



Delaware

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 Delaware

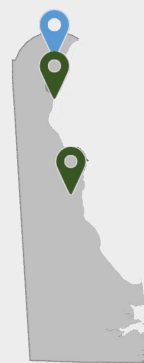
In Delaware, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$15,383,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$9,760,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$5,623,000

GAOA LRF in Delaware

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$8.5 million** towards improving **over 10** assets across **2** projects in Delaware.

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



Assets improved in Delaware:



Operational Buildings



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities



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 Delaware

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
FWS	Coastal Delaware National Wildlife Refuge Complex	Eliminate DM Backlog at Prime Hook NWR and Bombay Hook NWR	\$5,480,000
NPS	First State National Historical Park	Rehabilitate Ramsey House	\$3,000,000*

*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

†rounded to thousands

Eliminate Deferred Maintenance Backlog at Prime Hook and Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuges

Coastal Delaware National Wildlife Refuge Complex



Coastal Delaware National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. Photo Credit: Oscar Reed/USFWS

The Coastal Delaware National Wildlife Refuge Complex, which includes Bombay Hook and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuges, protects one of the largest remaining expanses of tidal salt marsh habitats in the mid-Atlantic region and is home to migratory birds, horseshoe crabs, and terrapins. Current buildings at these locations have serious maintenance issues, including foundation issues, substantial energy inefficiencies, and poor conditions that would require full replacement of all utility infrastructure. This project replaced the geographically dispersed deteriorating facilities at Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge with a new Headquarters and Visitor Center facility. At Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge, this project will replace the visitor contact station and a multi-purpose building that will include office space, visitor orientation, exhibition space, and classrooms. These new facilities will be safer, more efficient, and promote public engagement and natural resource education.

Rehabilitate Ramsey House – FY25 Proposed Project

First State National Historical Park



Ramsey House at First State National Historical Park. Photo Credit: NPS

First State National Historical Park is made up of sites spread throughout Delaware and Pennsylvania that preserve and protect early Dutch, Swedish, and English settlements and commemorates the role Delaware played in the birth of the United States as the first State to ratify the Constitution. The historic 1830s Ramsey House and the Ramsey Barn in Brandywine Valley have deteriorated and are currently closed to the public. This project will restore the Ramsey House and the Ramsey Barn foundation ruins while rehabilitating the site's entrance drive and parking area. When the restored house and barn foundation ruins are open to the public, they will enable park staff to convey stories of the Brandywine Valley. Site rehabilitation efforts associated with the entrance drive and parking lot will protect and improve wildlife habitat.