



Louisiana

Great American Outdoors Act

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

Photo Credit: NPS

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 Louisiana

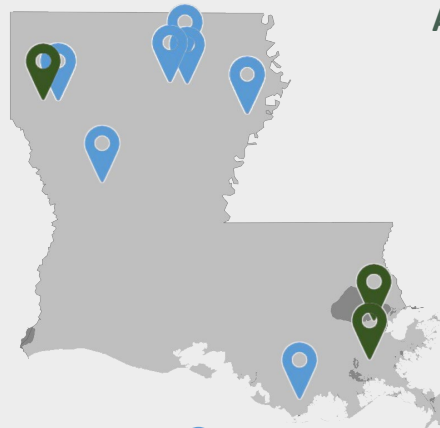
In Louisiana, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$125,503,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$21,310,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$104,193,000

GAOA LRF in Louisiana

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$16.9 million** towards improving approximately **6** assets across **3** projects in Louisiana.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **1** NPS location and **6** FWS locations in Louisiana.



GAOA LRF Projects



Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Louisiana:



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 Louisiana

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
FWS	Red River National Wildlife Refuge	Replacement of the Primary Boardwalk and Trail Bridge	\$900,000
FWS	Southeast Louisiana Refuges	Replacement of the Public Use Facilities and Critical Infrastructure	\$1,556,000
NPS	Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve	Rehabilitate Chalmette National Cemetery	\$14,400,000*

*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

[†]rounded to thousands

Replacement of the Public Use Facilities and Critical Infrastructure

Southeast Louisiana Refuges

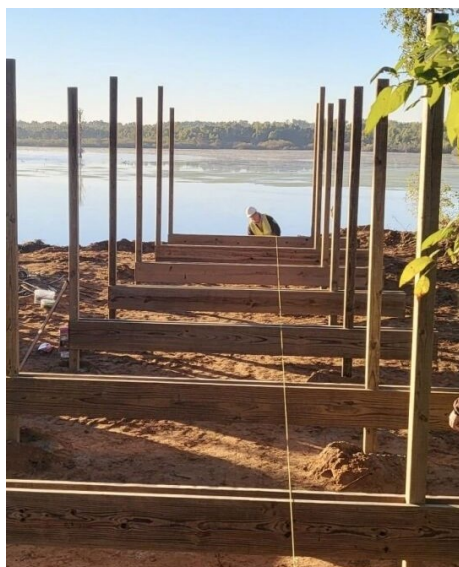


Trail signage at Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge. Photo credit: DOI.gov

The Bayou Sauvage Urban National Wildlife Refuge is an urban refuge located within the city of New Orleans, offering recreation opportunities including fishing, crabbing, hiking, bird watching, and environmental education. The refuge's Ridge Trail Boardwalk provides important educational opportunities and is a centerpiece for community involvement but is at risk of being closed to the public due to disrepair. This project will replace the Ridge Trail Boardwalk and Pavilion, rejuvenating visitation and volunteerism at this site. The project will also replace the Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge Wastewater Treatment System which is 90% inefficient and will pose an environmental hazard if not properly repaired. These replacements are critical for visitor safety and experience while visiting the refuge.

Replacement of the Primary Boardwalk and Trail Bridge

Red River National Wildlife Refuge



Boardwalk construction in progress at Red River National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS

The Red River National Wildlife Refuge is comprised of several units in the Red River Valley in northwestern Louisiana and provides habitat for waterfowl, wading birds, songbirds, and other native wildlife species. Within the refuge, the bank of Lake Caroline has eroded significantly due to extreme flood events and storms. The bank erosion had exposed the outer footing of the main boardwalk, creating a safety issue that would negatively impact visitation and public use. This project replaced the main boardwalk and pedestrian trail bridge, improving visitor access, experience, and safety.