



Texas

Great American Outdoors Act

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

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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 Texas

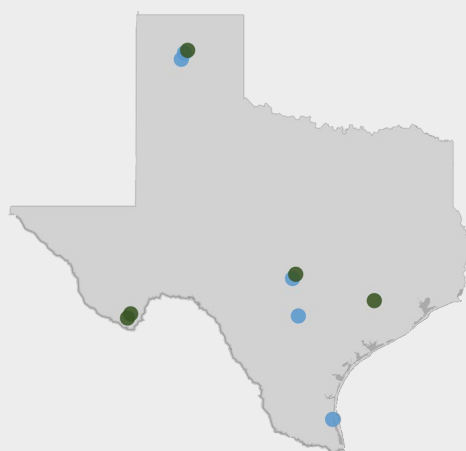
In Texas, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is over \$618,855,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$435,751,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$183,104,000

GAOA LRF in Texas

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$103.8 million** towards improving over **100** assets across **5** projects in Texas.

As of March 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **5** NPS locations in Texas.



● GAOA LRF Projects

● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Texas:



Transportation Assets



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



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 Texas

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2025
FWS	Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge	Consolidate and Modernize Habitat and Public Use Facilities	\$8,374,000
NPS	Big Bend National Park	Rehabilitate or Replace the Chisos Mountains Lodge	\$22,630,000
NPS	Big Bend National Park	Rehabilitate Park Water Systems	\$54,357,000
NPS	Lake Meredith National Recreation Area	Repair and Preserve Roads and Parking Areas	\$4,200,000
NPS	Lyndon B Johnson National Historic Park	Rehabilitate Texas White House	\$14,193,000

[†] Rounded to thousands.

Consolidate and Modernize Habitat and Public Use Facilities

Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge



The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge spans 10,541 acres of habitat to protect one of the most endangered birds in North America—the Attwater's Prairie-Chicken. This project replaced the aged and insufficient facilities and consolidated them into a new administrative and visitor facility and a multi-purpose maintenance building. It also replaced fences, allowing staff to distribute cattle across the refuge to prevent overgrazing, which supports improved habitat management for the Attwater's Prairie-Chicken. These improvements enable the refuge to properly manage their grasslands and provide interpretive and environmental education for the public.

Completed administrative and visitor center at Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge.
Photo Credit: USFWS

Rehabilitate Texas White House

Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park



The Texas White House, where former U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson spent a quarter of his presidency, is a fundamental park resource that hosted over 80,000 visitors annually before closing due to structural and environmental concerns in 2018. This project is addressing structural concerns, deferred maintenance, code compliance, and deteriorating historic features in the building. The project will help ensure the long-term integrity of the historic site and will allow it to reopen to the public.

Texas White House interior under construction. Photo Credit: NPS
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