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**.
Houghton County has received more than $2,712,500 in 30 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has one currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

- Houghton County active or completed MNRTF Projects

**CALUMET**
- Lions Club Park Nature Trail: $20,400

**CALUMET CHARTER TOWNSHIP**
- Railroad Depot Acquisition: $80,000

**CALUMET TOWNSHIP**
- Lakeshore Park Restroom Facility: $42,000
- Swedetown Recreation Area Acquisition: $105,200
- Lake Superior Park Expansion: $14,000
- Calumet Lions Park Trail Improvements: $29,000
- Swedetown Trails Land Acquisition: $209,475
- Lakeshore Park Improvements: $27,225

**CHASSELL TOWNSHIP**
- Chassell Township Park: $98,800

**DNR - FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE MANAGEMENT**
- Hancock-Calumet Trail: $78,000
- Hungarian Falls: $21,000

**DNR - PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION**
- Douglass Houghton Waterfall Acquisition: $600,000

**HANCOCK**
- Portage Lake Waterfront Boardwalk Addition: $70,000
- Navy Street Park Boardwalk Dev.: $262,500

**HOUGHTON**
- College Avenue Park: $16,800

- Houghton Nara Nature Trail Phase II: $49,000
- Waterfront Land Acquisition: $390,000
- Central Houghton Greenspace Nature Area: $80,500
- Lakefront West Beach: $187,000
- Nara Park: $48,000

**LAKE LINDEN**
- 2001 Recreation Area Improvements: $26,000
- Dock and Parking Improvement: $20,000

**OSCEOLA TOWNSHIP**
- Osceola Township Sandy Bottom Park: $46,000
- Electric Park Land Acquisition: $27,000
- Dollar Bay Ball Field: $25,500
- Dollar Bay Ballfield: $38,000

**SOUTH RANGE**
- Vets Memorial Park Expansion: $15,000

**STANTON TOWNSHIP**
- North Shore Park: $37,500
- Oskar Bay Recreation Center: $26,100

**TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP**
- Hubbell Launch Site: $22,500
- Recommended Projects (pending approval)

**HANCOCK**
- Hancock Waterfront Recreational Pier: $294,000