

Trumbull Wetlands Preserve

Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties, Ohio

According to the Ohio EPA's Wetland Restoration and Mitigation Strategy Blueprint (1999), the Grand River Lowlands area has some of the state's highest quality wetlands and is believed to be the "most biologically diverse area of any of the Lake Erie drainages." The Grand River itself has been designated as a Special Project Area by the NRCS and as having the highest diversity of fish and mussels of any waterbody its size in the entire Lake Erie watershed. This conservation project will permanently protect up to 590 acres of what is believed to be one of the largest unprotected and high priority properties within the Grand River Lowlands geographic area.

The site's Category 3 wetlands have a remarkable ORAM score of 96. It also contains 1,802 linear feet of Grand River mainstem (near where it is designated an Ohio State Wild and Scenic River) and thousands of feet of tributary to the Grand River. The diversity of habitats is stunning and includes young forest successional bog habitat, rare lake plain swamp wooded wetlands, wet meadow with standing dead timber, open water wetlands, and exceptional remnant oxbow wetlands and vernal pools.

The Cleveland Museum of Natural History has identified several State-listed species on the property, including the State-Threatened Walter St. John's-wort (*Triadenum walteri*), which is believed to be the sole identification within the Great Lakes Basin.

This property is at high risk of loss. The landowner is exploring, in addition to this conservation transaction, the potential for a convention center/hunting ranch or a gravel mine operation (the property is subject to an extraction permit), among other things.



A view of vast open water wetlands.



A large oxbow wetland.

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