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.
Charlevoix County has received more than $7,861,980 in 22 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has three currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

Charlevoix County active or completed MNRTF Projects

**BAY TOWNSHIP**
- Eagle Island/Walloon Lake: $90,000

**BOYNE CITY**
- Riverside Park Annex Acquisition: $48,600
- Boyne River Walk Project: $187,925

**CHARLEVOIX**
- Wharfside Building Acquisition: $500,000
- Ferry Avenue Beach Expansion: $132,000
- Ferry Beach Park: $215,700
- Depot Beach Park Land Acquisition: $224,155
- Michigan Beach Park Improvements: $270,100

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**
- Whiting Park Universal Access Improvements: $232,500
- Boyne City to US-31 Trail: $300,000
- Butler Trust Property: $214,200
- Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-Motorized Trail: $300,000
- Thumb Lake Beach Acquisition: $400,000

**CHARLEVOIX SCHOOLS**
- Beaver Island Lighthouse: $33,800

**CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP**
- North Point Sand Dunes: $400,000

**DNR - FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE MANAGEMENT**
- Bear River Parcel Conservation Easement: $280,000
- Little Sand Bay, Beaver Island: $400,000

**EVELINE TOWNSHIP**
- Eveline Township Lake Charlevoix Access: $46,500

**HAYES TOWNSHIP**
- Camp Seagull - Lake Charlevoix: $3,375,000

**PEAINE TOWNSHIP**
- Fox Pointe Acquisition: $155,300

**SAINT JAMES TOWNSHIP**
- Gull Harbor Park: $30,000

**WILSON TOWNSHIP**
- Wilson Township Park: $26,200

**Recommended Projects (pending approval)**

**BOYNE CITY**
- City of Boyne City Open Space Acquisition: $2,438,800
- Boyne Valley Trailway Development – Phase 1: $300,000

**BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP**
- Boyne River Acquisition: $50,000