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.
Kalamazoo County has received more than $6,685,600 in 30 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has three currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

**Kalamazoo County active or completed MNRTF Projects**

**COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP**
- Robert Morris Park Development: $300,000
- River Villa Preserve: $82,500

**DNR - FISHERIES DIVISION**
- Augusta Creek: $298,000

**DNR PARKS & RECREATION DIV**
- Kal-Haven Trail Phase II: $250,000

**GALESBURG**
- Ike Payne Park Improvements: $162,200
- Community Park Improvements: $266,600

**KALAMAZOO**
- Woods Lake Park Improvements: $363,200
- Arcadia Creek: $500,000
- Vine Neighborhood Land: $37,500
- VerSluis/Dickinson Park Renovations: $500,000

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY**
- River Oaks County Park Improvements: $300,000
- KRVT Portage Creek Trail: $300,000
- Markin Glen Beach and Roads: $300,000

**KALAMAZOO TOWNSHIP**
- Grand Prairie Golf Course: $45,000
- Markin Glen River Access/Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway: $57,000

**OSHTEMO CHARTER TOWNSHIP**
- Flesher Field Park Improvements: $300,000

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- Oshtemo Township Park Development: $489,000
- Flesher Field Park Improvements: $300,000
- Grange Hall Playground Improvements: $30,000
- Oshtemo Township Park: $117,600

**PARCHMENT**
- Riverfront Park: $71,900

**PORTAGE**
- Lakeview Park Development: $200,000
- West Lake Nature Preserve: $100,000
- Ramona Park Improvements: $150,000
- Bishop’s Bog Preserve Trail: $150,000
- Portage Creek Bicentennial Park Trail Development: $113,000

**TEXAS TOWNSHIP**
- Farmer’s Market Trailhead/Mini-Park: $287,800
- Texas Drive Non-Motorized Trail Extension: $300,000

**VICKSBURG**
- Vicksburg Recreational Park: $131,300
- Vicksburg Recreation Area: $183,000
- Recommended Projects (pending approval)
  - COMSTOCK TOWNSHIP
  - Merrill Park Improvement Project: $300,000
- KALAMAZOO COUNTY
- Markin Glen County Park Improvement Project: $192,000

**PORTAGE**
- Portage South Central Trail Phase II: $291,500