

Definitions

The following definitions were developed specifically for these riparian mapping conventions.

Dominant	The vegetative species or life form either controlling or most prevalent in the immediate environment. For these conventions, considered to be at least 30 percent vegetative cover.
Emergent	A species that is erect and rooted with an herbaceous stem.
Forested	Woody vegetation greater than 6 meters in height.
Growth form	Generally related to vigorous health, compactness, crowding, and/or numbers of individuals.
Intermittent	A stream that flows only at certain times of the year or an area where the substrate is usually exposed, but surface water is present for variable periods without a detectable seasonal pattern.
Lentic	Related to or living in standing water.
Lotic	Related to or living in flowing water.
Perennial	A stream that flows continuously or an area where water covers the land surface throughout the year in all years.
Scrub/Shrub	Woody vegetation less than 6 meters in height.
Wetland	Lands transitional between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is usually at or near the surface or the land is covered by shallow water.