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Streamshore Ecosystem

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This is the group of communities bordering and directly influenced by the open-water portion of a stream (first-order through third or fourth-order). It includes vegetated aquatic communities as well as the emergent and bordering communities. Most communities are palustrine; streams are generally too small to exert many disturbance effects on adjacent terrestrial areas. Terrestrial forests bordering streams are included under forested upland ecosystems.

Natural Communities Associated with Streamshore Ecosystem

- [Alder Shrub Thicket](#)
- [Bluejoint Meadow](#)
- [Bulrush Bed](#)
- [Cattail Marsh](#)
- [Mixed Graminoid - Shrub Marsh](#)
- [Mixed Tall Sedge Fen](#)
- [Northern White Cedar Swamp](#)
- [Pickerelweed - Macrophyte Aquatic Bed](#)
- [Red Maple - Sensitive Fern Swamp](#)
- [Silver Maple Floodplain Forest](#)
- [Sweetgale Mixed Shrub Fen](#)
- [Tussock Sedge Meadow](#)
- [Water-lily - Macrophyte Aquatic Bed](#)

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