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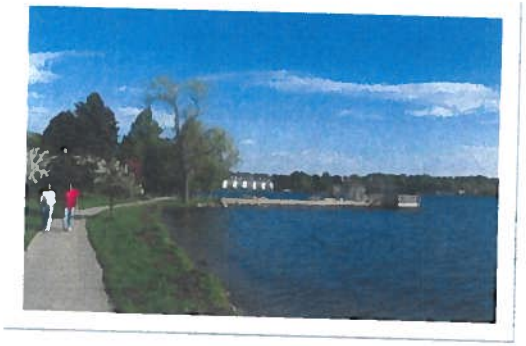

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Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

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

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Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

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

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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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Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

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

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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

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MNRTF Board of Trustees

2014 Board Priorities:

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

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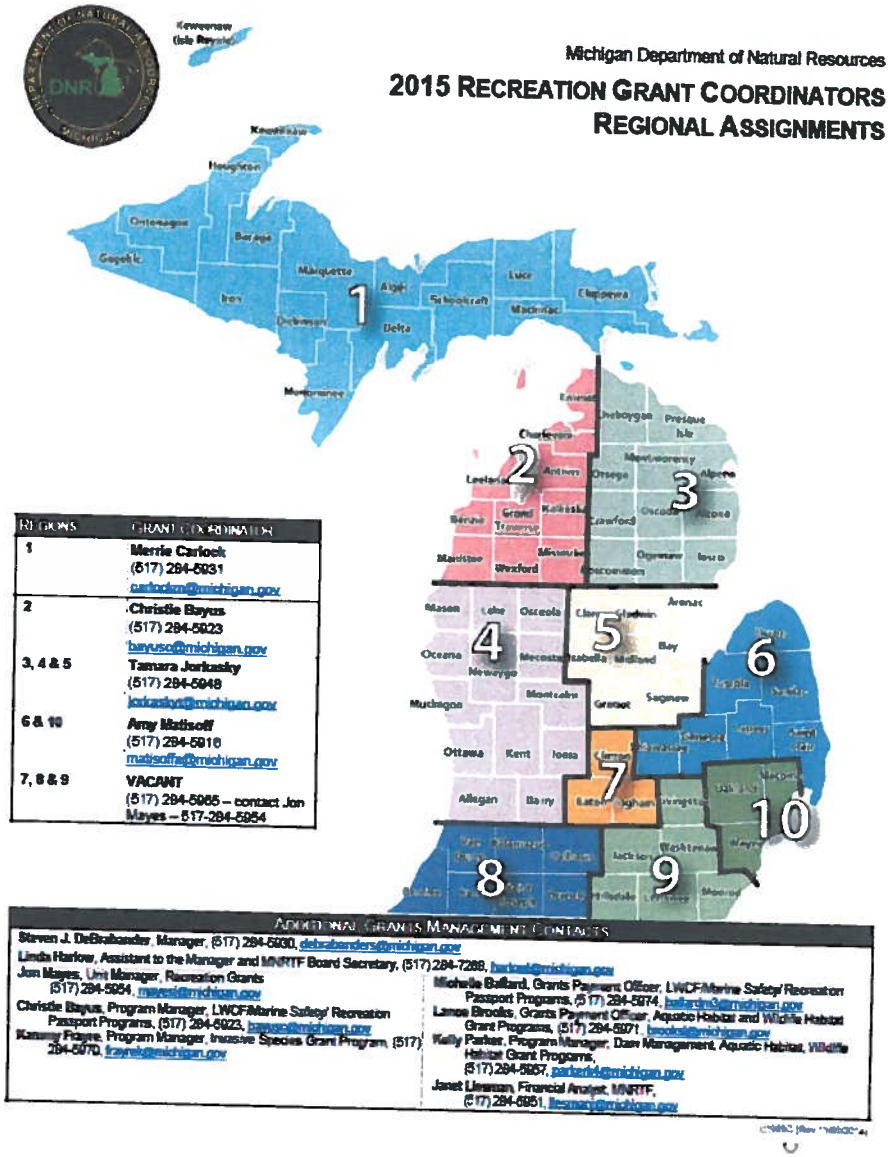

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Program Facts

- 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

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Program Facts

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

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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

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Application Process

October - Preliminary scores provided

November - Final scores provided

December - Board Recommendations for funding

Spring of following year - Legislative and Governor approval

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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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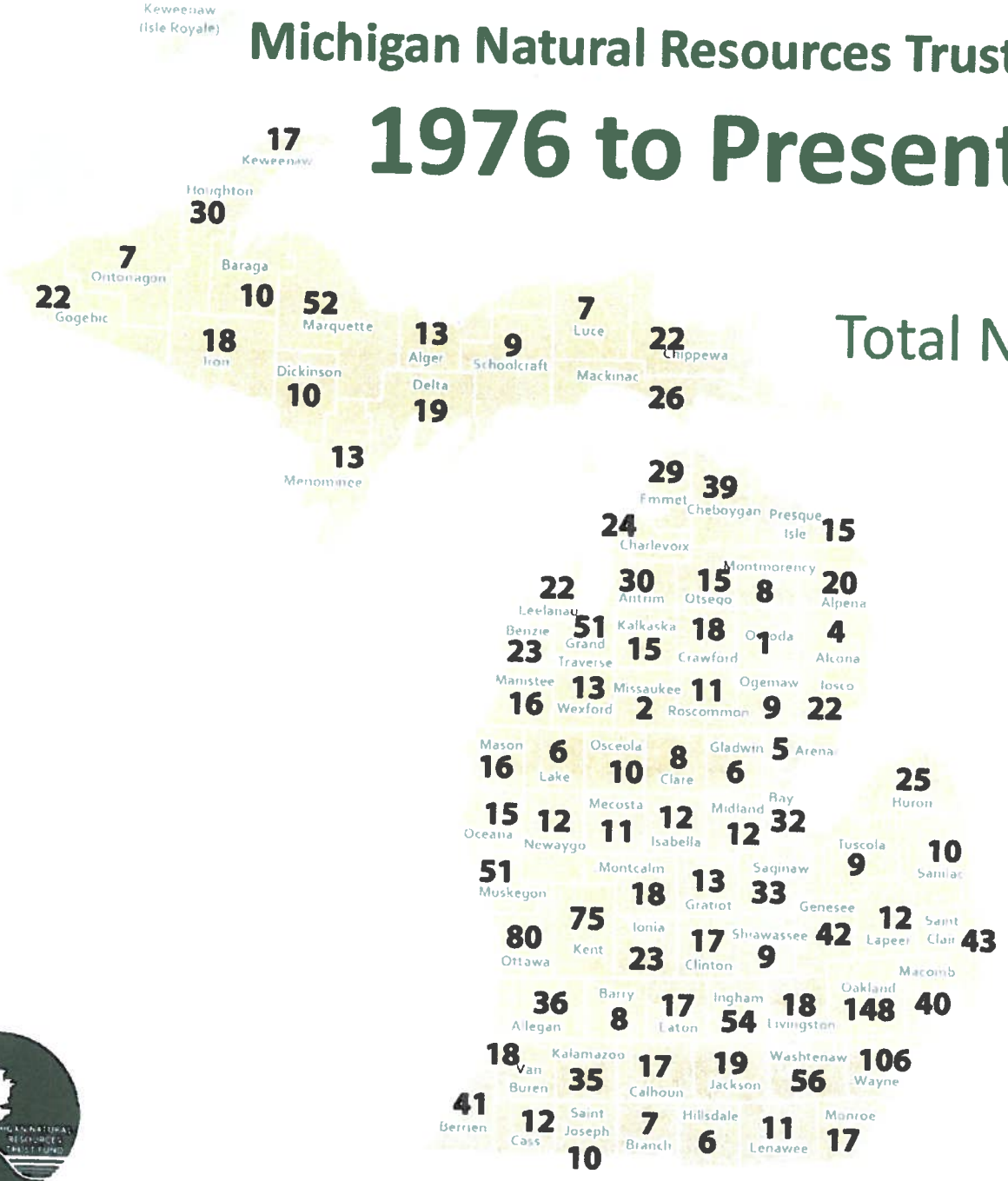
1976 to Present



Total Number of projects:

2121

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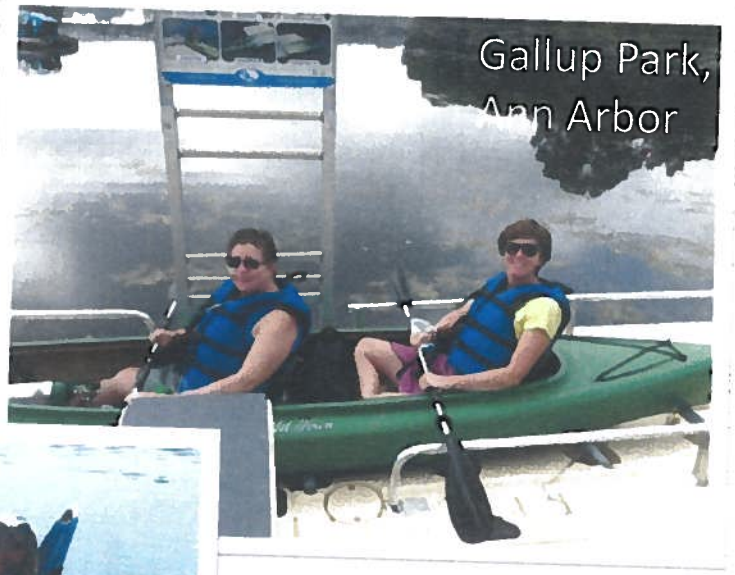
Public access for all abilities

Field of Dreams, DeWitt


Gallup Park, Ann Arbor

Mobi-chair, Motz park.

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Public access to water

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Improving quality of life!

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

Public access to lakes state-wide

Casco Twp. , Nature preserve

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$190 million for trails

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Program benefits

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

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Moving forward

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

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