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.*
Marquette County has received more than $10,705,620 in 49 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grants (MNRTF) and has two currently recommended and pending legislative approval.

**Marquette County active or completed MNRTF Projects**

**CHAMPION TOWNSHIP**
- Wetlands and Mager’s Creek: $6,795
- Champion Parkland Acquisition: $15,000

**CHOCOLAY TOWNSHIP**
- Chocolay River Water Trail Access Site: $18,300
- Lion’s Field Trailhead Development & Park Improvements: $50,000
- Beaver Grove Recreation Area: $12,300
- Beaver Grove Recreation Area: $29,175

**CITY OF MARQUETTE**
- Father Marquette Park Accessibility/Improvement Plan: $140,000

**DEPT OF HISTORY, ARTS & LIBRARIES**
- Iron Industry Museum Interpretive Trail System: $261,600

**DNR FOREST, MINERAL & FIRE**
- Lake Superior and Ishpeming Trail: $491,000
- Little Presque Isle Recreation: $360,000
- Marquette-Munising Rail-Trail: $550,000
- Huron Mountains Deeryard Complex Addition Acquisition: $1,300,000

**DNR - WILDLIFE DIVISION**
- Huron Mountains Deeryard Complex: $750,000
- UP Grouse Enhanced Management Systems Trail Initiation: $40,000

**ELY TOWNSHIP**
- Gold Mine Lake Park: $18,000

**FORSYTH TOWNSHIP**
- Peter Nordeen Park Improvements: $425,600
- Farquar/Metsa Tourist Park Improvements: $268,600

**IRON ORE HERITAGE REC. AUTHORITY**
- Iron Ore Heritage Trail Interpretative Signage: $15,000
- Iron Ore Heritage Trail Development: $400,000
- Iron Ore Heritage Trail: $281,000
- Interpretive Signage: $22,000

**ISHPEMING**
- Land Acquisition - Mining Property: $50,000
- Iron Ore Heritage Trail: $354,800
- Malton Road Non-Motorized Trail: $91,400
- Al Quaal Land Acquisition - Phase I: $101,250
- Al Quaal Land Acquisition: $84,000
- Teal Lake Development: $60,000
- Al Quaal Land Acquisition: $90,000
- Ishpeming/Negaunee Teal Lake: $450,000

**ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP**
- Ishpeming Recreation Area: $25,000

**MARQUETTE**
- McCarty’s Cove Permanent Restrooms: $88,800
- Clark Lambros Beach Park: $1,440,000
- Presque Isle/Harlow/Williams Facilities: $296,000
- Lower Harbor Park Marina: $375,000

**MARQUETTE CHARTER TOWNSHIP**
- Marquette Twp.’s First Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead Development: $36,600
- Schwemwood Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead Parking/Path/Wetland: $50,000

**MARQUETTE COUNTY**
- Sugar Loaf Mountain Enhancements: $59,200
- Perkins Park Improvements: $198,400
- Sugar Loaf Natural Area: $12,500
- Perkins Park Development: $132,000

**MARQUETTE TOWNSHIP**
- Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead: $156,900

**NEGAUNEE**
- Pennies for the Park at Miners Park: $75,000
- Teal Lake Access Improvements: $74,300

**NEGAUNEE TOWNSHIP**
- Kivela Road Recreation Area: $11,000

**POWELL**
- Thomas Rock Scenic Overlook: $319,100

**POWELL TOWNSHIP**
- Thomas Rock Nature Area: $404,500

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP**
- Republic Iron Ore Heritage Trailhead: $32,300
- Munson Park Improvements: $172,200
- Michigamme Rv Access Site: $11,000
- Recommended Projects (pending approval)

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP**
- Improvements to Burns’ Landing Beach Access: $168,600

**REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP**
- Trail Center Roof and Universal Accessibility: $47,565