Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)











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The Concept

One non-renewable resource:

oil and gas and other minerals

from public lands





for

Another non-renewable resource: land for public outdoor recreation





1976

- Kammer Recreation Land Trust Act
- Funded land acquisition for public outdoor recreation
- Began awarding grants to local units of government and the DNR







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1984 Constitutional Protection

- Approved by voters by 2 to 1 margin
- Funds can only be used for public outdoor recreation projects
- No more than 25% for development projects
- No less than 25% for acquisition projects









MNRTF Board of Trustees

- Five (5) member Board of Trustees
- DNR Director or designee from the Natural Resources Commission (NRC)
- 4 members of the public appointed by Governor







MNRTF Board of Trustees

The Board holds 6 public meetings per year

 Their role is to recommend projects for funding to the legislature from each year's set

of applications







MNRTF Board of Trustees

2014 Board Priorities:

- Trails (including water trails)
- Winter Deer Yard and Wildlife Corridors
- Urban Projects









Grant Coordinators

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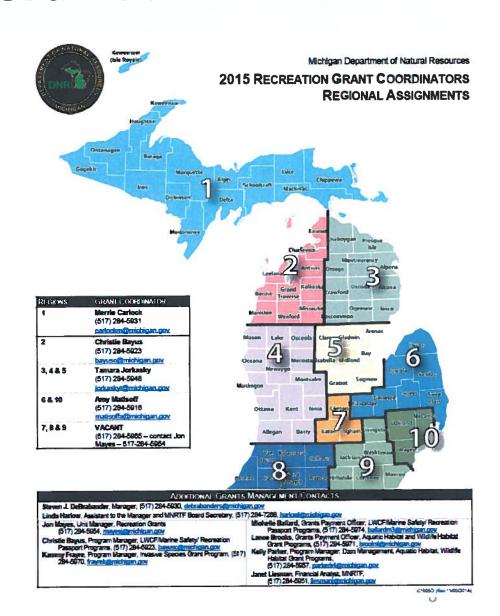
- ➤ Merrie Carlock

 Region 1
- Christie BayusRegion 2
- > Tamara Jorkasky

 Regions 3, 4, & 5
- ➤ Amy Matisoff

 Regions 6 & 10
- Vacant
 Regions 7,8, & 9





Program Facts

- Eligible Projects:
 - Any type of public outdoor recreation
- Eligible Applicants:
 - Local units of government and public recreation authorities who have an approved 5-year recreation plan and the DNR
- Minimum 25% local match





Program Facts

- Park must be available to the public
- Kept in public outdoor recreation in perpetuity
- Park needs to be well maintained









Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Process

March 1 - 5-year Recreation Plan due (if expired)

April 1 - Application Deadline

April - DNR Review for completeness and project and applicant eligibility



May/June - On-site visit by DNR to all eligible proposed projects



Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application Process

October - Preliminary scores provided

November - Final scores provided

December - Board Recommendations for funding

Spring of following year - Legislative and Governor approval





2014 Projects before legislature HB4078

69 total projects = \$24.7 million

25 Acquisition	16 Local	9 State	
44 Development	40 Local	4 State	
69 Projects	56 Local	13 State	





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Total Number of projects:

2121

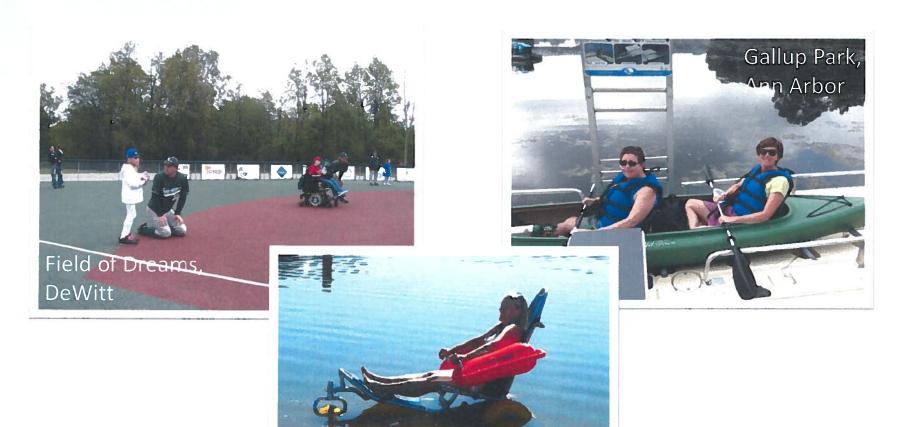








Public access for all abilities







Mobi-chair,

Motz park

Public access to water











Improving quality of life!

- More than 1,000 local public parks acquired and/or developed
- Ball fields, tennis courts and more







\$190 million for trails















Program benefits

- Economic activity
- Healthy lifestyles
- Reduction in crime
- Place making
- Community identities









Moving forward

- Constitutional \$500 million cap May 2011
- State Park Endowment Fund











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