

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 Pennsylvania

In Pennsylvania, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$602,059,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**	
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0	
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0	
National Park Service (NPS)	\$588,534,000	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	vice (FWS) \$13,525,000	

GAOA LRF in Pennsylvania

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$168.2 million** towards improving over **120** assets across **6** projects in Pennsylvania.

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



Assets improved in Pennsylvania:



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Operational Buildings



Housing 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.

FY21-25 Projects, Locations, and Funding in Pennsylvania



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2025
NPS	Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	Delaware Water Gap Loop Road	\$21,518,000
NPS	Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	Demolish Hazardous Structures and Rehabilitate Historic Buildings— Phase I*	\$40,000,000
NPS	Gettysburg National Military Park	Rehabilitate Historic Structures and Replace Water Lines	\$31,319,000
NPS	Independence National Historical Park	Rehabilitate the Interior and Exterior of First Bank	\$35,701,000
NPS	Independence National Historical Park, Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site, Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial	Rehabilitate Mission Dependent HVAC Systems and Implement Energy Conservation Measures	\$22,019,000
NPS	Valley Forge National Historical Park	Rehabilitate Buildings for Leasing and Demolish Obsolete Structures	\$32,500,000

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

Rehabilitate the Interior and Exterior of First Bank

Independence National Historical Park



Repairs to the First Bank of the United States. Photo Credit: NPS

The First Bank of the United States, part of Independence National Historic Park in Philadelphia, operated between 1797-1811 after the Federal government adopted Alexander Hamilton's proposal to establish a national bank, laying the foundation of the U.S.'s financial systems. The bank is undergoing an extensive rehabilitation so it can reopen to the public for the first time since the 1970s, in time for the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. This project work is renovating the building's interior and exterior by replacing leaking metal roofing, stabilizing, cleaning, and repairing marble and brick masonry, correcting moisture incursion problems, and updating the electrical and HVAC systems.

Maintenance Action Teams



GAOA LRF is funding Maintenance Action Teams (MATs) in the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. MATs are teams of federal employees who can quickly mobilize across their region to complete smaller scope repair, demolition, rehabilitation, or historic preservation activities.

At Erie National Wildlife Refuge, MATs completed improvements to the trail bridge system, including the installation of handrails and kick rails.

Trail bridge construction in progress at Erie National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS

[†] Rounded to thousands.