

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



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 ADA accessibility in nearly 50% of GAOA LRF projects



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 \$234,485,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**	
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0	
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0	
National Park Service (NPS)	\$218,169,000	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$16,316,000	

GAOA LRF in Ohio

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly \$88.5 million towards improving approximately **85** assets across 4 projects in Ohio.

As of March 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at 1 FWS location in Ohio.



Assets improved in Ohio:



Operational **Buildings**



Recreational and Visitor **Experience Assets**



Transportation Assets

- 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.





Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2025
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	\$28,398,000

[†] Rounded to thousands.

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

Cuyahoga Valley National Park



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

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 is stabilizing eight sites on the riverbank and repairs eroded riverbank areas to reduce vegetation and habitat loss, reduce the need for emergency maintenance or trail closures, and help provide a safe and enjoyable trail experience for visitors.

Rehabilitate Failing Upper Plaza at Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial



Aerial view of Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial. Photo Credit: Northcoast Aerial Images

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial in Ohio was established to honor those who fought in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812, and to celebrate the long-lasting peace among Great Britain, Canada, and the U.S. The existing structure supporting the upper plaza has degraded and experienced condensation issues, threatening visitor access and the historic aspects of the structure. This project will use historic materials to restore the structure supporting the upper plaza to address critical structural degradation, make the restrooms and plaza spaces compliant with current accessibility standards, update building utility systems, and address condensation issues. These repairs are improving visitor and employee access and safety and protecting the historic character of the site.