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New Jersey

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 New Jersey

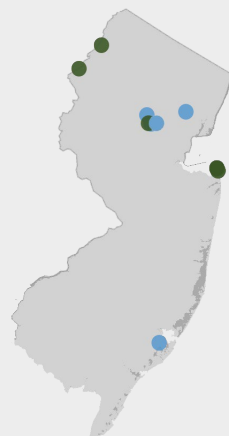
In New Jersey, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$580,112,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$568,764,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$11,348,000

GAOA LRF in New Jersey

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$70.1 million** towards improving over **70** assets across **7** projects in New Jersey.

As of March 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **2** FWS locations and **2** NPS locations in New Jersey.



● GAOA LRF Projects

● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in New Jersey:



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Operational Buildings



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities

* 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 New Jersey



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2025
FWS	Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	Replacement of the Great Swamp & Great Meadows Headquarters Buildings	\$3,600,000
NPS	Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	Demolish Hazardous Structures and Rehabilitate Historic Buildings—Phase I*	\$40,000,000
NPS	Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	Rehabilitate and Repair Critical Sections of Old Mine Road	\$16,869,000
NPS	Gateway National Recreation Area	Address Deferred Maintenance at Multiple Sites*	\$40,000,000
NPS	Gateway National Recreation Area	Rehabilitate Fort Hancock Potable Water and Wastewater System	\$14,792,000
NPS	Gateway National Recreation Area	Replace Shoreline Stabilization Structures—Phase I*	\$28,287,000
NPS	Statue of Liberty National Monument	Rehabilitate Main Immigration Building Exterior Components*	\$39,371,000

*Project spans multiple states; funding represents the estimated total amount of funding for this project across states.

† Rounded to thousands.

Replacement of the Great Swamp & Great Meadows Headquarters Buildings

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge



In progress building addition to Fenske Visitor Center. Photo Credit: USFWS

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is a natural oasis located just 26 miles west of New York that has become an important resting and feeding area for more than 200 species of birds. Currently, staff at Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge are divided between the existing headquarters building and Fenske Visitor Center. The existing headquarters building is aging, expensive to operate, and limits opportunities for engagement with the public. This project is consolidating refuge management functions by constructing an addition to the Fenske Visitor Center that will provide office space for staff and volunteers and a larger multi-purpose room. Consolidating facilities into a single location will provide staff more opportunities to engage with the public and improve the visitor experience.

Rehabilitate Fort Hancock Potable Water and Wastewater System

Gateway National Recreation Area



Fort Hancock at Gateway National Recreation Area. Photo Credit: NPS

Fort Hancock at Gateway National Recreation Area once protected New York Harbor from invasion by sea and now allows visitors to tour gun batteries and the historic military post. The current water distribution system at Fort Hancock is failing and suffers from leakage, high maintenance cost, and poor reliability, which is exacerbated by storm surges. This project is rehabilitating the wastewater system by removing antiquated underground lines, disposing of unnecessary equipment, and restoring percolation beds. This project also rehabilitates the potable water distribution systems at Sandy Hook. Project work is improving operational efficiency, helping ensure capacity for fire protection, and lowering the risk of environmental damage.

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