



Ohio

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 Ohio

In Ohio, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$248,768,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$232,350,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$16,418,000

GAOA LRF in Ohio

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$85.2 million** towards improving over **80** assets across **4** projects in Ohio.

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



GAOA LRF Projects



Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Ohio:



Operational Buildings



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



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 Ohio

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
NPS	Cuyahoga Valley National Park	Demolish Excess Structures	\$33,206,000*
NPS	Cuyahoga Valley National Park	Demolish Vacant Excess Structures	\$2,018,000
NPS	Cuyahoga Valley National Park	Stabilize Riverbank at High Priority Areas Along Towpath Trail and Valley Railway	\$24,897,000
NPS	Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial	Rehabilitate Failing Upper Plaza at Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial	\$25,077,000

*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

†rounded to thousands

Stabilize Riverbank at High Priority Areas Along Towpath Trail and Valley Railway

Cuyahoga Valley National Park



Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Ohio preserves and reclaims the landscapes around the once highly polluted Cuyahoga River and provides visitors with recreational opportunities for scenic excursions on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad and Towpath Trail. Erosion along the Cuyahoga riverbank is impairing the park's most popular trail and causing the loss of riverside vegetation and riparian habitat. This project stabilizes eight sites on the riverbank and repairs eroded riverbank areas to reduce vegetation and habitat loss, reduces the need for emergency maintenance or trail closures, and helps provide a safe and enjoyable trail experience for visitors.

Riverbank stabilization construction in progress near the Towpath Trail. Photo Credit: NPS / Tim Fenner

Maintenance Action Teams

Ottawa National 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, MATs have completed work at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in Ohio.

At Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge, MATs completed levee rehabilitation work and repaired a clubhouse.

MAT work at Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS