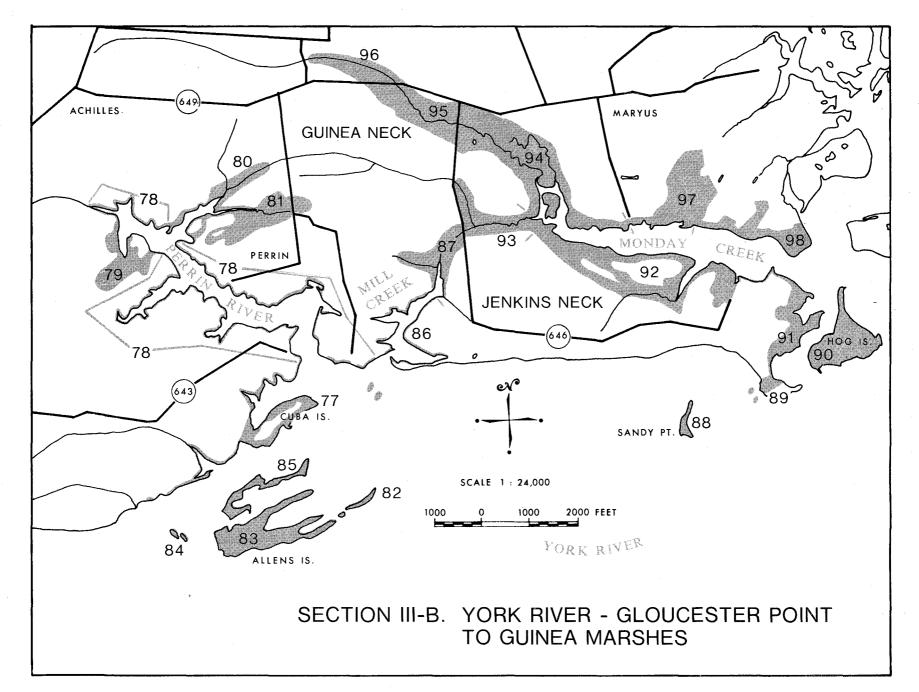
York River - Gloucester Point to Guinea Marshes

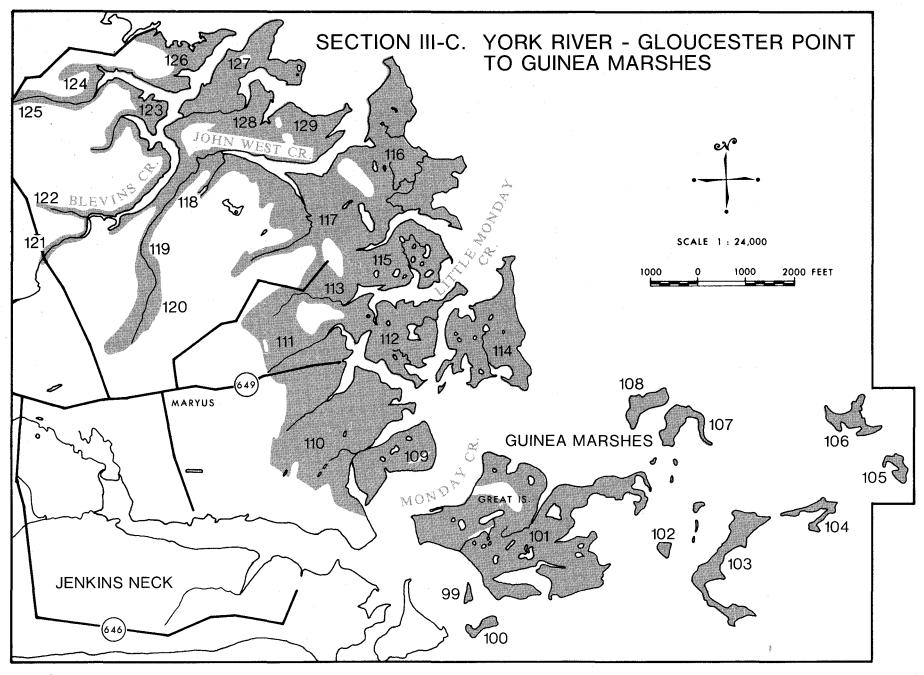
The marshes in this section of Gloucester County lie to the east of an ancient shoreline terrace which runs from north to south and is generally paralleled by the highway, Route 17. This terrace appears to have been formed when sea level remained for an extended period of time at a much higher level, relative to the land, than is found today. To the west of this line there was upland, while to the east the area was submerged. The terrace was most probably formed by the erosive action of waves acting against this ancient shoreline. Thus, today the abundant sand deposits to the west of Route 17 are the relics of the sand dunes that were once formed there. In contrast to this high land the elevation quickly drops 5 to 10 feet in height east of Route 17, to some of the lowest land in Gloucester. This previously submerged area is flat, and is characterized by a high water table with an abundance of swampy woods and broad saltmarsh areas.

The Guinea Marshes (IIIc) are the dominant wetlands system in this low section of Gloucester County. This broad band of marshes and creeks extends from Mobjack Bay on the east to lowland farms and pine woods on the west. These marshes are generally characterized by a dominance of saltmarsh cordgrass, but grade into broad high marsh areas with abundant saltgrass, saltmeadow hay, and black needlerush. The uplandmarsh boundary is defined in many areas by numerous dikes built of earth. It is evident, however, that many of these areas which had been reclaimed for agricultural use are now reverting to marsh. In many forested areas which border the saltmarshes the pine trees are dying, while there appears an abundant understory of high marsh species such as saltbushes. In other areas which were previously farmed the dominant vegetation is now saltgrass. In several of the creeks along the York River the shoreline is bordered only by a narrow saltmarsh cordgrass fringe. In Sarah's Creek, a highly developed creek system, this marsh fringe unfortunately has been replaced in many sections by bulkheads. This type of marsh serves as a habitat for numerous waterfowl as well as many crabs and fish. In the Perrin River, a much less developed area, the marsh fringe is still nearly continuous.



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75	Særæh Creek	8	%	90	5	-		5			-		-			-	-	-										Intermittent saltmarsh cord- grass fringe 2-15 ft. wide; replaced by bulkheads in many areas.	I
76	Sarah Creek	3	acres %	7.2	0.4 5	5	20	0.4 -			-		-			-		-		-	-							Pocket marsh; grades from cordgrass to saltbushes.	I
77	Cub a Island	11	acres %	2. 1 45	0.2 5	0.2 10	0.6 15	- 25			-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-									XII
		-	acres %	5.0 80	0.6 5	1.1 5	1.6 5	2.8 5			-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								of pine, cedar and myrtle. Marsh fringe 2-10 ft. wide; extends almost completely	I
78	Perrin River	2	acres		· ·	0.1	<u> </u>	├──			-		-	-	-	•	-	-		•								around Perrin River shore- line.	
79	Perrin River	15	% acres	55 8.2	10 1.5	10 1.5	-	15 2.2		-				-	2 0.3	2 0.3	1 0.2	2 0.3	3 0.4									Pocket marsh encircles small area of pine, cedar, and holly which border river.	I
80	Perrin River	8	%	45	5	10 0.8	2	30	<u> </u>	-			-	-	1	1	1	2	3	-		 						Pocket marsh; grades from cordgrass along channels to meadow and needlerush areas	XII
81	Perrin River	20	%	20	20	20	5	30		-			-	-	1	1	1	1	1	~			-					along uplands. Pocket marsh; upper portion crossed by road; grades from low marsh along channels to	XII
			acres	4.0 50	4.0 10	4.0 5	1.0 30	6.0 -		-			-	-	0.2	0.2 2	0.2	0.2	0.2	-			-				<u></u>	high marsh along uplands. Marsh island; saltbushes along ridge; cordgrass at	I
82	Allens Island	2	acres	1.00	0.20	0.10	0.60	-						-	-	0.04	0.02	0.04	-									lower elevations along water.	

Section III. York River-Gloucester Point to Guines Marshes

a- Tearthumb b- Rice Cut Grass

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c- Water Dock d- Softstem Bulrush

e- Yellow Pond-Lily

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83	Allens Island	2 6	%	40	10	5	20	20						-	-	2	1	1	1									Large island marsh; higher elevations dominated by salt-	XII
			acres	10.4	2.6	1.3	5.2	5.2						-	-	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3									bushes and needlerush; erosion along channel side.	
84	Allens Island	1	%	50	10	10	30								-	-	-	-										Two small marsh islands; saltbushes along ridge of	I
			acres	0.50	0. 1 0	0.10	0.30								-	-	-	-										highest elevation.	
85	Allens Island	7	%	80	-		-	15							5	-	-											Marsh island dominated by	I
			acres	5.6	-		Ŧ	1.0							0.4	-	-											saltmarsh cordgrass.	
86	Mill Creek	1	%	95	-	-	5	-					-			-		-										Saltmarsh cordgrass fringe	I
00	MIII Creek		acres	0.95	-	-	0.05	-					-			-	-	-										along both sides of creek.	
87	Mill Creek	14	%	40	10	10	5	30		-			-		-	2	1	1	1	-								Pocket marsh; upper portion connects via culvert with	XII
			acres	5.6	1.4	1.4	0.7	4.2		-			-	-	-	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	-								Monday Creek drainage.	
88	Sandy Point	2	%	45	10	5	40	-						-	-	-	-	-	-									Marsh island; interior section of highest elevation and	XII
00	Sandy torne		acres	0.9	0,2	0.1	0.8	-						-	-	-	-	-	-									dominated by saltbushes.	
89	Sandy Point	2	%	40	5	5	50							-	-	-	-	-		-								Spitmarsh; rapidly eroding.	
07	-		acres	0.8	0.1	0.1	1.0							-	-	-	-	-		-								opremaron, rapidly elouing.	IV
90	Hog Island	19	%	45	10	20	10	10							3	1	1	-	-									Marsh island; saltbushes fringe	XII
90	HOR TRINU		acres	8.6	1.9	3.8	1.9	1.9							0.6	0.2	0.2	-	-									along York River side.	

Section III. York River-Gloucester Point to Guinea Marshes (continued)

a- Tearthumb b- Rice Cut Grass c- Water Dock d- Softstem Bulrush

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91	Jenkins Neck	15	%	55	5	10	-	25					-	-	3	-	1	1	1									Broad fringing marsh; large areas of needlerush throughout.	I
92	Monday Creek	35	acres	25	10	25	- 10 3.5	3.8 20 7.0					-	- 3 1.0	0.4 1 0.4	1	0.2 2 0.7	2	0.2 1 0.4								· · · · · ·	Broad fringing marsh; large interior area diked and not flooded except during storms; meadow extends between diked area and uplands.	XII
93	Monday Creek	18	% acres	45 18.0	10	15 6.0	3 1.2	20 8.0		-				-	2 0.8	1 0.4	1 0.4	1 0.4	2 0.8	-								Creek marsh; grades upstream from cordgrass and needlerush to meadow and saltbush communities.	XII
94	Mond a y Creek	60	% acres	50 30.0	10 6.0	15 9.0	-	20 12.0							1 0.6	-	1 0.6	-	3 1.8								-	Most downstream section of creek marsh; cordgrass domi- nates near mouth; grades up- stream to meadow and needle- rush areas.	I
95	Mond a y Creek	23	-% acres	10 2.3	30 6.9	30 6.9	5 1.2	15 3.4							-		-	- 	10 2.3									Middle section of creek marsh; crossed by roads at upper and lower boundaries; dominated by meadow and needlerush areas.	XII
96	Monday Creek	20	% acres	10- 2.0	30 6.0	35 7.0	20 4.0	-		-					2 0.4	-	-	-	3 0.6								· .	Upper section of creek marsh; dominated by meadow with cordgrass fringe along chan- nels; grades upstream to saltbush.	II
97	Maryus	30	% acres	10 3.0	-	50 1 5.0	.5 1.5	10 3.0	· · ·	-				10 3.0	-	-	-	10 3.0	5 1.5									Large meadow area dominated by saltgrass extends behind zone of cordgrass; saltbush and needlerush found bor- dering creek.	II
98	Monday Creek	13	% acres	45 5.8	10 1.3	20 2.6	5 0.6	15 2.0						-	-	1 0.1	1 0.1	1 0.1	2 0.3									Marsh fringe along diked saltmeadow areas; region beyond dikes flooded only during storm tides.	XII

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107	Guín ea Mars hes	10	% acres	45 4.5	20	10 1.0	20								2	-	1		2									Marsh island; interior domi- nated by meadow and short-form cordgrass; ridge of saltbush.	XII
108	Guine a Marshes	8	% acres	60	10	10 0.8	15								2	-	1		2									Marsh island; interior domi- nated by high marsh; cord- grass borders along water.	т
109	Guinea Marshes		%	55 18.2	10	10 3.3	5 1 .6	15 5.0		-		-		-	2	-	2	-	1								i,~ i,-	Extensive marsh; small upland ridge in eastern section with pine, myrtle, cedar.	I
110	Guin es Ma rshes		% acres	40 2 7.6	5 3.4	20 13.8	5 3.4	25 7.2		-					2 1.4	-	2 1.4	-	1 0.7									Extensive marsh; western por- tion is dominated by saltgrass and borders along diked areas and pine woods.	XII
111	Guinea Marshes	84	% acres	35 29.4	10 8.4	10 8.4	10 8.4	30 25.2		-				-	-	1 0.8	1 0.8	2 1.7	1 0.8									Extensive marsh; western edge borders diked or filled areas; crossed by road.	XII
112	Guinea Marshes	56	% acres	75	10 5.6	5 2 .8	2	3 1.7		-					2	-	1	-	2									Extensive marsh; extends west- ward to small upland area of pine, cedar, etc.	I
113	Guinee Marshes	12	% acres	30	10	15 1.8	5 0.6	30 3.6		-					-	5 0.6	-	-	5									Extensive marsh surrounded by pine woods, diked areas, and roads built on fill.	XII
114	Guinea Marshes	58	% acres	70 40.6	5 2.9	1 5 8.7	5 2.9	2		-					1	-	1	-	1 0.6									Extensive marsh island; ridge of saltbushes and meadow along eastern edge.	I

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			%	55	10	10	5	1 5						-	1	-	1	-	3									Extensive marsh; erosion along	
115	Guinea Marshes		acres	2 7.5	5.0	5.0	2.5	7.5						-	0.5	-	0.5	-	1.5									eastern edge; western border partially diked; some diked areas reclaimed by marsh.	I
			%	60	5	20	10	1		-					2	-	1	-	1		·							Extensive marsh; ridge of	I
116	Guinea Marshes		acres	5 2 .8	4.4	17.6	8.8	0.9		-					1.8	-	0.9	-	0.9									saltbush and meadow along eastern edge.	1
117	John West		%	35	10	15	3	30		-				-	2	1	2	-	2									Extensive marsh; western edge borders diked or	XII
117	Creek	78	acres	27.3	7.8	11 .7	2.3	23.4		-				-	1.6	0,8	1.6	-	1.6									filled areas of pine and switch grass.	AII
118	Blevins Creek	25	%	30	15	10	10	30						1	-	2	1	1_	-									Lower section of creek marsh; two channels are separated by	XII
	bievins ofeck		acres	7.5	3.8	2.5	2.5	7.5						0.2	-	0.5	0.2	Q.2	-									high marsh and areas of switch grass and pine.	
119	Blevins Creek	7	%	20	2 5	20	10	1 5						2	2	1	1	2	2									Middle section of creek marsh;	XII
			acres	1.4	1.8	1.4	0.7	1.0						0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1									cordgrass along channel; high marsh along uplands.	
120	Blevins Creek	11	%	20	30	20	5	5		-				5	2	3	5	5	-									Upper portion of creek marsh; tidal flushing somewhat restricted by road; marsh	II
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		acres	2.2	3.3	2.2	0.6	0.6		-				0.6	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.6	-									surrounded by large amount of switch grass	
121	Blevins Creek	4	%	1 5	10	10	60	-	· .				-	5	-	-	-	-										Pocket marsh dominated by saltbushes; extends	IV
			acres	0.6	0.4	0.4	2.4	• -					-	0.2	-	-	-	-										to above Route 652.	
122	Blevins Creek	3	%	10	10	10	60						-	5	-	1	1	3										Pocket marsh dominated by saltbushes.	IV
			acres	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.8						-	0.2	-	-	-	0.1										saledusnes.	

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			acres	4.2	2.1	2.1	1.4	3.5		-				0.3	-	0.1	0.1	0.1	-									extends along diked area and crossed by road.	A11
124	Blevins Creek	5	%	15	1 5	20	10	20		-				10	-	1	2	2	5									Creek marsh; surrounded by diked or filled areas.	XII
	bieving ofeek	5	acres	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.5	1.0		~				0.5	-	-	0.1	0.1	0.2									diked of filled aleas.	
125	Blevins Creek	5	%	10	10	5	70	-						2	-	1	-	2										Upper portion of creek marsh; dominated by saltbush.	IV
			acres	0.5	0.5	0.2	3.5	-						0.1	-	-	_	0.1										douinated by saitbush.	
126	Blevins Creek	22	%	35	10	10	15	25						-	1	-	2	-	2									Western border of marsh extends along diked area containing	XII
	browing order		acres	7.7	2.2	2.2	3.3	5.5						-	0.2	-	0.4	-	0,4									meadow, sea oxeye, saltwort.	
127	Blevins Creek	41	%	40	10	10	10	25		-				-	1	1	1	2	-									Extensive marsh; contains several upland areas of	XII
			acres	16.4	4.1	4.1	4.1	10.2		-					0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	-									pine, switch grass, etc.	A11
128	John West	33	%	25	5	15	10	40						-	-	1	1	2	1									Extends between two upland areas of pine, holly, cedar	XII
	Creek		acres	8.2	1.6	5.0	3.3	13.2						_	-	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.3			1						and saltbushes.	
129	John West	22	%	25	15	20	15	20		-				-	-	1	1	2	1									Extensive marsh with large	XII
	Creek	~~	acres	5.5	3.3	4.4	3.3	4.4		-				-	-	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2									areas of needlerush and meadow.	
	Total Section III	1007	%	48	10	14	8	15	-	-	-		-	-	1	1	1	1	2	-			-				i,-		
	Section iil	1297.	acres	618.1	123.3	185.4	99.6	196.1	-	-	-		-	6.2	17.7	8.3	17.5	12.1	24.4	-		ľ	-				i,0.6		

Section III. York River-Gloucester Point to Guinea Marshes (continued)

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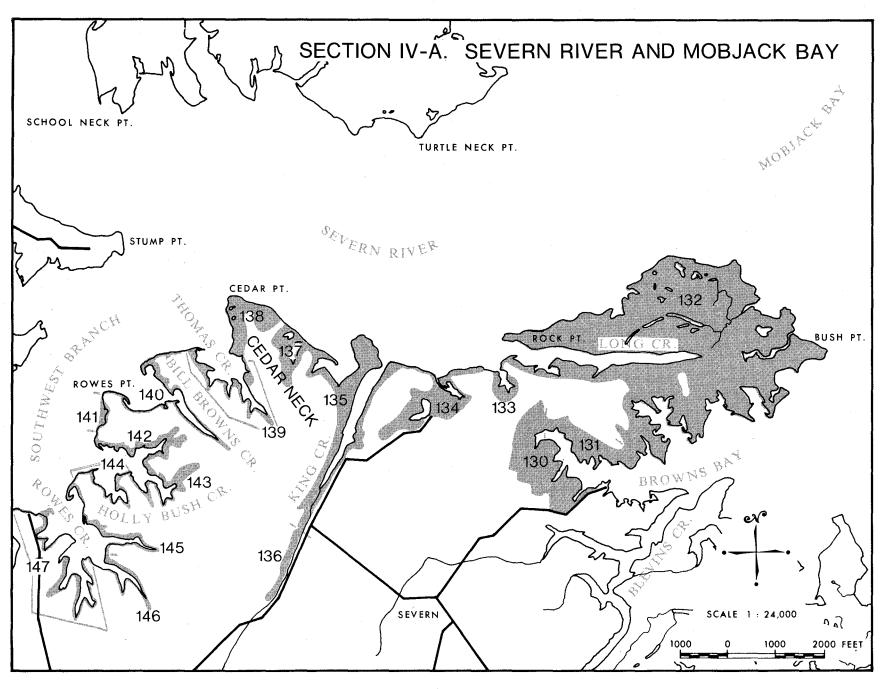
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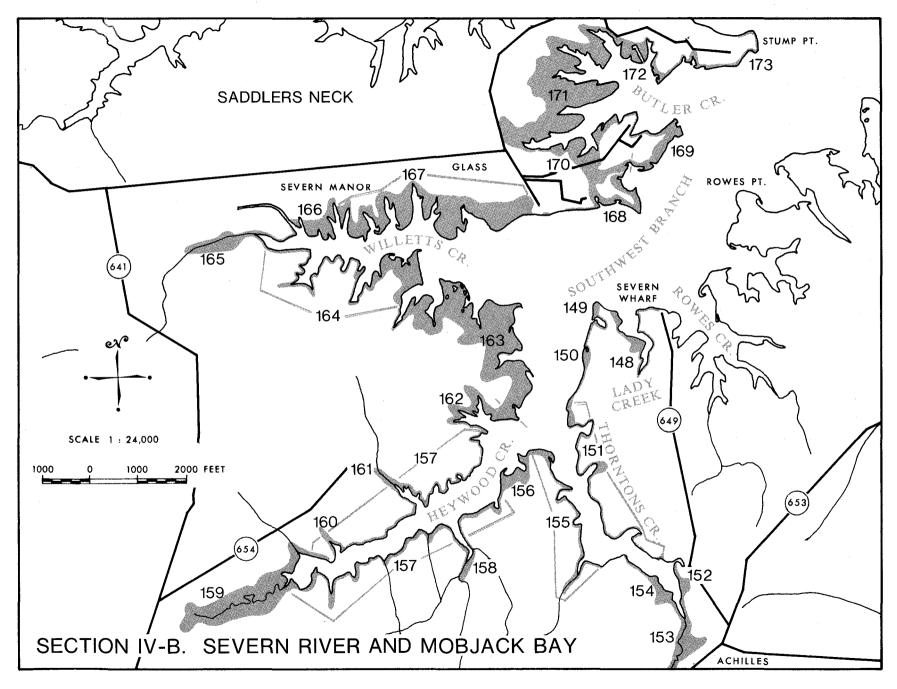
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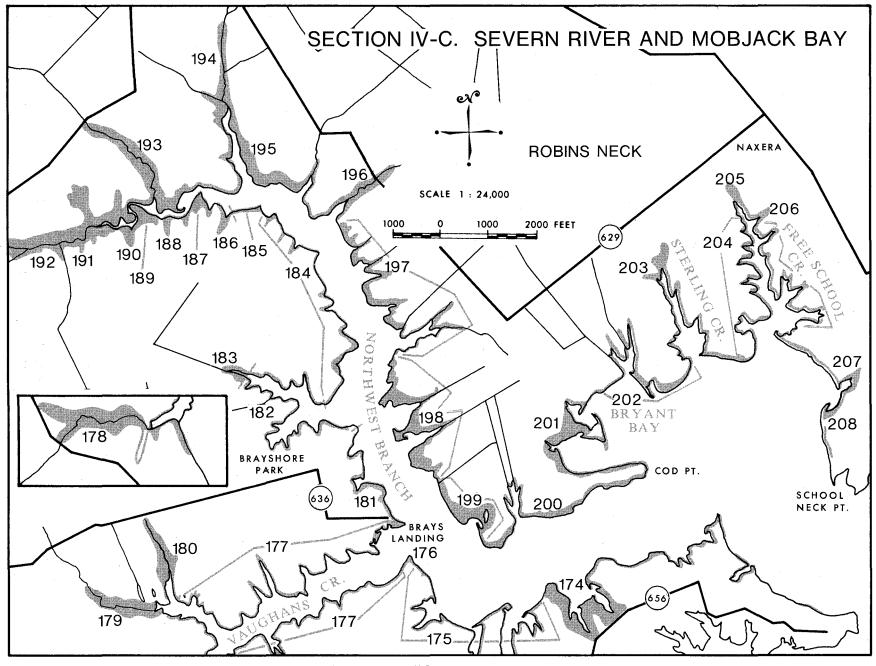
This section of Gloucester County shoreline is presented in four map plates (A,B,C,D) and includes numerous fringing and pocket marshes contained within the Severn River and its numerous branches and connecting creeks. It includes, as well, several areas of broad, extensive marsh which border on Mobjack Bay immediately north and south of the mouth of the Severn River.

Many of the marshes in this section are dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass (Type I) but there are also significant areas of saltmeadow hay, saltgrass, black needlerush, big cordgrass and saltbush (Types II, IV, V, XII). Almost always present are associated species such as sea oxeye, saltmarsh aster and sea lavender. Because of the broad nature of the many creeks in this section combined with limited freshwater runoff, these brackish water plants are found throughout the length of the Severn River and its tributaries.

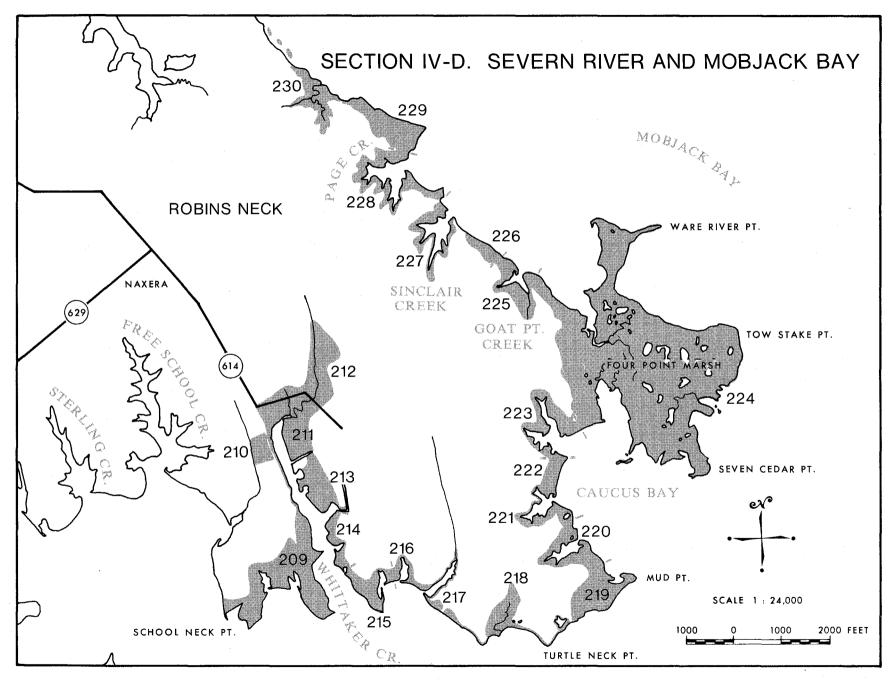
The fringing marshes found along much of the Severn River shoreline have many valuable attributes. They help protect the fastlands from erosion, especially where boat traffic is high. They help trap sediment from the uplands and serve as habitat for numerous waterfowl, shellfish, crabs, snails, and small fish. The broad marsh areas found near the mouth of the Severn, as well as the numerous embayed marsh areas, are also excellent wildlife habitats and in addition their significant annual production of organic matter help maintain high productivity in this river system.







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Section IV. Severn River and Mobjack Bay

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#	Marsh Location	Total Acres		Saltmarsh Cordgrass	Saltmeadow Hay	Saltgrass	Saltbushes	Black Needlerush	Big Cordgrass	Saltmarsh Bulrush	Cattails	Water-hemp	Marsh Hibiscus	Switch Grass	Saltmarsh Aster	Sea Oxeye	Sea Lavender	Saltmarsh Fimbristylis	Saltwort	Marsh Mallow	Smartweeds	Pickerelweed Arrow Arum	Olney Threesquare	Beggar Ticks	Wild Rice	Jewel Weed	Other	Observations	Marsh Type
130	Browns Bay	33	%	30	10	15	5	30						1	-	3	2	1	3									Creek marsh; marsh is encroach- ing on pine woods to the west	
1.30	DIGWIS Day	55	acres	9.9	3.3	5.0	1.6	9.9						0.3	-	1.0	0.7	0.3	1.0									and diked areas to the north.	XII
			%	40	10	15	5	20						1	1	4	1	1	2									Creek marsh; borders along pine woods and also diked areas	WTT
131	Browns Bay	20	acres	8.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	4.0						0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4									that are overgrown with switch grass.	
132		2 67	%	40	10	20	5	20							2	-	-	1 .	2									Extensive marsh; ridge of salt bush and sea oxeye along east-	XII
152	Long Creek		acres	106.8	2 6.7	53.4	13.4	53.4							5.3	-	-	2.7	5.3									ern shoreline; interior dominat- ed by low marsh & meadow areas.	
133	Severn River	3	%	40	10	5	10	30						_	-	2	1	2	-									Small cove and marsh fringe along diked and filled areas.	XII
155	Severn Miver		acres	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.9						-	-	0.1	-	0.1	-										
134	Severn River	20	%	45	10	10	10	20						-	-	1	1	2	1									Creek marsh; road borders along south side; meadow dominated,	XII
	Severn Krver	20	acres	9.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0						-	-	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2									upper portion surrounds large pond area.	
135	King Creek	33	%	40	10	15	5	20			-		-	-	-	1	2	2	5									Long, narrow creek marsh; ex- tends upstream to road; penin- sula of marsh in lower portion	KTT.
			acres	13.2	3.3	5.0	1.6	6,6	:		-		-	-	-	0.3	0.7	0.7	1.6			<u> </u>						has isolated area of pine trees.	
136	King Creek	3	%	50	15	20	15	-							-	-	-	-	-									Upper portion of creek marsh; connected to lower portion	I
130	KING Greek	,	acres	1.5	0.4	0.6	0.4	-							-	-	-	-	-	ļ								via culvert under road.	
137	Cedar Neck	7	%	30	10	20	20	20						-	-	-	-	-	-			<u> </u>						Cove marsh; cordgrass and needlerush zones along water;	XII
	COULT NECK		acres	2.1	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.4						-	-	-	-	-	-									grades to high marsh of meadow and saltbush.	

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138	Cedar Neck	16	%	15	20		20	20 3.2						-		3 0.5	1	1 0.2	-									Broad marsh fringe; cordgrass in several isolated areas surrounded by high marsh;	XII /
			acres	2.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2								0.5	0.2	0.2				<u> </u>						sand berm with saltbushes along eastern shoreline. Pocket marsh at head of creek;	
			%	45	15	10	15	15									-	-				 						lower portion of creek has fringe of cordgrass with high	XII
139	Thom as Creek	4	acres	1.8	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6									-	-							_			marsh behind.	·
			%	55	10	10	5	20			-		-		-	-		-		-								Creek has pocket marsh of cord- grass at head; lower portion	
140	Bill Browns Creek	6	acres	3.3	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.2			-		-		-	-		-		-								has fringe of cordgrass in front of high marsh.	I
			%	50	5	10	5	30							-	-	-	-		-								Fringe and pocket marsh; sand berm with saltbushes almost	
141	Rowes Point	2	acres	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6							-	· -	-	-		· _								completely across front of marsh.	I
			%	60	10	10	5	15						-	-	-	-	-				1					· .	Several small pockets of	
142	Holly Bush Creek	2	acres	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3						-	-	-	-	-										cordgrass with narrow fringe along northeast branch of creek.	I
		-	%	40	10	20	5	25						-	-	-	-	-										Several pockets of marsh and marsh fringe along central	
143	Holly Bu s h Creek	4	acres	1.6	0.4	0.8	0.2	1.0						· _	-	-	-	-				1						branch of creek; largest pooket grades upstream to meadow area.	XII
			%	40	10	10	15	2 5		1			1			-	-	-	İ									Marsh fringe along both sides of lower creek shoreline;	
144	Holly Bush Creek	2	acres	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5								-	-	-	1									two small marsh spits at mouth.	XII
			%	60	5	5	10	20			-					-	-	-		-								Pocket marsh and marsh fringe	
145	Rowes Creek	3	acres	1.8	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6			-					-	-	-		-								along left branch of creek.	I

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			%	80	5	-	10	5			-				t -		-	-										Two pocket marshes and marsh	
146	Rowes Creek	2	acres	1.6	0.1	•	0,2	0.1			-				-		-	-										fringe along central branch of creek.	I
1/7			%	.80	10	-	10	-			-				1		-	-										Pocket marshes and marsh fringe along right branch	
147	Rowes Creek	2	acres	1.6	0.2	-	0.2	-			-				-		-	-										of creek.	I
148	Lada One d		%	80	5	5	5	5							-		1	-										Several pocket marshes and marsh fringe along shoreline;	
140	Lady Creek	2	acres	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1							-	-	-	-										area along eastern shore of creek has been filled.	I
149	Southwest Branch	1	%	80	5	5	5	5							-	-	-	-										Marsh fringe at point and around cove shoreline; erosion	
	Severn		acres	0.80	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05							-	-	-											evident east of point.	I
150	Southwest Branch	1	%	60	5	10	5	20							1	-	-											Fringe marsh; extends around	
	Severn		acres	0.60	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.20							-	-	-											pond; grades from cordgrass to high marsh.	I
151	Thorntons	4	%	70	5	5	5	15							-	-	-	_										Marsh fringe along eastern	
	Creek	-7	acres	2.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6							-	-	-	-										shoreline of creek; several pocket marsh areas.	I
152	Thorntons	2	%	15	30	10	5	40						-		-	-	-										Small pocket marsh dominated	\square
	Creek		acres	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.8						-		-	-	-										by high marsh species.	XII
153	Thorntons	7	%	30	25	20	15	5							1	-	1	1	2									Pocket marsh at head of creek; dominated by high marsh.	
		acres	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.0	0.4							0.1	-	0.1	0.1	0.1									Sommarcou by migh marsh.	XII	

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154	Thorntons Creek	5	%	20	20	10	10	35						-	1	1	1	2	-									Fringe marsh; high marsh species dominate.	XII
 			acres	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.8						-	-	~	-	0.1	-									· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·]
	Thorntons		%	40	20	5	20	10			-			1	1	1	1	1	-	-								Long marsh fringe along western side of creek; includes several	VTT
155	Creek	2	acres	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2			-			- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-								marsh pockets and marsh spits.	AII
			%	35	15	15	20	10			1				-	-	3	1	1									Broad, fringing marsh; salt-	
156	Heywood 6 Creek 6	acres	2.1	0.9	0.9	1.2	0.6							-	-	0.2	0.1	0.1									bushes and meadow along uplands; cordgrass along water.	XII	
	Heywood		%	85	5	-	10	-			-					-	-	-										Narrow marsh fringe 2-10 ft.	
157	Creek	2	acres	1.7	0.1	-	0.2	-			-					-	-				1							wide along Heywood Creek shore- line.	I
			%	85	5	5	5				-		-		-		-	_									·	Small pocket marsh at head of	
158	Heywood Creek	1	acres	0.85	0.05	0.05	0.05				-		-		-		-	-										creek branch.	I
	Heywood	-	%	15	25	35 -	10	10			3		-				1	1			<u> </u>		-					Large pocket marsh; dominated	
159	Creek	21	acres	3.2	5.2	7.4	2.1	2.1			0.6						0.2	0.2		<u> </u>								by high marsh with cordgrass fringe along creek channels.	II
 	Hormond		%	60	10	5	25		-									_										· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
160	Heywood Creek	1			<u> </u>										_ ,													Small pocket marsh; dominated by cordgrass.	I
			acres	0.60	0.10	0.05	0.25				-		-		-	-	-	-	L	 	ļ								
161	Heywood	2	%	70	10	5	10	5			-		-		-		-	-		L.	<u> </u>							Pocket marsh; dominated by	I
		acres	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1			-		-		-		-	-								-		cordgrass.	*	

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162	Heywood	7	%	40	5	5	10	40						-		-	-	-		-								Cove marsh with several pockets dominated by needlerush.	
	Creek		acres	2.8	0.4	0.4	0.7	2.8						-		-	-	-		-									
163	Heywood	50	%	50	10	10	3	25						-	-	-	1	1	-									Broad marsh fringe extending between several shallow coves; interior dominated by needle-	I
	Creek	50	acres	25.0	5.0	5.0	1.5	12.5						-	-	-	0.5	0.5	-									rush and meadow.	
	Willetts	11	%	45	5	5	5	40		-				-	-	-	-	-										Fringe marsh; one section has	
164	Creek -	-11 a	acres	5.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	4.4		-				-	-	-	-	-										been dredged with spoil placed on adjacent marsh area.	XII
165	Willetts	9	%	20	35	30	15	-		-	-																	Pocket marsh; cordgrass along channels; broad areas of meadow,	II
105	Creek	sk 9	acres	1.8	3.2	2.7	1.4	-		-	-																	pockets of cattails and bulrush.	
166	Willetts	7	%	20	5	5	5	20						45	-	-	-	-										Fringe marsh along indented shoreline; needlerush and	
100	Creek	/	acres	1.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.4						3.2	_ -:	-	-	-										cordgrass along water, switch grass dominates interior.	XII
	Willetts		%	30	10	10	10	35						5	-	-	-	-		-								Fringe marsh; needlerush along	
167	Creek	45	acres	13.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	15.8						2.2	-	-	-	-		-								creek; meadow areas along upland.	XII
	ļ		%	25	15	15	10	35						-		-	-	-		-		Ι						Fringe marsh; grades to pocket of high marsh behind area of	
168	Bar Neck	12	acres	3.0	1.8	1.8	1.2	4.2						-	-	-	-	-		-								of figh marsh benind area of pine woods; needlerush dominant along water.	XII
			%	50	5	-	10	35							-	-	-	-										Fringe marsh; dominated by	
169	Bar Neck	5	acres	2.5	0.2	-	0.5	1.8							-	-	-	-										needlerush and saltmarsh cordgrass.	I

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170	Butler Creek	9	% acres	40	10 0.9	5 0.4	10 0.9	35 3.2							-	-	-	-										Fringe marsh; surrounds several shallow coves; separated from marsh #168 by road.	XII
171	Butler Creek	53	%	25	10	10 5.3	10 5.3	40						5	-	-	-	-										Extensive marsh fringe; borders along pine woods that are mixed with high marsh species.	XII
172	Butler Creek	5	% acres	45	5	5	-	40						5	-	-	-	-										Fringe marsh; channel has been dredged through marsh with spoil deposited on adjacent marsh area.	XII
173	Stump Point	1	% acres	55 0.6	-	-	-	45 0.4								-	-	-										Spit marsh; interior of spit has been highly disturbed through dredge and fill leaving only fringe; some erosion evident:	I
174	Northwest Branch Severn	16	% acres	40 6.4	5 0.8	5 0.8	5	45 7.2						-	-	-	-	-		-								Broad marsh fringe; surrounds several small creeks and ex- tends back to road.	XII
175	Northwest Branch Severn	2	% acres	40	10	-	10 0.2	40 0.8			-				-	-	-	-		-								Marsh fringe along several small coves; includes several small pocket marshes.	XII
176	Northwest Branch Severn	0 50	%	80	10 0.05	-	-	10 0.05							-	-	-	-										Spit marsh; dominated by cordgrass.	I
177	Vaughans Creek	7	%	50 3.0	5	-	15 1.0	30			-			-	-	-	-	-										Marsh fringe along both sides of creek.	I

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	Northwest		%	45	5	5	20	5	20	-	-				-					-								Small pocket marsh; interior of marsh is largely big	
186	Branch Severn	0.50		0.23	0.02	0.02	0.10	0.02	0.10	-	-				-					-								cordgrass and saltbushes.	XII
	Northwest		%	25	30	30	10	5	-	-				-	-		-			1								Section of creek marsh; interior of marsh dominated by meadow.	
187	Branch Severn	2	acres	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.1	-	-				-	-		-											or marsh dominated by meadow.	II
	Northwest		%	50	10	5	20	5	10		-			-	-		-			-							,	Small pocket marsh; dominated	I
188	Branch Severn	0.50		0.25	0.05	0.02	0.10	0.02	0.05		-			-	-		-			-								by cordgrass.	1
	Northwest		%	40	20	20	5	10	5	-					•		-	-		-			-					Creek marsh section; interior areas dominated by meadow; cord-	
189	Branch Severn	3	acres	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.2	-					-		1	-		·			-					grasses along channel.	XII
	Northwest	-	%	15	25	10	30	5	15		-		-		-		-											Pocket marsh; grades from cord- grasses near mouth to salt-	
190	Branch Severn	1	acres	0.15	0.25	0.10	0.30	0.05	0.15		-		-		-		-											bushes near head.	XII
	Northwest		%	15	25	25	20	-	15		-		-	1	-		-	-		-			-					Creek marsh; cordgrasses along channels; several large pocket	
191	Branch Severn	25	acres	3.8	6.2	6.2	5.0	-	3.8		-		-		-		-	-		-			-					areas grade to saltbush; large meadow areas throughout.	II
	Northwest	_	%	10	-	5	10		75		-			-														Portion of creek marsh above road; dominated by big cordgrass	v
192	Branch Severn	5	acres	0.5	-	0.2	0.5		3.8		-			-											·			with saltmarsh cordgrass along channel.	
193	Northwest	17	%	20	20	20	25	5	10		-		-	-	-	-		-	-	-								Long pocket marsh; meadow areas with several salt pannes dominate	XII
193	Br anc h Severn	17	acres	3.4	3.4	3.4	4.2	0.8	1.7		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								lower portion; upper portion dominated by saltbushes and big cordgrass.	VIT

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194	Northwest Branch Severn	12	% acres	15	5	15	50 6.0		15 1.8		i.		-	-		-	-	-										Long pocket marsh; grades to saltbushes in upper section.	IV
195	Northwest Branch Severn	6	% acres	30	15	25	20 1.2	5	-					5	-	-	-	-										10–15 ft. wide marsh fringes; switch grass and saltbushes in zone along upland.	XII
196	Northwest Branch Severn	4	% acres	35 1.4		15 0.6	25 1.0	5 0.2	5 0.2				-	5 0.2	-	-	-	-										Pocket marsh; upper section of marsh crossed by road; this upper section is dominated by saltgrass and saltbushes.	XII
197	Northwest Branch Severn	5	% acres	45 2.2	5 0.2	10 0.5	10 0.5	30 1.5	-		-				-	-	-	-		-								10-50 ft. wide marsh fringe including several pocket marsh areas.	XII
198	Northwest Branch Severn	15	% acres	30 4.5	20 3.0	10 1.5	10 1.5	30 4.5	-					-	-	-	-	-		-								Three broad marshes extending out from uplands and surround- ing several shallow coves.	XII
199	Northwest Branch Severn	5	% acres	20 1.0	15 0.8	25 1.2	15 0.8	20 1.0	-					5 0.2		-	-	-										Cove marsh; grades from cord- grass and needlerush near water to meadow and saltbushes along upland.	XII
200	Cod Point	4	% acres	45 1.8	5 0.2	5 0.2	15 0.6	30 1.2							-	-	-	-										10-30 ft. wide marsh fringe around cove and in front of a dike which extends around point.	XII
201	Bry a nt Bay	10	% acres	50 5.0		15 1.5	1 0 1.0	15 1.5				:			-		-	-										Broad marsh fringe; extends out to isolated island of pine.	I

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202	Bryant Bay	7	%	20	20	25	15	15						5	-	-	-	-										Broad marsh fringe; interior of marsh dominated by meadow.	XII
		,	acres	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.0	1.0						0.4	-	-	-	-											
	Sterling		%	80	5	-	15	-	-					-	-		-			-								3-10 ft. wide fringe of cord- grass and saltbushes along	I
203	Creek	3	acres	2.4	0.2	-	0.4	-	-					-	-		-			-								both sides of creek; 2 acre pocket marsh at head.	-
	Free School		%	95	-	-	5	-							-	-	-	-		·								2-10 ft. wide cordgrass fringe along both sides of creek;	
204	Creek	1	acres	0.95	-	-	0.05	-			-				-	-	-	-		-								cattails in several small pockets along shoreline.	I
			%	70	5	-	10	5						10	-	•	-	-										Pocket marsh at head of creek;	
205	Free School Creek	2	acres	1.4	0.1	-	0.2	0.1						0.2	-	-	-											dominated by cordgrass.	I
			%	80	5	-	15				-			-	-		-											Small pocket marsh; dominated	Ţ
206	Free School Creek	0.25		0.20	0.01	-	0.04				-			-	-		-											by cordgrass.	
207	Northwest	2	%	15	15	15	30	5						20	-	-	-			-								High marsh fringe around small	
207	Branch Severn	2	acres	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.1						0.4	-	-	-	-		-								cove; grades to myrtle and pine woods.	XII
	Northwest		%	30	15	10	5	30						10	-	-	-	-			1								
208	Branch Severn	2	acres	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6						0.2	-	-	-	-										Spit marsh; cordgrass fringe with interior of high marsh.	XII
			%	40	15	20	5	15						-	-	3	1	1	-	-								Extensive marsh; grades from cordgrass zone near water,	
209	School Neck Point	48	acres	19.2	7.2	9.6	2.4	1.2						-	-	1.4	0.5	0.5	-	-								through meadow area, to upland of switchgrass, myrtle and pine.	XII

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210	Whittaker Creek	5	%	5	-	95									-	-	-	-	-	-								High marsh area separated from creek by dirt road; tidal flushing through culvert under	II
			acres	0.2	-	4.8									-	-	-	-	-	-								road; this marsh is regularly mowed.	
211	Whittaker	23	%	25	30	20	10	10							-	1	3	1	-	-								Creek marsh dominated by meadow areas; bounded on three sides by roads and diked	II
	Ċreek		acres	5.8	6.9	4.6	2.3	2.3							-	0.2	0.7	0.2	-	-								uplands.	
	Whittaker	20	%	-	10	40	40	-					-	5	-	1	2	ì	1	-								Extensive high marsh area above Rt. 614; dominated by zones	
212	Creek		acres	-	2.0	8.0	8.0	-				-	-	1.0	ł	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	-								of saltbushes and saltgrass; old dikes evident.	II
	Whittaker		%	35	20	20	15	5						-	1	1	2	1	-	-								Broad fringing marsh; bounded on the north by dredged canal	XII
213	Creek	13	acres	4.6	2.6	2.6	2.0	0.6						-	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	-									and spoiled area; earthen dike on east.	XII
214	Whittaker		%	30	10	10	20	30						-	-	-	-	-	-	-								Fringing marsh; several dead-	
214	Creek	5	acres	1.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.5						-	-	-	-	-	-	-								end, dredged canals and ad- jacent spoiled areas.	XII
	Whittaker		%	60	5	15	5	15							-	-	-	-										Large marsh spit at mouth of	
215	Creek	10	acres	6.0	0.5	1.5	0.5	1.5							-	-	-	-										creek; dominated by cordgrass and needlerush.	I
	Severn	4	%	25	10	20	15	30							-	-	-	-	-									Cove marsh; large areas of	WTT
216	River	4	acres	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.2							-	-	-	-	-									needlerush and meadow behind cordgrass fringe.	XII
	Severn		%	40	20	20	10	10						-	-	-	-	-	-			·						Marsh fringe disturbed by	
217	River	2	acres	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2						-	-	-	-	-	-									dredged canal and adjacent spoiled areas.	XII

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	Turtle Neck	_	%	40	10	15	5	30						-	-	-	-	-										Pocket marsh; interior of cordgrass; needlerush and	
218	Creek	7	acres	2.8	0.7	1.0	0.4	2.1						-	-	-	-	-										meadow along upland; salt- bush berm near mouth.	XII
			%	30	10	25	5	30							-	-	-	1	1							-		Extensive marsh; berm of salt-	
219	Mud Point	14	acres	4.2	1.4	3.5	0.7	4.2							-	1	-	-	-									bushes and saltmeadow hay along eastern edge.	XII
			%	20	10	35	5	30						-	-	-	-	-	-									Cove marsh; berm of saltbushes near mouth; interior of	
220	Caucas Bay	7	acres	1.4	0.7	2.4	0.4	2.1						-	-	-	-	-										meadow and needlerush; cord- grass along water	XII
			%	20	10	30	5	35						-	-	-	-	-	1									Cove marsh; berm with salt-	
221	Caucas Bay	3	acres	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.2	1.0						-	-	-	-	-	-									bushes along eastern edge is located on both sides of creek mouth.	XII
222	0 P		%	-	15	25	15	40								2	1	1	1									Marsh fringe between two coves; berm of saltbushes	
	Caucas Bay	7	acres	-	1.0	1.8	1.0	2.8							-	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1									along eastern edge; meadow and needlerush behind.	XII
223		10	%	15	10	30	-	45						-	-	-	-	-	1					_				Cove marsh with two branches;	
.223	Caucas Bay	12	acres	1.8	1.2	3.6	-	5.4						-	-	-	-	-	-									cordgrass fringe along water; needlerush and meadow grade to upland.	XII
224	Four Point		%	40	10	40	5	5							-	•	-	-	-									Large extensive marsh; berm of saltbushes along eastern edge	
	Marsh	197	acres	78.8	19.7	78.8	9.8	9.8							-	-	-	-	-									with meadow behind; interior dominated by cordgrass with zone of high marsh along upland.	II
0.05	Goat Point		%	20	10	30	5	35						-	-	-		-	-									Cove marsh; fringe of cordgrass along water with areas of	
225	Creek	10	acres	2.0	1.0	3.0	0.5	3.5						-	-	-	-	-	-									needlerush and meadow behand; saltbushes near mouth.	XII

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226	Mobjack Bay	3	% acres	10 0.3	20 0.6	30 0.9	20 0.6	20 0.6							-	-	-	-	-									Fringe marsh with cordgrass along water; then berm of saltbushes with meadow along uplands.	II
227	Sinclair Creek	12	% acres	15	10	30	5	40							-	-	-	-										Cove marsh; fringe of cord- grass around cove near water; meadow and needlerush zone along uplands.	XII
228	Page Creek	24	%	15 3.6	10	25 6.0	10 2.4	40 9.6							-	-	-	-	-								·	Cove marsh; saltbush berm around mouth; interior of marsh is of meadow and needle- rush with cordgrass fringe along water.	XII
229	Mobjack Bay	15	% acres	40 6.0	10 1.5	25 3.8	15 2.2	10 1.5						-	-	-	-	-	-									Salt marsh with berm of salt- bushes along eastern edge; interior of marsh is cordgrass with meadow along uplands.	XII
230	Mobjack Bay	14	% acres	60 8.4	5 0.7	10 1.4	15 2.1	10 1.4							-	-	-	-								. :		Pocket marsh; berm of salt- bushes along Bay front; interior of marsh dominated by cordgrass.	I
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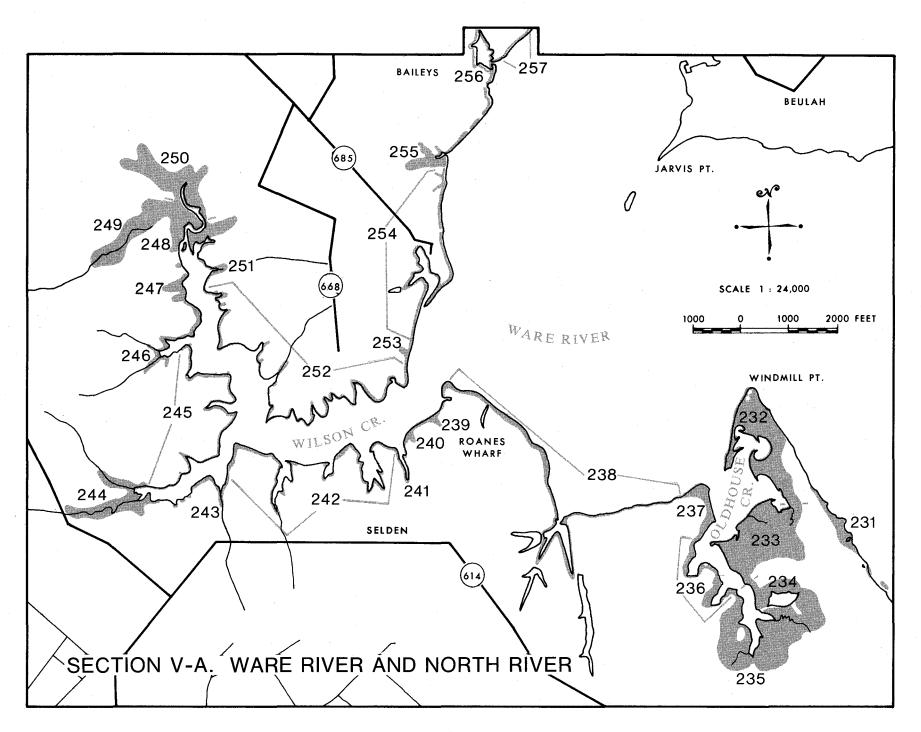
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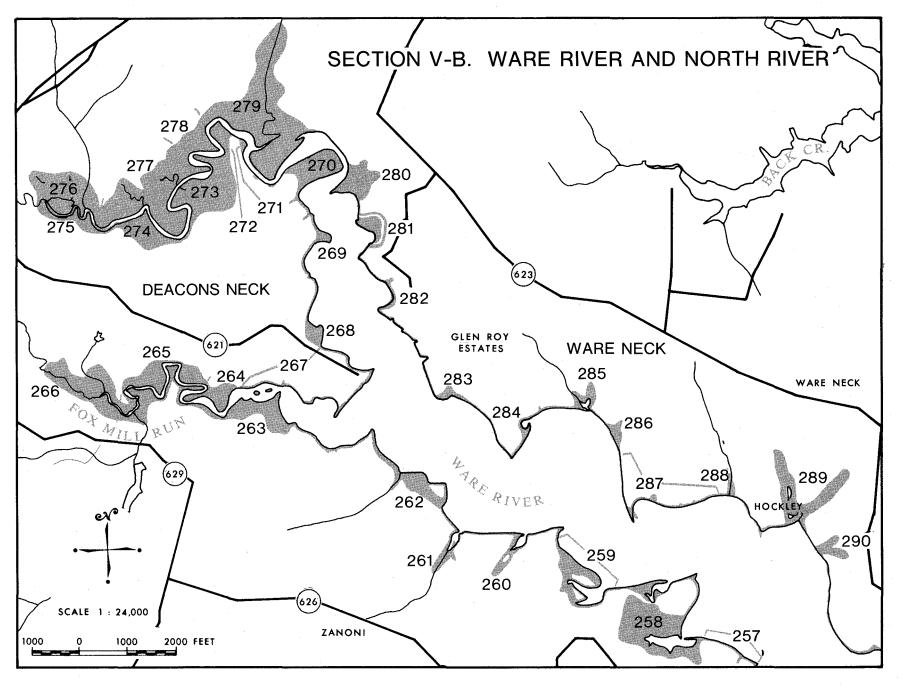
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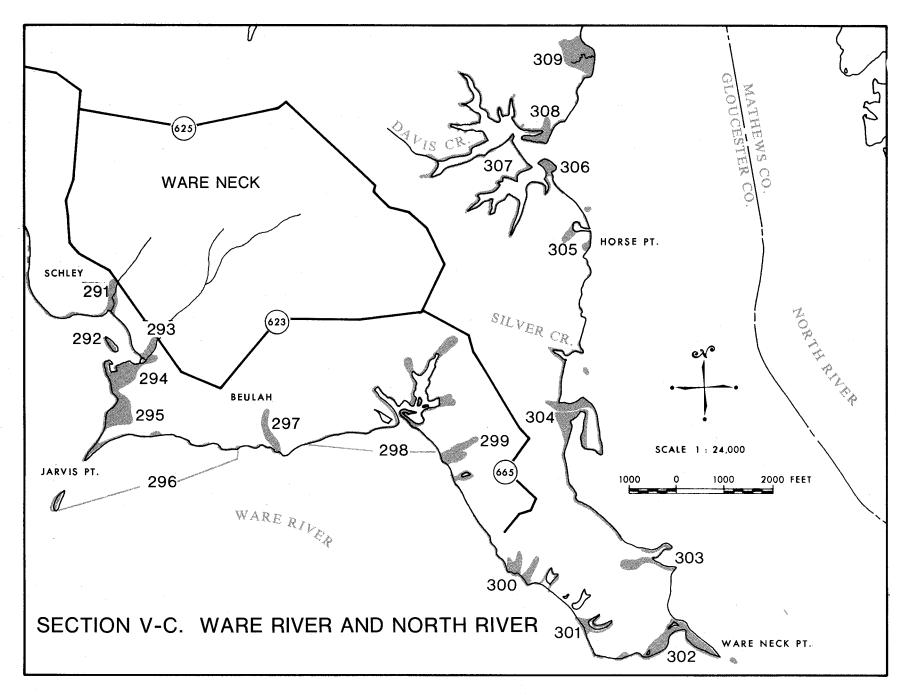
The marshes along this section of Gloucester County shoreline are similar in species composition and importance to those marshes found along the Severn River. They are dominated by a variety of plant community types (I, II, III, IV, V, VI, XII) including such species as saltmarsh cordgrass, black needlerush, cattails, big cordgrass, saltmeadow hay, saltgrass and saltbushes.

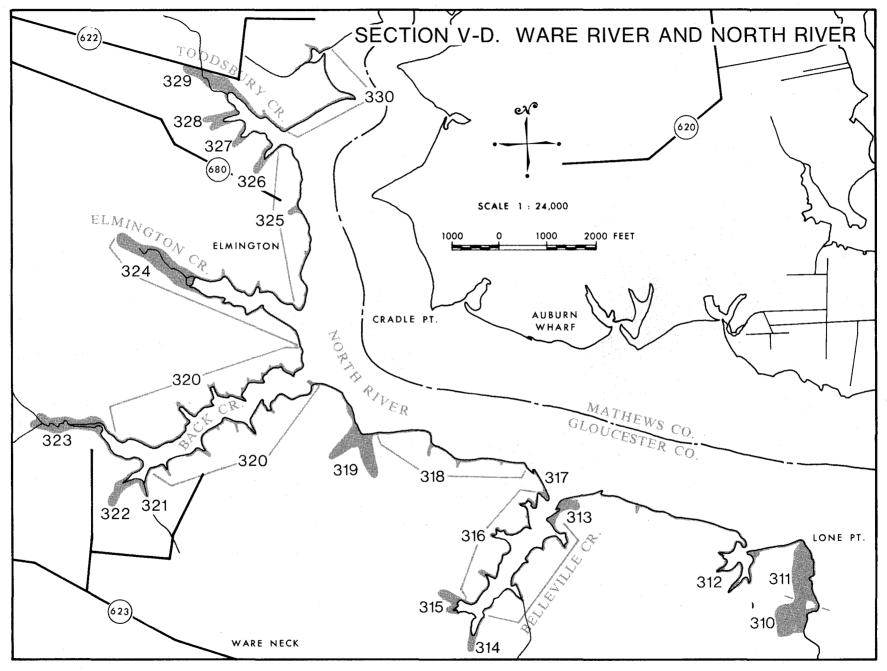
Many of the wetland areas along both the Ware and North Rivers are either small pocket marshes or narrow marsh fringes. The pocket marshes are characteristically dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass, but the interior sections are usually of slightly higher elevation and therefore saltmeadow grass as well as saltbushes are found. In areas where freshwater springs or streams enter, cattails may occur. The narrow, marsh fringe found along much of the shoreline is mostly saltmarsh cordgrass and black needlerush. At higher elevations landward of the cordgrass, saltbushes predominate.

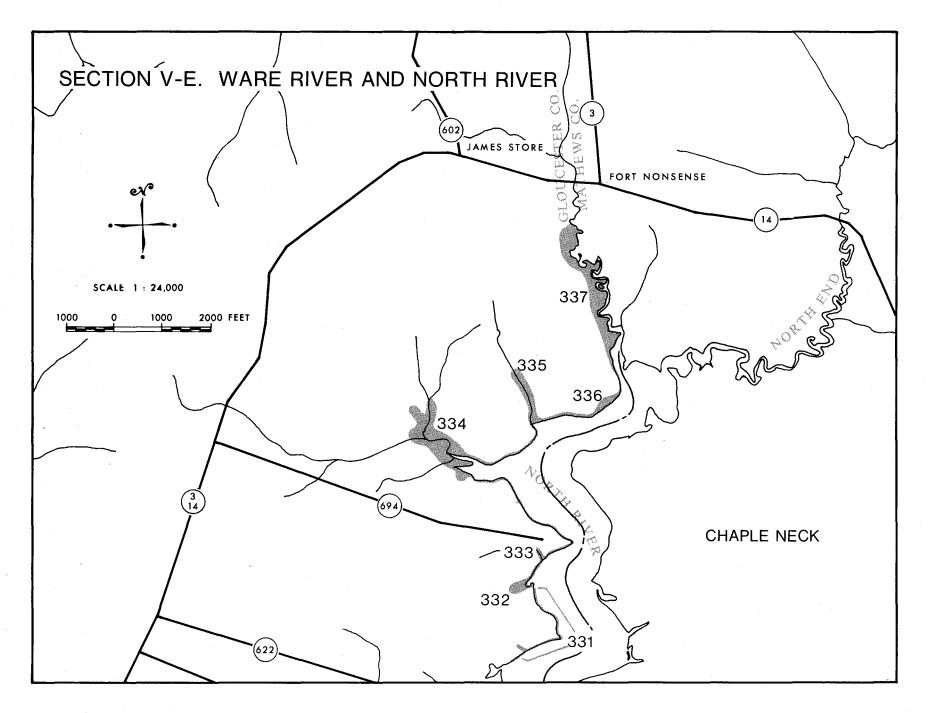
The upper portions of both the Ware and North Rivers contain extensive creek marsh areas. The downstream portions of these systems are generally dominated by saltmarsh cordgrass (Type I) marshes while the more upstream sections of these marshes are so reduced in salinity that the big cordgrass community (Type V) occurs. In one upstream marsh section in the Ware River (#266) this big cordgrass community is replaced by the freshwater species of cattail and pickerel weed. (Type VI).











Section V. Ware River and North River

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231	Ware River	4	% acres	10 0,4	30	20	40	-						-	-	-	-	-										Narrow fringe of cordgrass along river and in front of berm with saltbushes; zone	II
232	Windmill Point	32	% acres	10	1.2 25 8.0	25	1.6 40 12.8	-						-	-	-	-	-										of meadow behind saltbushes. Large spit marsh; interior of marsh is of saltbushes and meadow with cordgrass fringe along water.	II
233	01dhouse Creek	42	% acres	15 6.3	35 14.7	50 2 1. 0	-	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·								-	-										Extensive high marsh of salt- meadow hay and saltgrass; cordgrass fringe along small drainage creeks.	II
234	01dhouse Creek	6	% acres	-	25 1.5	75 4.5	- -									-	-	-										Saltmarsh meadow extending around brackish pond; old dike evident.	II
235	01dhouse Creek	44	% acres	10 4.4	45 19.8	30 13.2	15 6.6					-		-	-	-	-	-										Broad saltmarsh meadow; scattered hummocks of pine, cedar; several dredged canals extend into uplands.	II .
236	Oldhouse Creek	6	% acres	40 2.4	20 1.2	25 1.5	15 0.9							-	-	-	-	-										Wide (20-100 ft.) saltmarsh fringe; cordgrass along creek grades to meadow and then to upland.	XII
237	Oldhouse Creek	7	% acres			15 1.0	15 1.0							~	-	-	-	-										Spit marsh at entrance to creek; dominated by cordgrass.	I
238	Ware River	4	% acres	50 2.0	15 0.6	10 0.4	25 1.0	-	-		-			-	-	-	-	-										Marsh fringe; average width 30 ft.; cordgrass along water with meadow and saltbushes border- ing uplands.	I

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239	Wilson Creek	0.50	%	85	5	-	10				-				-		-	-										Small cordgrass fringe and	I
239	WIISON GLEEK		acres	0,43	0.03	-	0.05				-				-		-	-										pocket marsh.	
240	Wilson Creek	0.25	%	90	5	-	5				-																	Small cordgrass pocket marsh.	I
240				0.22	0.01		0.01				-				-														
			%	80	5	-	15				-																	Small branch of creek with marsh fringe along lower	
241	Wilson Creek	0.75	acres	0,60	0.04	-	0.11				-																	section and pocket marsh at head.	I
			%	95	-		5									-	-											Intermittent marsh fringe along highly indented shore-	
242	Wilson Creek	2	acres	1.9			0.1								-	-	-			÷								line; includes several shallow coves.	I
	· · · · ·		%	85	5	~	10	1			- .																	Small pocket marsh; dominated	
243	Wilson Creek		acres	0.21	0.01	-	0.02	-			-																	by cordgrass.	I
			%	65	10	5	20	-			-				-	-	-	~										Two pocket marshes at head of creek branch; upper portions	
244	Wilson Creek	12	acres	7.8	1.2	0.6	2.4	-			-				-	-	-	-										dominated by meadow and saltbushes.	I
		•	%	95	-		5	-	-		-			-	-	-	-											Marsh fringe along length of shoreline; average width	
245	Wilson Creek	2	acres	1.9	-		0.1	-	-		4			-	-	-	-											snoreline; average width 5-15 ft.; includes several small pocket marshes.	I
			%	85	5	-	10				-																	Small tidal cove; lower portion with narrow marsh fringe;	I
246	Wilson Creek	2	acres	1.7	0.1	-	0.2				-																	several pockets at head.	

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247	Wilson Creek	2	%	50	15	10	5	20	-		-				-	-	-	-										Two pocket marshes; higher elevations contain needlerush,	
			acres	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	-		-				-	-	-	-					ļ					meadow, saltbushes.	
248	Wilson Creek	12	%	30	20	20	5	20	5					-	-	-	-	-										Lower section of creek marsh; cordgrasses along channels;	XII
240	wiison creek		acres	3.6	2.4	2.4	0.6	2.4	0.6					-	-	-	-	-										interior area of high marsh	XII
			<u>"%</u>	20	15	1 5	30	15	5		-				-		-	-			1							Middle section of creek marsh including large pocket area;	
249	Wilson Creek	22	acres	4.4	3.3	3.3	6.6	3.3	1.1		- 1				-		-	-										dominated by high marsh and saltbushes.	XII
			%	10	15	20	50	5	-		-			-		-		-		-								Upper section of creek marsh	
250	Wilson Creek	15	acres	1.5	2.2	3.0	7.5	0.8	-		- 1		-	-		-		-		·_								dominated by saltbushes; cordgrass fringe along channels.	IV
			%	40	30	10	5	15	-		-				-	_	-	-										Pocket marsh; cordgress in	
251	Wilson C reek	1	acres	0.40	0.30	0. 10	0.05	0.15	-		-				-	-	-	-										lower portion; interior por- tion is of high marsh.	XII
			%	85	5	-	10	-	-		-				-	-	-			-								Intermittent marsh fringe	
252	Wilson Creek	2 .	acres	1.7	0.1	-	0.2	-	-		-				-	-	-			-								along length of shoreline; includes numerous small pockets and marsh spits.	I
			%	75	5	5	10	5			-				-		-											Small postat manaka 1 di di	
253	Wilson Creek		acres	0.38	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.02			÷ 1			÷			-											Small pocket marsh; dominated by cordgrass.	I
			%	90	5	-	5	-	-						-	-	-	-										Marsh fringe along shoreline	
254	Ware River	2	acres	1.8	0.1	-	0.1	-	-						-	-	-	-										and around tidal cove; width 5-15 ft.	I

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			%	80	10	5	5	-	-						-	-	-											Pocket Marsh; berm with salt- bushes and meadow partially	
255	Ware River	5	acres	4.0	0.5	0.2	0.2	-	: -		-				-	-	-											across mouth; interior of marsh is dominated by cord- grass.	I
			%	35	15	5	5	35	5						-	-	-	-										Cove with narrow marsh fringe and small, pocket marsh area;	
256	Baileys	0.50		0.18	0.08	0.02	0.02	0.18	0.02		-				-	(-	-											sand berm with high marsh species near mouth.	XII
			%	80	5	-	10	5	1						-	-		-										5-15 ft wide marsh fringe along shoreline; includes	
257	Baileys	0.50	acres	0.40	0.02	-	0.05	0.02	-						-	-	-	-										small pocket marsh area.	I
			%	20	15	25	5	35							-	-	·	-	-									Extensive high marsh area; crossed by dirt road leading	
258	Ware River	30	acres	6.0	4.5	7.5	1.5	10.5							-	-	-	-	- '									to point; includes two shallow coves.	XII
259	Ware River	8	%	20	20	25	5	30						-	-	-	-	-	-									Fringe marsh dominated by mea- dow and needlerush; meadow	XII
239	ware kivei	-	acres	1.6	1.6	2.0	0.4	2.4			-			-	-	-	-	-	-									area extends back to tidal cove which has broken through dam across mouth.	×11
		•	%	15	20	30	5	30						-	-	-	-	-	-	-								Pocket marsh; extends back	11
260	Ware River	2	acres	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.6			-			-	-	-	-	-	-									to large area of meadow.	11
			%	50	5	20	15	10			-				-	-	-											Pocket marsh; cordgrass pre- dominates along open water	
261	Ware River	2	acres	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2			-				-	-	-	-										and lower portion; grades back to meadow and saltbushes.	I
			%	10	20	15	5	50						-		-	-	-										Broad high marsh fringe; ex- tends behind several isolated	
262	Ware River	7	acres	0.7	1.4	1.0	0.4	3.5	1					-		-	-	-										pockets of upland; dominated by needlerush.	III

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263	Fox Mill Run	15	%	30	5	25	5	30	5						-	-	-											Creek marsh with several small cordgrass islands; cordgrass	XII
			acres	4.5	0.8	3.8	0.8	4.5	0.8						-	-	-											zone along creek; high marsh dominated interior.	
264	Fox Mill	6	%	15	1 5	30	5	25	10	-						-	-	-				-						Creek marsh; interior of marsh is needlerush and meadow; cord-	XII
204	Run	Ū	acres	0.9	0.9	1.8	0.3	1.5	0.6	-					-	-	-	-	·			-						grasses fringe along water.	
	F o x Mill	23	%	5	5	15	20	5	50	-	-					-	-					-						Creek marsh section; lower portion has some meadow areas;	
265	Run		acres	1.2	1.2	3.4	4.6	1.2	11.5	-	-					-	-					-						upper portion largely big cordgrass and saltbushes.	v
	Fox Mill		%								65	-	5							-	-	25					c,5 d,-	Creek marsh section; grades	VI
266	Run	21	acres								13.6	-	1.0								-	5.2					c,1.0 d, -	upstream to woody swamp; freshwater marsh	VI
	Deacons		%	90	-	-	5	5	•						1	4				-								Narrow cordgrass fringe along	-
267	Neck	1	acres	0.90	-	-	0.05	0.05							-	-				-								shoreline; 5-20 ft. wide.	I
			%	15	5	10	10	55	5							-		-	-									Fringe marsh; interior largely	
268	Ware River	4	acres	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	2.2	0.2							-		-	-									needlerush with some meadow areas.	III
			%	10	20	35	20	15	-						-	-	-	-										Spit marsh; dominated by high	
269	Ware River	2	acres	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.3	-						-	-	-	-										marsh species; cordgrass and saltbush fringe along water.	II
			%	10	10	25	5	40	10	-					-		-					-						Creek marsh; cordgrasses fringe	
270	Ware River	12	acres	1.2	1.2	3.0	0.6	4.8	1.2	-					-		-					-						along river; interior of marsh is of meadow and needlerush.	XII

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271	Ware River	1	acres				0.05	0.15	0.15	-		-			-	_	-	-										Small marsh spit along creek channel.	I
			%	50	5	5	5	1 5	20	-					-		-	-										Creek marsh; small areas of meadow but dominated by	_
272	Ware River	3	acres	1.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	-					-		-	-										cordgrasses.	I
			%	5	10	15	10	15	40	5	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-								Creek marsh; cordgrasses along creek; high marsh zone along	
273	Ware River	21	acres	1.0	2.0	3.2	2.1	3.2	8.4	1.0	-		-	-	-	-	-	-		-								upland and extending behind area of pine.	XII
			%	-	-	-	10		55	15	10	-	5							-							G,- d,5	Creek marsh section; dominated	
274	Ware River	10	acres	-	-	-	1.0		5.5	1.5	1.0	-	0.5							-							c,- d,05	by big cordgrass; patches of cattails and bulrush.	V
275	Ware River	5	%				-		40	-	20.	-	10							4		10		-	10		b,- c,3 d,3	Creek marsh; marsh area south of channel; big cordgrass mix-	
275	ware kiver	5	acres				÷.		2.0	-	1.0	-	0.5							0.2		0.5			0.5		b, c,0.2 d,0.2	ed with freshwater species.	XII
			%			-	10		60	-	15	-	10		-					-		-					c,5	Creek marsh; marsh area north of channel; big cordgrass	
276	Ware River	20	acres			-	2.0		12.0	-	3.0	ŧ	2.0		-					-		-					c,10	dominates with stands of cattails near uplands.	v
			%	-		5	10	-	60	10	-		10							-			-				c,5	Creek marsh section; dominated	
277	Ware River	42	acres	-		2.1	4.2	-	25.2	4.2	-		4.2							-			-				c, 2.1		V
	-		%	-	5	15	25		50		-		5															Creek marsh section; dominat- ed by big cordgrass with areas	
278	Ware River	9	acres	-	0.4	1.4	2.2		4.5		-		0.4						Ι									of meadow and saltbushes.	V

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279	Cow Creek	56	% acres	10 5.6	15 8.4	25 14.0	5	35 19.6	10 5.6	-						-	-	-	-				-					Creek marsh; lower portion dominated by meadow and needle- rush; grades upstream to	XII
280	Ware River	6	% acres	10	20 1.2	25	5	35 2.1	5	-						-			-									saltbushes. Pocketmarsh with spit extend- ing out into channel; dom- inated by needlerush and meadow areas.	XII
281	Ware River	3	% acres	5 0.2	15 0.4	30 0.9	10 0.4	35 1.0	5		-		-		-	-	-	-										Pocket marsh; dredged channel extends around marsh-upland border; interior of marsh is of needlerush and meadow.	XII
282	Ware River	2	% acres	10 0.2	15 0.3	30 0.6	15 0,3	25 0.5	5 0.1		-				-	-	-	-		-								Fringe marsh dominated by high marsh species; channel dredged across marsh to upland.	XII
283	Ware River	2	% acres	25 0.5	10 0.2	20 0.4	20 0.4	25 0.5	-				-	-	-	-	-	-	-					-				Marsh fringe extending to small pocket area; dominated by high marsh.	, XII
284	Ware River	1	% acres	40 0.40	15 0.15	10 0.10	1 5 0.15	20 0.20	-							-	-	-		-								Marsh fringe with spit enclos- ing small cove; grades from cordgrass along water to meadow along upland.	XII
285	Ware River	3	% acres	75 2.2	5 0.2	5 0.2	5 0.2	10 0.3	-		-				-		-											Pocket marsh with two branches extending into upland; cord- grass dominates with scattered needlerush.	
286	Ware River	2	% acres	45 0.9	10 0.2	20 0.4	5 0.1	20 0.4	-		-				-	-	-	-										Marsh fringe; extends back into small pocket.	XII

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287	Ware River	1	% acres	50 0.5	15 0.15	15 0.15	5 0.05	15 0.15				_			-	-	-	-										Marsh fringe extending along shoreline to form spit and small pocket area.	I
288	Ware River	1	% acres	60 0.6	10 0.1	10 0.1	10 0.1	10 0.1	-		-					-	-											Small pocket marsh: berm of salt bushes partly across mouth.	I
289	Ware River	12	.% acres	75 9.0	5 0.6	15 1.8	5 0.6	-	-		-				-	-	-										-	Pocket marsh; forms two branches extending back into uplands.	I.
290	Ware River	3	% acres	25 0.8	25 0.8	20 0.6	15 0.4	10 0.4	-		-					3 0.1	-	2 0.1										Small pocket marsh; sand berm with saltbushes and sea oxeye partly across mouth.	XII
291	Ware River	2	% acres	60 1.2	10 0.2	5 0.1	15 0.3	10 0.2	-		-					-	-	-										Pocket marsh; lower section dominated by cordgrass; meadow predominates near head.	I
292	Ware River	1	% acres	20 0.20	5 0.05	5 0.05		70 0.70									-											Marsh island; cordgrass fringe around island; interior dominated by needlerush.	111
293	Ware River	2	% acres	. 60 1.2	10 0.2	15 0.6	10 0.2	5 0.1						-	-		-	-					· · · · ·					Pocket marsh with two branches; dominated by cordgrass with meadow along uplands.	I
294	Ware River	6	% acres	25 1.5	15 0.9	25 1.5	10 0.6	25 1.5						-	-	-	-	-										Broad marsh fringe; dredged channel with adjacent spoiled area crosses marsh to upland.	XII

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295	Ware River	7	% acres	10	30 2.1	40 2.8	5 0.4	10	-							1	2	1	1								·····	Extensive high marsh area; small channel with adjacent berm of saltbush and cedar ex- tends around back of marsh.	II
296	Ware River	2	% acres	80	5 0.1	5 0.1	10 0.2	-		-		-				-	-	-										Intermittent cordgrass fringe with meadow and saltbushes at higher elevations landward; small island with cordgrass fringe.	I
297	Ware River	3	% acres	50 1.5	15 0.4	20 0.6	10 0.3	5 0.2			-				-	-	-	-								-		Long, narrow pocket marsh; sand berm with saltbushes and saltmeadow hay partially across mouth.	I
298	Ware River	6	% acres	70 4.2	10 0.6	10 0.6	-	10 0.6			-				-	-	-	-	-									Cove with cordgrass fringe; several cordgrass islands inside mouth of cove and several pocket marsh areas	I
299	Ware River	5	% acres	40 2.0	25 1.2	25 1.2	5	5			-				-	-	-	-										Pocket marsh; sand berm with saltbushes partially across mouth; interior of marsh grades from cordgrass to meadow.	II
300	Ware River	4	% acres	85 3.4	-	-	10 0.4	5			-				-	-	-	-										Several pocket marsh areas dominated by cordgrass behind berm of saltbushes; these are pond areas reclaimed by tidal marsh.	I
301	Ware River	1	%	80	5 0.05	5 0.05	5	5			-			-	-	-	-	-					1					Several shallow tidal coves with fringe of cordgrass; previously non-tidal ponds which have been breached and are reverting to marsh.	I
302	Ware Neck Point	7	% acres	5 0.4	20 1.4	25 1.8	40 2.8	-							-	5 0.4	-	5 0.4	-									Broad high marsh area behind ridge of saltbush; spit has fringe of cordgrass with interior of saltbushes.	XII

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303	North River	2	% acres	40 0.8	20 0.4	15 0.3	10 0.2	15 0.3	-		-					-	-	-										Pocket marsh with cordgrass at lowest elevations; salt- bushes and meadow along uplands and along adjacent sand spit.	XII
304	North River	8	% acres	70 5.6	10 0.8	10 0.8	5 0.4	5 0.4							-		-											Marsh spit connecting small island with mainland; dominated by low marsh.	I
305	North River	1	% acres	80 0.8	10 0.1	10 0.1	-	-							-				-									Small pocket marsh; lower portion has been dredged.	I
306	Davis Creek	2	% acres	50 1.0	20 0.4	15 0.3	15 0.3	-								-	-	-										Spit marsh at mouth of creek; cordgrass dominates with interior ridge of saltbush and meadow.	I
307	Davis Creek	6	% acres	85 5.1	5 0.3	5 0.3	5 0.3	-			-				-	-												Marsh fringe around shoreline of cove; 5–25 feet wide; numerous small pocket areas.	I
308	Davis Creek	3	% acres	80 2.4	5	10 0.3	5 0.2	-							-	-	-	-					· · ·					Spit marsh at mouth of creek; dominated by low marsh.	I
309	North River	8	% acres	55 4.4	15 1.2	20 1.6	5 0.4	5 0.4						-	-	-	-	-	-									Extensive marsh; interior of marsh is broad area of cord- grass; this grades into wide fringe of high marsh and then upland.	I
310	North River	9	% acres	50 4.5	15 1.4	25 2.2	5 0.4	5 0.4						-		-	-	-	-									Interior of marsh is broad area of cordgrass; this is surrounded by wide border of high marsh which connects to adjacent marshes.	I

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311	North River	12	% acres	15 1.8	30 3.6	40 4.8	10 1.2	5						-	•	-	-	-	-									Extensive marsh; cordgrass zone around channel; grades to broad meadow area, then zone of saltbushes.	II
312	North River	2	% acres	80 1.6	10 0.2	-	10 0.2	-			-		-			- 1	-									-		Cordgrass fringe along shore- line and around tidal cove; natural mouth of cove is blocked but new channel has been dredged.	I
313	Belleville Creek	3 -	% acres	65 2.0	10 0.3	10 0.3	5 0.2	10 0.3				~			-	-	-	-										Fringe marsh dominated by cordgrass; part of marsh is behind sand spit of saltbushes.	I
314	Belleville Creek	1	% acres	65 0.60	10 0.10	15 0.15	5 0.05	5 0.05			-				-	- -	-		-									Small pocket marsh at head of creek.	I
315	Belleville Creek	2	% acres	65 1.3	10 0.2	15 0.3	5 0.1	5 0.1			-		-		-	-	-					-						Small pocket marsh with two branches.	I
316	Belleville Creek	2	% acres	90 1.8	5 0.1	-	5 0.1	-			-		-			-	-	-										Narrow cordgrass fringe along both sides of creek; several small pocket areas with some cattails.	I
317	Belleville Creek	0.50	% acres	80 0.40	10 0.05	-	5	5								-	-											Spit marsh at mouth of creek; cordgrass fringe along water with interior section of high marsh.	I
318	North River	2	% acres	40 0.8	5 0.1	5 0.1	10 0.2	40 0.8			-			-	-	-	-	-										Cordgrass and needlerush marsh fringe; several pocket areas of high marsh.	XII

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319	North River	8	% acres	80 6.4	10 0.8	10 0.8	-	-			-					-	-											Pocket marsh dominated by cordgrass; meadow areas more abundant in left branch of marsh.	I
320	Back Creek	4	% acres	85 3.4	5 0.2	5 0.2	5 0.2	-			-	-			-	-	· · ·											Narrow cordgrass fringe along both sides of creek; numerous small pocket marsh areas with some meadow and cattail.	I
321	Back Creek	1	% acres	40 0.4	20 0.2	10 0.1	30 0.3	-			-	-				-	-	-										Small pocket marsh; upper portion grades from cordgrass to high marsh.	XII
322	Back Creek	3	% acres	30 0.9	20 0.6	10 0.3	40 1.2	-			-	-				-	-	-										Pocket marsh; upper portion dominated by saltbushes.	XII
323	Back Creek	7	% acres	20 1.4	30 2.1	20 1.4	30 2.1	-			-	-						-										Pocket marsh; lower portion dominated by meadow; upper portion is largely saltbush.	II
324	Elmington Creek	10	% acres	30 3.0	20 2.0	20 2.0	30 3.0	-			-				-		-											Lower section of creek fringed by cordgrass; pocket marsh grades from cordgrass to meadow, then saltbushes at head of creek.	XII
325	North River	2	% acres	55 1.1	5 0.1	10 0.2	5 0.1	25 0.5							-	-	-	1										10-20 foot wide marsh fringe along river; several pocket areas of high marsh.	I
326	Toddsbury Creek	1	% acres	50 0.50	15 0.15	5 0.05	15 0.15				15 0.15	-			-		-											Small pocket marsh; cattails in upper portion.	I

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327	Toddsbury	0.50	%	55	15	5	15				10		-		-		-											Small pocket marsh; cattails	г
	Creek		acres	0.28	0.08	0.02	0.08				0.05		-		-		-											in upper portion.	
328	Toddsbury	2	%	60	15	5	15				5		-		-		-				- N.							Pocket marsh; upper portion is meadow with some cattails	I
520	Creek		acres	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.3				0.1		-		-		-					· ·						TS meadow with some cattains	
329	Toddsbury Creek	6	%	45	25	20	10				-				-	-	-											Pocket marsh; lower portion is cordgrass; upper portion	XII
	Greek		acres	2.7	1.5	1.2	0.6				-				-	-	-	-				L						is meadow and saltbushes.	
330	North River	1	%	60	15	5	20	-			-				-	-	-	-										Cordgrass fringe along river; extends around small cove	I
	_		acres	0.60	0.15	0.05	0.20	-			-				-	-	-	-										and forms several pockets in cove.	
331	North River	0.50	%	75	5	5	10	5							-		-											Small pocket marsh; cordgrass fringe along this section	I
			acres	0.38	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.02							•		-											of river with meadow and saltbushes behind.	
332	North River	2	%	75	10	5	10	-									-											Pocket marsh; dominated by cordgrass with meadow and	I
			acres	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	-							-		-											saltbushes at head.	
333	North River	0.25	%	20	30	30	20	-	-							-	-	-										Small pocket of high marsh with saltbushes at head;	II
				0.05	0.08	0.08	0.05	-	-							-	-	-										cordgrass and meadow fringe river.	
334	North River	16	. %	40	20	20	20	-	-		-					-		-										Pocketmarsh; cordgrass dominates lower portion;	XII
			acres	6.4	3.2	3.2	3.2	-	-		-			-		-		-										upper portion is of meadow and saltbushes.	

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335	North River	5	%	25	45	20	10	-	•		-					-	-	-					-					Pocket marsh dominated by high marsh areas of meadow	II
			acres	1.2	2.2	1.0	0.5	-			-					-	-	-					-					and saltbush.	
336	North River	2	%	5	35	45	5	10	-					-		-	-	-					-					Fringe marsh dominated by meadow with patches of	II
			acres	0.1	0.7	0.9-	0.1	0.2	-					-		-	-	-					-					needlerush.	
337	Burke Mill	17	%	10	20	20	20	10	20		-				-	-	-	_					-					Creek marsh; Gloucester County side only; lower portion	XII
	Stream		acres	1.7	3,4	3.4	3.4	1.7	3.4		-				-	•	-	-					-	1				meadow and needlerush; upper portion big cordgrass, then saltbushes.	
	Total	7/1 0	%	25	16	20	12	10	11	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	~	-	· _		1	-		-		b,- c,1 d.~		
	Section V	761.0		187.4	120.1	148.7	95.7	78.2	84.0	6.7	13.9	-	8.6	-	-	0.6	0.1	<u>0.6</u>	0.1	0.2	-	5.7	-		0.5		b,- c,4.3 d.0.7		
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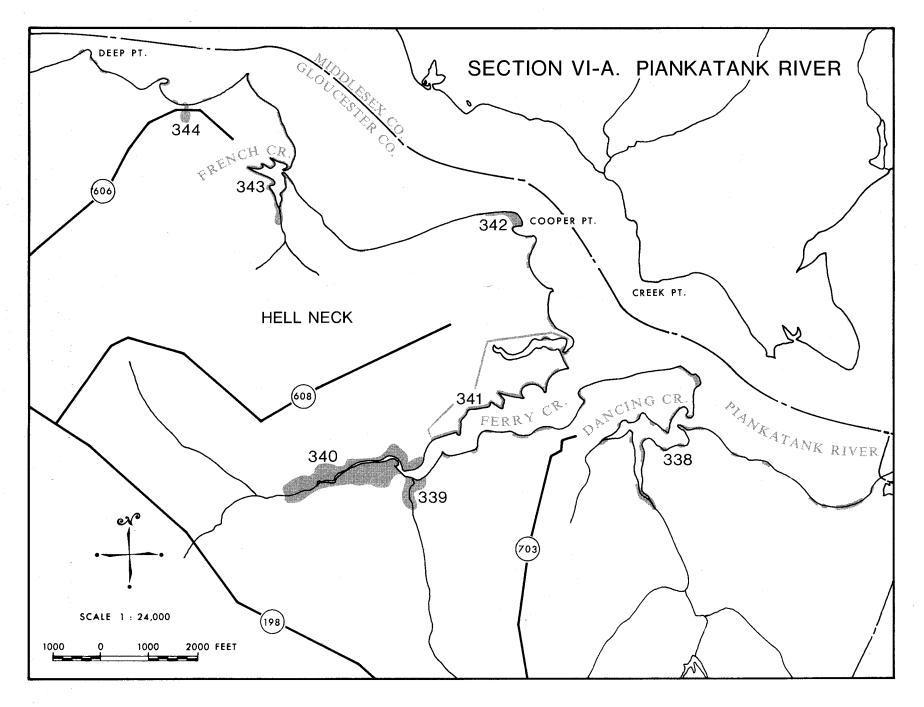
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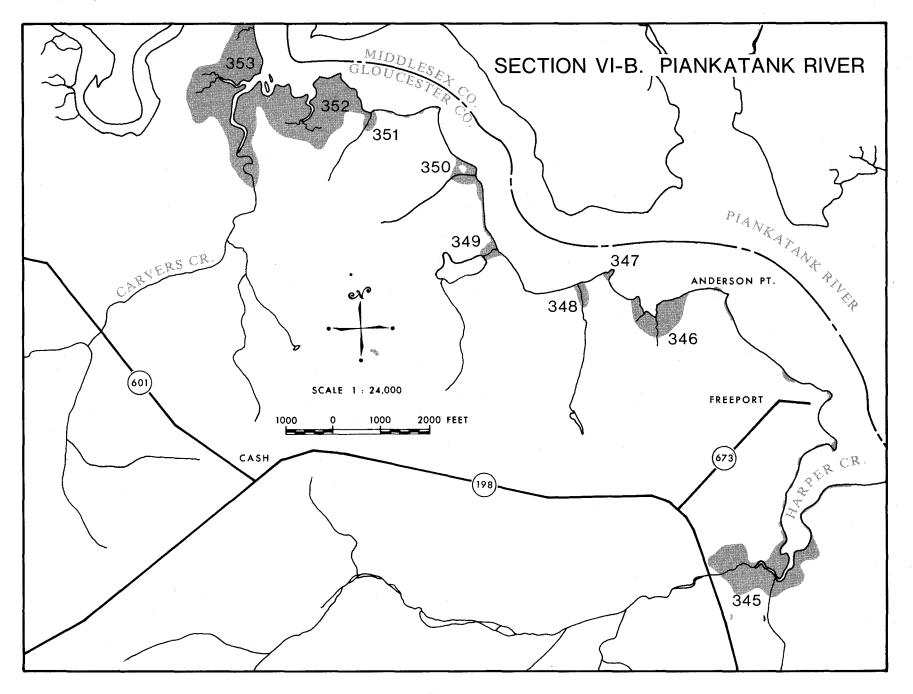
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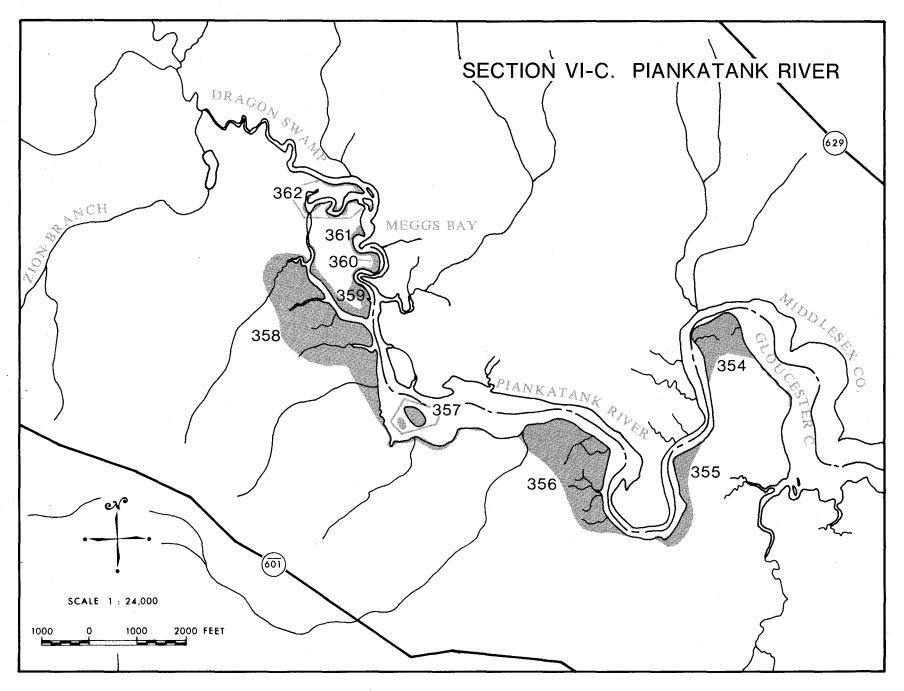
Piankatank River

The Piankatank River marks the northern border of Gloucester County and this section is illustrated using three map plates (A, B, C). The marsh species found within the wetlands of this section vary with distance upstream. The more downstream marshes are dominated by brackish water plants such as those found along the York, Severn, Ware and North Rivers. These include such species as saltmarsh cordgrass, big cordgrass, black needlerush, saltmeadow hay and saltbush. The most upstream areas, however, are so reduced in salinity that the marshes are dominated by freshwater plants. These marshes include a great diversity of species such as wild rice, pickerelweed, softstem bulrush and smartweeds. The only other area in Gloucester County with such an abundance of freshwater tidal marsh is the upper section of the Poropotank River (Section I).

The upper portion of the Piankatank River eventually grades into woody swamp known as "Dragon Run". Tidal influence is evident upstream past the upper limits of open, freshwater marsh, but the extent of this tidal effect varies both with season and with the local weather conditions. For example, during a very high tide which might happen to coincide with a period of heavy rain, a "backing up" of the rainwater runoff would produce a tidal effect far upstream of that found in normal situations. Since the woody swamp found here includes the tree bald cypress, Taxodium distichum, as well as an occasional understory of other species which are listed in the Virginia Wetlands Act, those areas of swamp which are contiguous to the tidal marshes and meet the elevational requirements of the Act are to be considered "wetlands". To determine these areas, an accurate elevational and tidal datum survey would be required. Therefore, those areas with only marsh-type vegetation are included in this inventory.







Section VI. Piankatank River

#	Marsh Location	Total Acres		Saltmarsh Cordgrass	Saltmeadow Hay	Saltgrass	Saltbushes	Black Needlerush	Big Cordgrass	Saltmarsh Bulrush	Cattails	Water-hemp	Marsh Hibiscus	Switch Grass	Saltmarsh Aster	Sea Oxeye	Sea Lavender	Saltmarsh Fimbristylis	Saltwort	Marsh Mallow	Smartweeds	Pickerelweed Arrow Arum	Olney Threesquare	Beggar Ticks	Wild Rice	Jewel Weed	Other	Observations	Marsh Type
338	Dancing Creek	0.25	%	65	5	5	10	10			5																	Cove with intermittent cord- grass fringe and several	r
			acres	0.16	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02			0.01												:					small pocket marshes.	
339	Ferry Creek	3	%	30	5	-	40		10		5	5	-		5						-							Small pocket marsh; saltbushes and saltmeadow hay dominate	XII
555	Felly Cleek	.	acres	0.9	0.2	-	1.2		0.3		0.2	0.2	-		0.2	1												upstream section of marsh.	
			%	65	5	3	-5	·	2	5	10	5																Large creek marsh at head of Ferry Creek; grades upstream	
340	Ferry Creek	25	acres	16.2	1.2	0.8	1.2		0.5	1.2	2.5	1.2	-															from brackish marsh to swamp.	I
			%	80	10	-	10	-	-		-				-													Intermittent fringing marsh	
341	Ferry Creek	0.50		0.40	0.05		0.05	-	-		-				-		-											along both sides of creek; average width 3 ft.	I
			%	30	10	-	40	10	5					5			-											Point marsh; saltmarsh cord-	
342	Cooper Point	1	acres	0.30	0.10	-	0.40	0.10	0.05					0.05			-											grass fringe with saltbushes behind.	XII
			%	50	5	-	25	5	5		5				5													Cove marsh; fringed with salt- marsh cordgrass; two small	
343	French Creek	1	acres	0.50	0.05	-	0.25	0.05	0.05		0,05				0.05													pocket marshes are included	I
	Piankatank		%	5	-		50		5		20		10							10								Small pocket marsh; tidal	
344	River	1	acres	0.05	-	-	0.50		0.05		0.20		0.10							0.1								flow restricted somewhat by road	IV
			%	15	8	2	15	2	40	-	3	10	3		2	-												Pocket marsh; grades to	
345	Harper Creek	33	acres	5.0	2.6	0.7	5.0	0.7	13.2		1.0	3.3	1.0		0.7	-				-								woody swamp near Rt. 198.	XII

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346	Piankatank River	12	%	10	20	20	10	20	10	10																		Pocket marsh; part of marsh has been filled for the con-	XII
			acres	1.2	2.4	2.4	1.2	2.4	1.2	1.2																		struction of power line towers.	
	Piankatank		%	20	15	5	10	20	25				-		-					-							f,5 g,-	Small spit marsh; some fring-	XII
347	River	0.50		0.10	0.08	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.12				-		-					-							£,.02 g,-	ing spikerush evident.	
			%	10	5	-	5	2	60		5	3	5	5														Pocket marsh berm of pine and	
348	Piankatank River	2	acres	0.2	0.1	-	0.1	-	1.2		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1						1		-						saltbush across front.	▼ .
	Piankatank		%	10	5	-	20	5	30	5	15		5	5														Pocket marsh; backside of	
349	River -	2	acres	0.2	0.1	-	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.3		0.1	0.1														marsh dammed to form pond.	XII
	Piankatank		%	5	10	5	5	5	65		-	2	3	-														Pocket marsh; cordgrass fringe	
350	River	3	acres	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	2.0		-	0.1	0.1	-														along river; big cordgrass dominates interior.	V
	Piankatank		%	20	-	-	5		40	10	20		5						-			Γ						Pocket marsh; dominated by	
351	River	2	acres	0.4	-	-	0.1		0.8	0.2	0.4		0.1															brackish water species; cat- tails along uplands.	XII
	Carvers		%	10	5	5	10	1	30	20	-	2	5	1	5						3	2					h,1	Large fringing marsh; first	
352	Creek	42	acres	4.2	2.1	2.1	4.2	0.4	12.6	8.4	-	0.8	2.1	0.4	2.1						1.3	0.8					h,0.4	evidence of low elevation, freshwater species.	XII
1	Carvers		. %	10	-		5		60	3	3	-	2				` .			2	3	5					d,1 b,1	h,2 Creek marsh; interior a,2 dominated by big cord-	
353	Carvers Creek	54	acres	5.4	-		2.7		32.4	1.6	1.6	-	1.1							1.1	1.6	2.7					d,0.5 b,0.5	h,1.1 grass; grades upstream to	V

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354	Piankatank River	18	% acres	10 1.8	10 1.8	5	5	5	45 8.1	10 1.8	3 0.5		-	2	5						-				· · ·				marsh; dominated by with areas of high	XII
355	Piankatank River	11	% acres		5 0.6				40 4.4		30 3.3		5 0.6	2								5 0.6					h,3 h,0.3	Fringing of cattai	marsh; large stand ls.	XII
356	Piankatank River	59	% acres	5 3.0	-				10 5.9		15 8.8		5 3.0	1 0.6							15 8.8	15 8.8		5 3.0	15 8.8		a,5 d,5 h,- a,3.0 d,3.0	of saltma water spe	marsh; small fringe sh cordgrass; fresh- cies dominate the section.	xI
357	Piankatank River	4	% acres	5 0.2				-			20 0.8		5 0.2	2 0.1	-							25 1.0			25 1.0				islands; some shrubs E elevations.	XI
358	Piankatank River	70	% acres										10 7.0		2					·	10 7.0	5 3.5		2	15 10.5		a,3.5	h,2 in	eshwater creek marsh; cerior section grades ck to woody swamp.	XI
359	Piankatank River	7	% acres								15 1.0	5 0.4	5 0.4	2 0.1							10	15 1.0		3 0.2	20		a,10 b,5 c.5	d,- g,5 Larg	e marsh fringe that ers channel; exten- woody swamp behind.	XI
360	Piankatank River	2	% acres								15 0.3	5 0.1	5 0.1	2							10 0.2	15 0.3	5 	3	20 0.4		a,10 b,5 c,5 a,0.2 b,0.1 c,0.1	d,- g,5 d,- wo	inge marsh; grades ck to extensive ody swamp.	XI
361	Piankatank River	1	% acres								25 0.25	5 0.05	5 0.05	2	2						15 0.15	10 5 0.10		5 0.05	15 5 0.15		c,u1 a,10 b,3 g,5 a,0.1 b,.03 g,.05	Small spi grades in	t and fringe marsh; to woody swamp.	XI

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36	2	Piankatank River	1	%								5	3	10	-	-						20	5		15	10		e,10 c,10 g,2 e,0.1 c.0.1	a,10 <u>d,-</u> a,0.1	Inter marsh woody	along	nt frin g chann d behin	el with	XI
	-			acres	12	3	2	5	1	24	4	0.05 14	0.03 3	0.10 4	-	- 2		_			-	0.20 6	0.05 5		0.15 1	0.10 6		g,.02 a,2 b,1 c,-	a,0.1 d,- d,1 e,- f,-	g,- h,1				$\left - \right $
		Total Section VI	355.			11,7		18.5		83.5								-			1.2	20.4				22.4		e,8.7 b,4.0 c,0.6	1, d,4.9 e,0.1 f,.02					
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·	-	County			256.5	690.7	920.1	435.3	944.9	264.2	77.7	104.3	15.8	25.2	20.5	32.8	18.3	22.6	20.2	36.9	1.6	23.1	35.5	-	8.9	40.3	2.2	a,8.7 b,4.0	c,5.8 d,7.1	e,0.1 f,0.2	g,0.0	i,0.6 j,-	κ,-	
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