



Iowa

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

Photo Credit: 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 Iowa

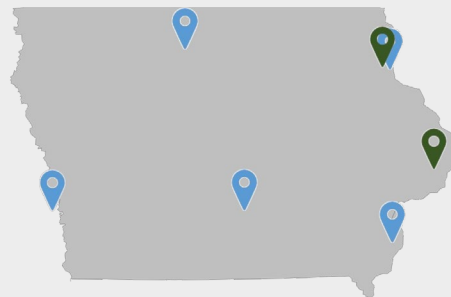
In Iowa, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is almost \$32,339,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$16,631,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$15,707,000

GAOA LRF in Iowa

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$15.9 million** towards improving approximately **4** assets across **2** projects in Iowa.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **6** FWS locations in Iowa.



GAOA LRF Projects



Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Iowa:



Operational Buildings



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities



Recreational and Visitor Experience 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 Iowa

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
FWS	Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge	Replacement, Repair, and Consolidation of McGregor District Headquarters and Facilities	\$10,934,000
NPS	Effigy Mounds National Monument	Rehabilitate Visitor Center	\$5,000,000*

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

Replacement, Repair, and Consolidation of McGregor District Headquarters and Facilities

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge



Rendering of the New Administrative Headquarters at the Luster Heights, Iowa site. Photo Credit: USFWS Work Product

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is one of the largest blocks of floodplain habitat in the continental U.S. and serves as a refuge for fish, wildlife, and plants, and as a breeding place for migratory birds. A mudslide damaged facilities forcing staff to relocate to a temporary office farther away from the lands they manage. This project will construct climate-resistant office facilities and consolidate building infrastructure for the McGregor District at the Luster Heights, Iowa site. The new facility will improve working conditions for staff by reducing work disruption and improving ability to execute their day-to-day resource stewardship responsibilities.

Rehabilitate Visitor Center – FY25 Proposed Project

Effigy Mounds National Monument



Current Effigy Mounds National Monument Visitor Center. Photo Credit: NPS

Effigy Mounds National Monument protects significant prehistoric earth mounds built by American Indians and protects wildlife, scenic, and other natural values of the area. The Visitor Center is outdated, inaccessible, and its structural integrity is degrading. This project will renovate the visitor center and grounds, improving structural integrity, addressing code deficiencies, increasing energy efficiency, and improving accessibility. This work will make the Visitor Center safer for staff and visitors and improve interpretation and education opportunities.