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*. 
Calhoun County has received more than $4,535,876 in 17 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF).

*Calhoun County active or completed MNRTF Projects*

**ALBION**
- Stoffer Plaza Improvements: $55,500
- Kalamazoo Riverfront Trail Acquisitions: $56,250
- Rieger Park Swimming and Beach Project: $127,500
- Albion River Trail Expansion Project: $294,000
- Riverfront Development: $45,500

**BATTLE CREEK**
- Bailey Park Improvements: $229,300
- Willard Park Beach Relocation: $300,000
- Lineal Park: $995,000
- Bailey Park Renovation: $375,000
- Southside Park Land Purchase (Lakeview Woodland Park): $500,000

**CALHOUN COUNTY**
- Calhoun County Trailway: $500,000
- Ott Preserve Improvements: $231,962

**HOMER**
- Lakefront Park Improvements: $89,690

**MARSHALL**
- Riverwalk Development: $191,444
- Waterfront Trail Development: $157,500
- Marshall Riverfront Trail-Stage III: $29,230
- Riverfront Trail-Stage II: $358,000