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 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 - 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