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 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
- 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