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.
Chippewa County has received more than $6,190,000 in 19 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF).

**Chippewa County active or completed MNRTF Projects**

**DNR - FOREST RESOURCES DIVISION**
- Lake Superior Dune Swale Complex: $530,000

**DNR - FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE MANAGEMENT**
- Island Explorer Trail: $300,000
- Lake Superior Property: $60,000
- Whitefish Point: $250,000
- Biehl Property: $250,000

**DNR - FOREST, MINERAL AND FIRE MANAGEMENT DIVISION**
- Big Trout Lake Acquisition: $1,000,000

**DNR - PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION**
- Tahquamenon Falls River Frontage Acquisition: $600,000
- Lime Island Recreation Area-Karen’s Cabins Acquisition: $180,000

**DNR - WILDLIFE DIVISION**
- Ten-Mile Marsh in East U.P. Acquisition: $82,500
- Upper Peninsula Deer Habitat Acquisitions: $1,500,000

**HULBERT TOWNSHIP**
- Rec. Trail Complex: $37,600

**KINROSS TOWNSHIP**
- Kincheloe Development: $80,000

**SAULT STE MARIE**
- Ashmun Bay Park Trail Parcel Acquisition: $36,000
- Ashmun Bay Park Entrance Parcel Acquisition: $100,000
- Ashmun Bay Park Acquisition: $547,500
- Sherman Park Beach Accessibility/Upgrade: $198,300
- Rotary Park Development: $299,700
- Sherman Park Picnic Shelter Development: $42,200

**SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP**
- Superior Township Riverview Park Acquisition: $96,200