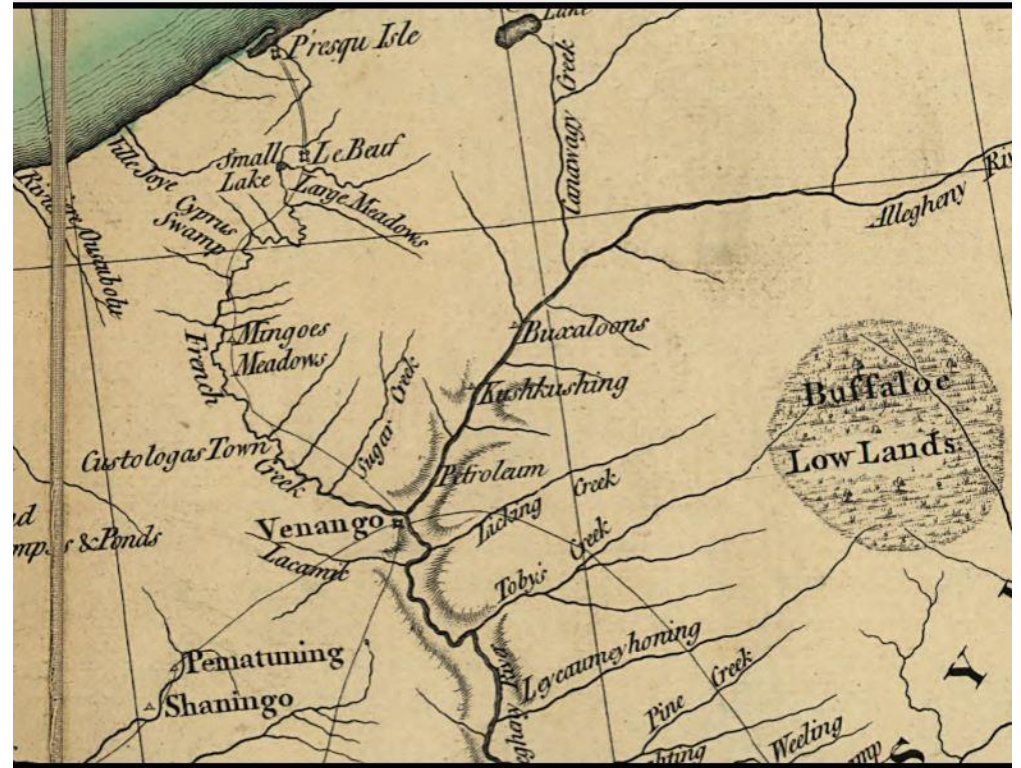


# Historic environments along the Venango Path in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

- The valley bottoms of French Creek were wet.
  - Pine swamps, mires, more swamps
  - “...bad Travelling, through many Mires and Swamps” – Washington (1753).
- Extensive meadows and savannas with rich forest in the uplands.
- Hutchins mapped many historic environments, even a “cyprus” swamp.
- Can these vestiges of these environments be located today?



Detail from Thomas Hutchins' 1778 map for the Venango Path along French Creek.