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 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

**CASPIAN**
- 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

**GAASTRA**
- 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