



# 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.***

# VAN BUREN COUNTY

Van Buren County has received more than **\$10,019,300** in 21 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has 3 currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

## ***Van Buren County active or completed MNRTF Projects***

### **BANGOR**

- Black River Heritage Trail and Boardwalk Project: \$252,800
- Veterans Park and Kiwanis Park Additions: \$37,800
- Bangor Park: \$61,500

### **DNR - FISHERIES DIVISION**

- Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Development: \$295,000

### **DNR - PARKS & RECREATION**

- Paw Paw to Hartford Multi-Use Trail Partnership: \$750,000
- Kal-Haven Trail State Park: \$700,000
- Kal-Haven Trail Development: \$263,000
- Amicus Corp.-Van Buren SP: \$2,200,000

### **DNR - WILDLIFE DIVISION**

- Porter Township SGA Land Initiative: \$1,800,000

### **HARTFORD**

- Ely Park Improvement: \$29,600
- PAW PAW
- Community Park Development: \$169,900

### **SOUTH HAVEN**

- South Beach Improvements: \$250,000
- Elkenburg Park Improvements:

\$254,800

- South Beach Park Extension: \$665,000
- Van Buren Trail Connection Development: \$217,400
- Black River Park Skid Pier Replacement: \$37,500
- North Beach Park Improvements: \$300,000
- South Shore Recreation Area: \$601,000
- Dyckman & Packard Beach: \$84,000

### **SOUTH HAVEN AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY**

- Pilgrim Haven Development Project: \$50,000

### **SOUTH HAVEN TOWNSHIP**

- Deerlick Creek Park Acquisition: \$1,000,000
- Recommended Projects (pending approval)

### **DNR MICHIGAN HISTORICAL CENTER**

- Kal-Haven Trail Interpretation Project: \$46,300

### **SOUTH HAVEN AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY**

- Pilgrim Haven Development Project Phase II: \$100,000
- 14th Ave. Parcel Acquisition: \$300,000