



Vermont

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

Photo Credit: FWS

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 Vermont

In Vermont, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$19,189,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$2,605,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$16,584,000

GAOA LRF in Vermont

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$6.8 million** towards improving approximately **4** assets across **3** projects in Vermont.

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



Assets improved in Vermont:



Transportation Assets



Operational Buildings



GAOA LRF Projects



Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

*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 Vermont



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
FWS	Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge	Rehabilitation of the Multipurpose Administration and Visitor Facility	\$81,000
FWS	Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge—Nulhegan Basin Division	Rehabilitation of Infrastructure and Public Use Facilities	\$989,000
NPS	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	Rehabilitate Trail Sections in New England**	\$15,000,000*

*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

**project spans multiple states; funding represents the estimated amount of funding for these projects in Vermont

[†]rounded to thousands

Rehabilitation of the Multipurpose Administration and Visitor Facility

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge



Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge is a Wetland of International Importance with over 200 species of birds. The Administration and Visitor Contact facility at the refuge was constructed in 2006 and has suffered exterior deterioration due to the cold climate. This project renovates and weatherizes the exterior of the facility by repairing or replacing wood beams, trim, siding, windows, and doors. The project should save energy costs and protect the integrity of this structure, benefitting visitors and staff for years to come.

Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge. Photo credit: FWS

Rehabilitation of Infrastructure and Public Use Facilities

Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge



The Nulhegan Basin Division of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge is a designated Important Bird Area that is open to the public for wildlife viewing, fishing, and environmental education. The auto tour route at the refuge has failing components and requires frequent closure for maintenance and repairs. This project will replace a bridge along the route to provide safe and effective public access. This project will also repair the Visitor Contact Station's roof, which cannot safely handle winter weather conditions.

The Nulhegan Basin Division of Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge. Photo credit: FWS

Maintenance Action Teams

Nulhegan Basin Division of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge



GAOA LRF is funding Maintenance Action Teams (MATs) in the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. MATs primarily consist of federal employees who mobilize regionally to work on smaller scope construction, demolition, rehabilitation, or preservation activities. As of September 2023, a MAT has completed work at the Nulhegan Basin Division of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge.

At the Nulhegan Basin Division of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, MATs performed repairs on the visitor center.

MAT work at Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Photo credit: FWS