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# Louisiana

## Great American Outdoors Act

## National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

**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 nearly \$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

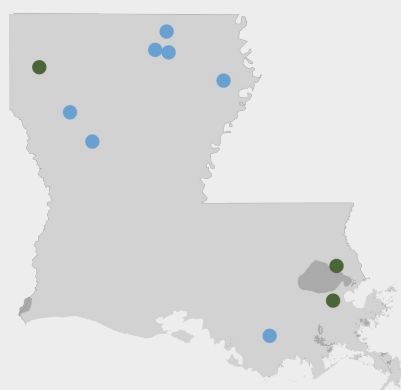
In Louisiana, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$126,134,000\*\*.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$206,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$17,357,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$108,570,000

### 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 March 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **1** NPS location and **6** FWS locations in Louisiana.



### Assets improved in Louisiana:



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 9/30/2024, 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.



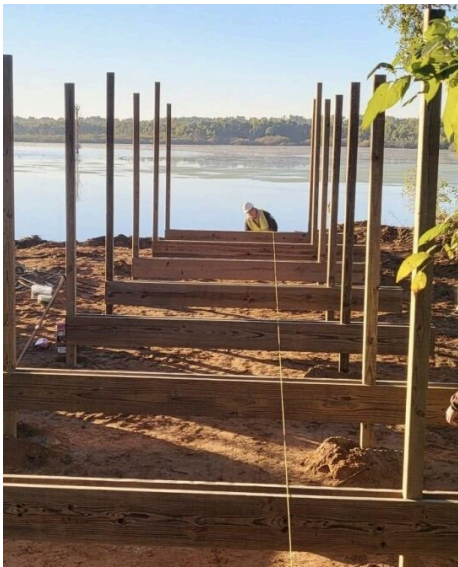
## FY21-25 Projects, Locations, and Funding in Louisiana

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding <sup>†</sup> as of Mar. 2025
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

<sup>†</sup> Rounded to thousands.

### 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 had eroded significantly due to extreme flood events and storms. The bank erosion exposed the outer footing of the main boardwalk, creating a safety issue and negatively impact visitation and public use. This project replaced the main boardwalk and pedestrian trail bridge, improving visitor access, experience, and safety.

### Replacement of the Public Use Facilities and Critical Infrastructure

#### *Southeast Louisiana Refuges*



Trail signage at Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS

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 was at risk of closing to the public due to disrepair. This project is replacing the Ridge Trail Boardwalk and Pavilion to revive visitation and volunteerism at this site. The project is also replacing the Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge Wastewater Treatment System which is 90% inefficient and would pose an environmental hazard if not properly repaired. These replacements are critical for visitor safety and experience while visiting the refuge.