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Land, Water, & Biodiversity & Conservation Efforts:

Manitou Wetland complex (Burton, Kern and Manitou Islands preserves)

Several wetland communities are found within the preserve. Many acres of high-quality marshland are covered with cattails, lily pads, bulrushes, reed grass and other grasses, sedges and Aquatic flowers. Here and there forested islands jut up out of the marshland. Higher islands are forested with oaks and hickories, and low islands with tamarack trees.

Wildlife abounds on the preserve. Marshland birds such as marsh wrens, rails, ducks, herons, red-winged blackbirds, and swamp sparrows are found throughout. Migration time brings even more waterfowl into the area. Muskrats, mink, deer, raccoon, skunks, and opossum are among the many animals that may be seen. ¹

Environmental Profile: Fulton County, Indiana

Endangered Species:

Rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*)

The rabbitsfoot, a freshwater mussel, is a threatened species. It is found in rivers and streams in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and West Virginia. We estimate that it has been lost from about 64 percent of its historical range. While 51 of 140 historical populations are still present, only 11 populations are viable; 23 populations are at risk of extirpation and 17 populations do not seem to be reproducing at a level that can sustain the populations. Most of the existing rabbitsfoot populations are marginal to small and isolated.²