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*. 
Tuscola County has received more than $1,414,200 in 9 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF).

**Tuscola County active or completed MNRTF Projects**

**CARO**
- Chippewa Landing Park and Trail Improvements: $369,400

**DNR - WILDLIFE DIVISION**
- Murphy Lake State Game Area: $30,000

**SOUTHERN LINKS TRAILWAY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**
- Southern Links Trailway Management Council: $500,000

**TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP**
- Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development: $32,700
- Tuscola Township Park Acquisition: $100,000

**VASSAR**
- Cass River Greenway Water Trail Development: $42,600
- Vassar Riverside Park: $84,000
- Vassar Riverside Park: $126,000
- Bikeway/Walkway Rail Trail: $129,500