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.
Ionia County has received more than $4,007,160 in 23 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has three currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

**Ionia County active or completed MNRTF Projects**

**BELDING**
- Belding Pathway: $211,640
- Silk City Nature Trail: $166,400
- Lightning Bend Preserve Addition: $226,700
- Silk City Nature Trail Extension: $274,800

**DNR PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION**
- Ionia Recreation Area Beachhouse: $320,000

**DNR - WILDLIFE DIVISION**
- Ionia County Mini Game Area: $200,000
- Ionia County Mini-Game Area: $250,000

**IONIA**
- Rail Corridor and Trestle: $37,500
- Ionia Grand Rivetrail: $269,350

**IONIA COUNTY**
- Green View Point Park Improvements: $144,700
- Rail-Trail Development: $300,000

**LAKE ODESSA**
- Lake Odessa Municipal Beach Development: $200,000

**PEWAMO**
- Pewamo Trailhead Development: $85,200

**PORTLAND**
- Portland Trail Connector Loop: $284,800
- Two Rivers Park Addition: $82,500
- Rivertrail Park: $244,200

**SARANAC**
- Community Park Development: $165,470
- Riverwalk Park: $59,500
- Saranac Boat/Canoe Launch: $10,400
- Scheid Park Expansion: $36,000

**VILLAGE OF LYONS**
- Hazel Devore Park Improvements: $164,000

**VILLAGE OF MUIR**
- CIS Trail Spur and Pedestrian Bridge: $200,000

**VILLAGE OF SARANAC**
- Boat Launch Park Land: $74,000
- Recommended Projects (pending approval)
  - City of Ionia Trailhead Park: $221,800
  - Jordan Lake Trail: $300,000

**ODESSA TOWNSHIP**
- Jordan Lake Trail: $300,000

**VILLAGE OF SARANAC**
- Boat Launch Park - Trailhead Addition & Park Improvements: $181,500