



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.***

BRANCH COUNTY

Branch County has received more than **\$2,679,800** in 7 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has one currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

Branch County active or completed MNRTF Projects

BRANCH COUNTY

- Memorial Park Improvements: \$140,000
- Quincy Park Improvements: \$444,000

COLDWATER

- Optimist Park Playground Renovation: \$15,000
- Coldwater Linear Park Expansion: \$14,500

COLDWATER TOWNSHIP

- Coldwater Township Hall Park: \$266,300

DNR - PARKS & RECREATION DIVISION

- Coldwater Lake Farms Ph. II: \$900,000
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- Recommended Projects (pending approval)

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- Angel Cove Park Expansion: \$84,300