**Bankfull Bench**

Usually found in disturbed / incised streams, common in the piedmont
Part of evolutionary process associated with channel adjustment
Floodplain is trying to rebuild itself

Photo: STREAM ATTRIBUTE ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY (SAAM)
(Piedmont Physiographic Region), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District
Stream Determination Scoring

Continuity of channel bed and bank

Sinuosity of channel along thalweg
In-channel structure
Particle size of stream substrate

Active/relict floodplain

Depositional bars or benches
Recent alluvial deposits

(fine sediment has washed out into floodplain under the green stuff)
Natural Valley

Hydrologic position in the watershed
**This brief presentation does not make you certified to make “stream determinations”!**

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- Or contact the Div. of Water Resources.

For any other type of activity:
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