



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 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.***

BENZIE COUNTY

Benzie County has **received more than \$11,701,453** in 21 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has one currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

Benzie County active or completed MNRTF Projects

ALMIRA

- Ann Lakefront Park Acquisition: \$478,100

ALMIRA TOWNSHIP

- Ransom Lake Natural Area: \$859,920
- Ransom Lake Natural Area: \$81,400

BENZIE COUNTY

- Railroad Point Natural Area Expansion: \$1,387,100
- Railroad Point-Crystal Lake: \$2,142,037
- Railroad Point Natural Area Addition, Crystal Lake: \$459,038
- Betsie Valley Trail-Trailhead Facilities: \$254,263
- Betsie Valley Trail: \$432,000

DNR - FISHERIES DIVISION

- Betsie River Access: \$228,800

DNR - FOREST RESOURCES DIV.

- Dair Creek Property: \$700,000

DNR - FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE

- Pearl Lake: \$180,000
- Platte Rivermouth: \$140,000
- Betsie Valley Trail Corridor: \$500,000
- DPearl Lake Property: \$911,050

DNR - PARKS & RECREATION

- Crystal Lake-Denton Property: \$850,000

ELBERTA

- South Elberta Dunes Natural Area Acquisition: \$1,158,800
- Ann Arbor Railroad Park/Betsie Valley Trail Head Development: \$314,545
- Elberta Historic Waterfront Trailhead Park-Phase II: \$258,000

FRANKFORT

- Lake Michigan Beach Park Restoration: \$92,000

LONG LAKE TOWNSHIP

- Cedar Run Creek Parking: \$46,900
- VILLAGE OF BEULAH
- Crystal Lake Waterfront: \$227,500

