Established under the Kammer Recreational Land Trust Fund Act of 1976 to provide a permanent funding source for the public acquisition of land for resource protection and public outdoor recreation.

Funding was provided by revenue derived from royalties on the sale and lease of state-owned oil, gas and mineral rights. This landmark piece of legislation came to fruition thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Michigan Oil and Gas Association, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and state legislators on behalf of all Michigan citizens. The MNRTF has contributed immeasurably to protecting our state's natural beauty and helped paved the way for wise and prudent development of our state's abundant energy resources.

To date, the MNRTF has awarded over $1 billion in grants to local units of government and state agencies for projects throughout all 83 counties.

Of this total, $196 million have been invested in trails. In excess of 1,000 public parks have been acquired and/or developed. Other projects funded include ball fields, tennis courts, trailheads, restrooms and other amenities, for a total of just under 2,200 MNRTF-assisted projects since 1976.

ALGER COUNTY has received more than $1,907,240 in 11 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has one currently recommended and pending legislative approval. Autrain County active or completed MNRTF Projects

AUTRAIN TOWNSHIP
- Au'Train Township Heritage Trailhead Development: $246,700

MUNISING TOWNSHIP
- McQuisten Park Boardwalk: $174,640
- McQuisten Park Boardwalk and Pier: $134,700
- Munising Twp. Rec. Area: $37,500

MUNISING
- Tourist Park Expansion: $210,500
- Munising Access Site–Anna River: $86,200
- Munising Bay Mt. Bike Trailhead: $194,100
- Munising Tourist Park: $200,000
- Munising City Marina: $315,000

DNR - PARKS & RECREATION DIV.
- Laughing Whitefish Falls Scenic Site Access Improvements: $300,000

BURT TOWNSHIP
- Carpenter Creek Beach: $7,900

RECOMMENDED PROJECTS:
(pending approval)

BURT TOWNSHIP
- Grand Marais Marina Restrooms/Shower & Fish Cleaning Station: $202,500
- West Side Park: $96,800

Applications for MNRTF assistance are accepted annually. For more information on the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund and the application process check out MI Rec Grants and Natural Resource Trust Fund Grants or contact Grants Management, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30424, Lansing MI 48909-7925, or call (517) 241-3687.