The **MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND** was 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.

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.
Berrien County has received more than $15,424,163 in 38 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has four currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

Berrien County active or completed MNRTF Projects

BARODA TOWNSHIP
• Hess Lake Park Improvements: $256,000

BENTON HARBOR
• Union Field Park Improvements: $300,000
• Jean Klock Park: $375,000

BERRIEN COUNTY
• Galien River Cty Park: $832,500
• Galien River Cty Park: $500,000
• Silver Beach County Park: $300,000
• Love Creek County Park: $114,500
• Manion Property: $200,000
• Silver Beach County Park: $1,500,000
• Silver Beach Cty Park: $1,925,000
• Silver Beach Cty Park: $375,000

BERRIEN SPRINGS
• Shamrock Park: $43,350

BUCHANAN
• McCoy’s Creek Trail: $288,000

CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP
• Chikaming Township Park and Preserve Acquisition: $1,499,788
• Township Park and Preserve Development: $193,200

DNR - PARKS & RECREATION DIV.
• Grand Mere Dunes: $1,000,000
• Grand Mere Dunes: $225,000
• Bridgman Dunes: $2,250,000

DNR - WILDLIFE DIVISION
• Boyle Lake Property: $500,000

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP
• Lincoln Twp. Beach/Nature: $81,000

NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
• Kruger Road Park: $150,000
• Memorial Park Addition-2: $14,700

NILES
• Plym Park Trail: $170,500
• Riverfront Park Property: $90,000
• Riverfront Park Dock, Pier: $103,125

NILES TOWNSHIP
• Niles Community Park Expansion: $90,000
• Indiana-Mich. River Valley: $286,000

SAINT JOSEPH
• Lions Park Beach: $247,100
• Lookout Park Expansion: $145,000

SAINT JOSEPH TOWNSHIP
• Maiden Lane Park: $70,000
• MDOT Property Dev.: $102,000

VIL. OF BERRIEN SPRINGS
• Shamrock Park C’ground: $306,800

WATERVLIET
• Hays Park Improvements: $70,000
• Hays Park Project: $42,300
• Mill Creek Park Dev.: $114,000

WEESAW TOWNSHIP
• Weesaw Twp Park Acq.: $98,000

Recommended Projects (pending approval)

BERRIEN COUNTY
• Watervliet Cty Park-Trail Head for Paw Paw River Water Trail: $296,000
• NILES
• Niles City Trailhead: $220,000

NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP
• Niles Township IN-MI River Valley Trail: $300,000

VILLAGE OF EAU CLAIRE
• Village of Eau Claire Non-mot.: $214,400