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.
Muskegon County has received more than $11,449,145 in 49 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has two currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

Muskegon County active or completed MNRTF Projects

DALTON TOWNSHIP
- Beegle Field Acquisition: $30,000

DNR - FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE
- Ottawa-Muskegon Trail: $250,000
- Musketawa Trail: Muskegon-Ravenna: $150,000

DNR PARKS & RECREATION
- Hoffmaster State Park Visitor Center Expansion: $499,360

DNR - WILDLIFE DIVISION
- Herman Properties-Ph. II: $550,000
- Herm Property Co’s Farm: $550,000
- Arends Farm: $550,000

EGELSTON TOWNSHIP
- Sunset Beach Recreational Improvements: $82,100
- Wolf Lake Park: $48,000

FRUITPORT TOWNSHIP
- Sheringer Soccer Park Improvements: $213,900

HOLTON TOWNSHIP
- Holton Recreation and Nature Center: $49,600

LAKETON TOWNSHIP
- Bear Lake Road Non-Motorized Trail Development: $300,000

LAKWOOD
- Fox Lake Park Improvements: $45,000

LAKEWOOD CLUB
- Fox Lake Park Improvements: $49,100

MONTAGUE
- Maple Beach Park: $135,060

MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP
- Harvey Property Purchase: $703,000

MUSKEGON
- Muskegon Lakeshore Trail: $500,000
- Smith-Ryerson Park Improvements: $433,400
- Bronson Park Development: $375,000
- Lakeshore Trail-Phase I: $375,000

MUSKEGON CHARTER TOWNSHIP
- Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail Development: $300,000

MUSKEGON COUNTY
- Blue Lake Park Renovations: $115,200
- Pioneer County Park: $224,000
- Meinert County Park Property Acquisition: $428,300
- Rotary Park Development: $150,800
- Pioneer Park Playground Equipment: $37,500
- Muskegon Lakefront Redevelopment: $400,000
- Heritage Landing Waterfront: $375,000
- Twin Lake Park Development: $187,500
- Twin Lake Park: $227,500

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS
- Mona Lake Park Renovations: $500,000
- Mona Lake Park: $65,000

MUSKEGON TOWNSHIP
- Muskegon Softball World: $300,000

NORTH MUSKEGON
- Block 58 Lakeshore Park Improvement: $208,000
- North Muskegon Property Acquisition: $167,500
- West End Park Playground Development: $120,000

NORTON SHORES
- Black Lake Park Expansion: $38,200
- Lake Harbor Park Expansion: $50,000
- Hines Property Acquisition: $146,800
- Lake Harbor Park Expansion: $190,125

ROOSEVELT PARK
- Community Center Park Renovation: $45,000
- Delmar Playfield Renovation: $28,300
- Fordham Street Playfield Improvements: $15,000

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP
- Barrier Dunes Sanctuary: $126,000
- Barrier Dunes Sanctuary Addition: $300,000

WHITEHALL
- White Lake Pathway: $426,600
- Goodrich Park Renovations: $90,500
- White Lake Pathway South End: $254,700
- Svensson Park Development: $43,100

Recommended Projects (pending approval)

LAKETON TOWNSHIP
- Horton Park Improvements: $300,000

MUSKEGON
- Pere Marquette Park Improvements: $220,700