PRESETTLEMENT VEGETATION
OF KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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This map represents the vegetation of Kalamazoo County, Michigan, as it existed in the pre-settlement period. The map is based on historical records and archaeological evidence, and it shows the distribution of various vegetation types across the county. The map uses different colors and symbols to indicate the vegetation types, such as prairies, oak savannas, oak forests, and various types of swamps. It also includes a legend at the bottom of the map to explain the symbols used.

The prairies, which were once widespread, are shown in yellow. These areas were characterized by tall grasses and wildflowers. Oak savannas, shown in light green, are areas with scattered oak trees and open grassland. Oak forests, shown in dark green, are more closed-canopy forests with a mix of oak species. The swamps, shown in different shades of brown and purple, indicate wetland areas with various plant communities.

The map is a valuable resource for understanding the ecological history of Kalamazoo County and the changes that have occurred since the pre-settlement period.