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.*
Gratiot County has received more than $1,383,500 in 9 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF).

Gratiot County active or completed MNRTF Projects

ALMA
• Riverwalk Extension Project: $288,800
• Park Access Enhancement Project: $91,300
• Riverwalk Connector-Ph. I: $25,500

DNR - FISHERIES DIVISION
• Pine River Property: $42,000

GRATIOT COUNTY
• Reed County Park Improvements: $495,000

ITHACA
• McNabb Park Land Acquisition: $40,700
• McNabb Park Site Development: $183,700

SAINT LOUIS
• Leppien Park Improvements: $161,000
• Westgate Park Development-Phase I: $55,500