



Georgia

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

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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 Georgia

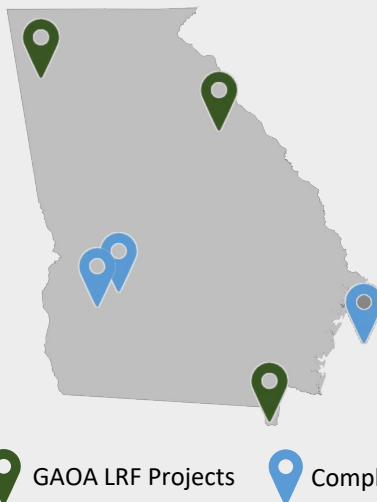
In Georgia, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is over \$199,160,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$151,717,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$47,444,000

GAOA LRF in Georgia

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$20.5 million** towards improving over **40** assets across **3** projects in Georgia.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **2** NPS locations and **1** FWS location in Georgia.



Assets improved in Georgia:



Transportation Assets

*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 Georgia

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
FWS	Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge	Replace Administrative and Visitor Center	\$1,800,000
NPS	Andersonville National Historic Site, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park, Jimmy Carter National Historical Park, Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park	Repair and Preserve Roads and Bridges in Georgia	\$13,000,000*
NPS	Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park	Repair, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction of Roads and Parking	\$5,666,000

*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

[†]rounded to thousands

Repair, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction of Roads and Parking

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park



The Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. Photo Credit: Steven Markos

The Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park commemorates two major battles of the American Civil War. The current roads, which follow transportation routes used during the 1863 Battle of Chickamauga, have reached the end of their lifecycle, creating dangerous driving conditions. This project will repair, rehabilitate, and reconstruct deteriorating roads and parking areas, including resurfacing pavement, stabilizing shoulders, and repairing drainage structures to enable the long-term preservation of the military park and provide safer conditions for park visitors.

Replace Administrative and Visitor Center

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge



Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Photo Credit: FWS

The Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, world renowned for its amphibian populations, is the headwaters of the Suwannee and St. Marys rivers and provides habitat for threatened and endangered species. This project will provide additional funding for the replacement of the Administrative Headquarters and Visitor Center facility, which was energy inefficient and showed significant signs of age, wear, and deterioration. This project will reduce annual operations and maintenance cost and improve visitor experience.