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.
Ogemaw County has received more than $1,274,000 in 9 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF).

Ogemaw County active or completed MNRTF Projects
DNR - PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION
- River Recreation Area: $300,000
MILLS TOWNSHIP
- Skidway Lake Boardwalk Development: $251,000
- Elbow Lake Park Improvements: $270,000
OGEMAW COUNTY
- Ogemaw Hills Recreation Complex: $68,000
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
- Hardwood Lake Campground Improvements: $32,600
ROSE CITY
- Houghton Creek Park: $33,000
WEST BRANCH
- North River Trail Development: $171,600
- Irons Park Rivertrail: $40,000
- Rivertrail Construction: $107,800