

If you're a hunter, a trapper, have bought a hunting, trapping or fishing license and/or have purchased a firearm, bow or crossbow:

**Thank you for investing in Michigan's wildlife!
You've made a difference for 75 years.**

Sept. 2, 2012 marks the 75th anniversary of the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (PR). PR has provided more than \$262 million for wildlife conservation in Michigan since its implementation in 1937. These funds, which come from a federal tax on the manufacturing of firearms, bows, crossbows and accessories, are used for projects that benefit Michigan birds or mammals – projects like improving wildlife habitat, managing wildlife populations, research and hunter education. The more people who buy hunting licenses and equipment in Michigan, the greater percentage of this federal funding our state can receive.

You may assume that your tax dollars fund the DNR's conservation work, but less than 5 percent of the DNR's budget comes from general tax dollars. Seventy-four percent of the Wildlife Division's funding comes from PR and license sales. For the last 75 years, those who hunt, trap, shoot and fish have funded the vast majority of wildlife conservation in Michigan through their purchase of equipment and licenses.

Share this message with the hunters in your life and thank them for helping Michigan's wildlife thrive!

To learn more, visit www.michigan.gov/itsyournature.