MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

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 pave 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.

ALLEGAN COUNTY has received more than $20,749,772 in 31 Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has one currently recommended and pending legislative approval. Allegan County ranks 9th in MNRTF grant money received.

Allegan County active or completed MNRTF Projects:

ALLEGAN COUNTY
- Gun Lake County Park: $155,881
- Dumont Lake County Park: $229,141
- Bysterveld County Park: $500,000
- Littlejohn Lake County Park: $96,000
- New Richmond Bridge Park: $382,800
- West Side Park: $300,000
- West Side Park: $96,800

FILLMORE TOWNSHIP
- Fillmore Twp Park Development: $201,000

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP
- Wolters Park: $225,000
- Laketown Dunes Acquisition: $600,000
- Township Hall Park Development: $50,000
- Wolter Woods Wildlife Corridor: $100,000

OTSEGO
- Brookside Park: $138,750

PLAINWELL
- Riverwalk: $321,000

SAUGATUCK
- Mt. Baldhead Park Stairway: $63,800
- Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area: $3,500,000
- Saugatuck Harbor Area - Phase II: $7,000,000

SALEM TOWNSHIP
- Salem Township Park: $23,600

WAYLAND
- Rabbit River Recreation Project: $130,000
- Rabbit River Park Development: $223,400

RECOMMENDED PROJECTS: (pending)

DNR - EXECUTIVE OFFICE
- Gate Property: $450,000

DNR - PARKS & REC DIVISION
- Saugatuck Dunes State Park Property: $400,000
- Saugatuck Dunes: $650,000

DNR - WILDLIFE DIVISION
- Allegan Property: $420,000

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.