



Arkansas

Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

Photo Credit: Ray Paterra/USFWS

The Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund (GAOA LRF) is a commitment to protecting and sustaining our public lands.

Established on August 4, 2020, GAOA LRF allocates over \$1.6 billion annually from fiscal years (FY) 2021 through 2025 to the Department of the Interior (Interior) to address priority deferred maintenance and repair needs on public lands and Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools. With all five years of GAOA LRF funding, Interior bureaus will:

- Fund 396 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple territories
- Address over \$5.9 billion in deferred maintenance and repair
- Improve the condition of over 3,800 Interior assets

GAOA LRF Impacts Across America*



Repairing over **1,000** recreational and visitor experience assets



Improving ADA accessibility in nearly **50%** of GAOA LRF projects



Each year of GAOA LRF funding is estimated to support an average of **17,000** jobs and contribute **\$1.9 billion** to the U.S. economy



Improving facilities used by nearly **2,300** students and faculty at BIE-funded schools each year

Deferred Maintenance and Repair in Arkansas

In Arkansas, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is over \$222,330,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$97,524,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$124,806,000

GAOA LRF in Arkansas

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$37.6 million** towards improving over **150** assets across **4** projects in Arkansas.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **1** NPS location and **1** FWS location in Arkansas.



GAOA LRF Projects



Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Arkansas:



Transportation Assets



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities

*these numbers are estimates and include FY21 - FY25 GAOA LRF-funded projects.

**DM&R estimates represent a point in time, reported as of 9/30/2023, rounded to the nearest thousand. DM&R is calculated based on asset repair needs in FRPP, which does not include assets with a status indicator of Report of Excess Submitted, Report of Excess Accepted, Determination to Dispose, Disposed, Cannot Currently be Disposed, or Surplus.



FY21-25 Projects, Locations, and Funding in Arkansas

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
FWS	Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge	Modernize Multiple Outdoor Recreational Access Facilities and Transportation Assets—Phase I - Design	\$2,950,000
FWS	Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge	Modernize Multiple Outdoor Recreational Access Facilities and Transportation Assets—Phase II - Construction	\$7,120,000
NPS	Buffalo National River	Address Park Infrastructure and Housing Deferred Maintenance	\$10,800,000*
NPS	Hot Springs National Park	Rehabilitate Historic Bathhouses	\$16,729,000

*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding
[†]rounded to thousands

Rehabilitate Historic Bathhouses

Hot Springs National Park



Historic Bathhouse at Hot Springs National Park.
 Photo Credit: M. Smith/NPS

Hot Springs National Park is renowned for its ancient thermal springs and offers nine historic Victorian bathhouses enjoyed by visitors for hundreds of years. However, some of the historic bathhouses have been declining and vacant for years. This project will rehabilitate critical building systems in the long-vacant Maurice and Libbey Bathhouses, as well as the Buckstaff Bathhouse, protecting and preserving these significant historic structures. Completing the initial set of repairs to the bathhouses will enable revenue generation opportunities, sustainable adaptive reuse of the buildings, and public use and enjoyment of the natural hot springs and bathhouses for generations to come.

Modernize Multiple Outdoor Recreational Access Facilities and Transportation Assets

Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge



Construction on a boat launch at Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS

Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge is one of the most important areas for wintering waterfowl in North America, and home to the only population of native black bears in the state. This project is repairing boat launches, rehabilitating campgrounds, repairing levees that provide waterfowl with critical habitat and visitors with access to viewing platforms, and repairing numerous public transportation assets, including parking lots, road bridges, and gravel roads that enable visitor access. These repairs will improve accessibility and visitor experience at the refuge.