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.*
Gogebic County has received more than $4,560,900 in 25 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has two currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

**Gogebic County active or completed MNRTF Projects**

**BESSEMER**
- Mary Street Ethnic Commons & Trailhead Project: $279,900
- Bluff Valley Park Development: $45,000

**DNR - PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION**
- Presque Isle River Acquisition: $430,000

**GOGBIC COUNTY**
- Little Girl’s Point Improvements: $235,500
- Ironwood to Bessemer Trail Project: $295,000
- Lake Gogebic Dock Rehabilitation: $86,300

**IRONWOOD**
- Recreation Trail: $6,900
- Hiawatha Rotary Skate Park: $46,300
- Depot Recreation Park & Trailhead Improvements: $295,000
- Michigan’s Western Gateway Trail Improvements: $225,000
- Curry Park Improvements: $37,500
- Depot Park Playground: $37,500
- Norrie Park Riverside Improvements: $53,700

**IRONWOOD TOWNSHIP**
- Airport Recreation Park Improvements: $291,400
- Lost Lake Wilderness: $270,000
- Lost Lake Park: $40,000

**MARENISCO TOWNSHIP**
- Donald McKenzie Memorial Park Enhancements: $295,000

**WAKEFIELD**
- Southwest Lakeshore Development: $136,000
- Sunday Lake Trail and Eddy Park Improvements: $147,700
- Eddy Park Improvements: $112,500
- Sunday Lake Improvements: $69,000

**WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP**
- Central Agonikak National Recreation Trail Enhancement: $240,000
- North Agonikak National Rec. Trail Enhancement: $500,000
- S. Agonikak National Recreation Trail Enhancement Development: $276,800
- Whitefish Trail Restoration Project: $108,000
- Recommended Projects (pending approval)

**BESSEMER TOWNSHIP**
- Iron Belle Trailhead and Memorial Park Renovation: $294,800

**DNR PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION**
- Iron Belle Trail – Cottens Property: $500,000