



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.***

IRON COUNTY

Iron County has received more than **\$1,941,890** in 17 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has two currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

Iron County active or completed MNRTF Projects

BATES TOWNSHIP

- Bates Township Park Improvements: \$155,900

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- Iron River Frontage Acquisition: \$13,300
- Apple Blossom Trail Extension: \$134,900
- Fishing Quarry Park Development: \$48,800
- Apple Blossom Trail: \$84,000

CRYSTAL FALLS

- Crystella Ski Hill: \$16,800
- Paint River Walk: \$167,090

CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP

- Gibson Lake Park Improvements: \$179,500

DNR - FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE MANAGEMENT

- Net River Wetlands: \$28,200

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- Restroom Facilities Development: \$64,200
- Recreational Complex Viewing & Parking Improvements: \$37,000

IRON COUNTY

- Pentoga Park Campground Improvements: \$90,000
- Iron County Heritage Trail: \$500,000
- Iron County Fairground: \$58,000

IRON RIVER

- Apple Blossom Trail River Walkway: \$86,700
- Nelson Field Accessibility Improvements: \$49,900
- Iron River Waterfront: \$227,600
- Recommended Projects (pending approval)

CRYSTAL FALLS

- Runkle Lake Park Improvements: \$155,900

HEMATITE TOWNSHIP

- Joe Mechon Memorial Park Improvements: \$116,600