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.*
Mackinac County has received more than $9,387,550 in 23 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has one currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

**Mackinac County active or completed MNRTF Projects**

**CLARK TOWNSHIP**
- Clark Township Beach: $95,300
- Township Swimming/Beach Area: $40,500

**DNR - FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE MANAGEMENT**
- Seiners Point Wild Area: $35,000
- Bethlehem Steel Property: $1,820,000
- Point Patterson: $500,000
- Ryerse Lake Bog: $45,000

**DNR - WILDLIFE DIVISION**
- Bethlehem Steel Property: $2,829,900
- DNRE - MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMISSION
- Spring Trail Upgrade: $50,000

**MACKINAC ISLAND STATE PARK COMISSION**
- Mackinac Island State Park Land Acquisition: $500,000
- Acquisition on Mackinac Island: $200,000
- Old Mackinac Point Light Station Improvements: $189,000
- Mackinac Island Land Acquisition: $1,000,000
- Mackinac Island State Park Land Acquisition: $500,000

**SAINT IGNACE**
- American Legion Park: $160,600
- Huron Boardwalk: $137,500
- Chief Wawatam Park Development: $134,000
- Marquette Among the Huron: $126,000
- Little Bear East Recreation Park Development: $280,000
- Waterfront Park Extension: $273,000
- Railroad Acquisition: $217,500
- American Legion Memorial Park Development: $67,000
- Kiwanis Beach Development: $94,250
- Dock #3 Park Development: $93,000
- Recommended Projects (pending approval)

**CLARK TOWNSHIP**
- Cedarville Harbor: $294,800