



# THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

## What Is The MNRTF?

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) is one of the most important ways the Michigan oil and gas industry helps improve and protect Michigan’s natural resources.

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) 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 is 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 Michigan Oil and Gas Association (MOGA), Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and state legislators on behalf of all Michigan citizens. 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. Since the creation of the MNRTF in 1976, the oil and gas industry has contributed over \$1.1 billion to Michigan’s state & local parks, waterways, trails and nature preserves throughout all 83 counties.

MNTF grants have funded the development and expansion of parks and public greenspace, the creation of trail networks, provided for the protection of our state’s pristine beaches, forests and wetlands, and the improvement of park and facility accessibility to ensure equal access for all.

More than \$245 million has 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 2,500 MNRTF-assisted projects since 1976.

## What is the State Parks Endowment Fund?

Established with the passage of Ballot Proposal P in the 1994 November election, the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund was created to support Michigan’s state parks system with a stable, consistent source of funding. The State Parks Endowment Fund can be used for operations, maintenance, and capital improvements (infrastructure) at Michigan state parks.

Under the state constitution, the State Parks Endowment Fund can receive private contributions or other things of value. In addition, until the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) principal reaches \$500 million, the lesser of \$10 million or 50 percent of mineral revenues is required to be deposited annually into the State Parks Endowment Fund.

The industry has provided \$292 million to the Michigan State Parks Endowment Fund (MSPEF).

Michigan is our home. We are passionate about meeting Michigan’s energy needs, while giving back to local communities and conserving the amazing natural resources that make our state so special.

