



West Virginia

Great American Outdoors Act

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

Photo Credit: NPS

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 West Virginia

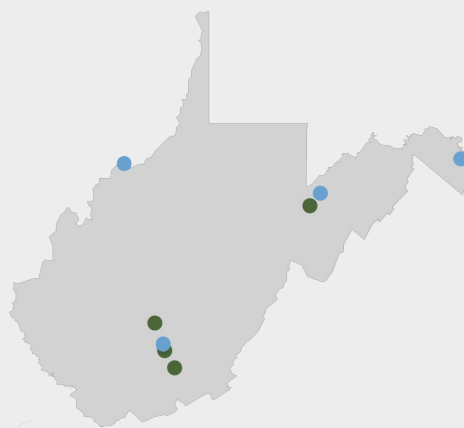
In West Virginia, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$335,042,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$328,342,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$6,700,000

GAOA LRF in West Virginia

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$58.5 million** towards improving approximately **90** assets across **4** projects in West Virginia.

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



● GAOA LRF Projects

● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in West Virginia:



Operational Buildings



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 West Virginia



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2025
FWS	Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge	Rehabilitation of the Schaeffer Building	\$150,000
NPS	New River Gorge National Park and Preserve	Remove Excess Structures and Abandoned Buildings Parkwide and Address Utility Needs—Phase I	\$2,170,000
NPS	New River Gorge National Park and Preserve	Remove Excess Structures and Abandoned Buildings—Phase II, and Address Deficient Utilities, Historic Structures, and Visitor Facilities	\$36,169,000
NPS	New River Gorge National Park and Preserve	Repair Rens Trail and Bridges	\$20,000,000

[†] Rounded to thousands.

Rehabilitation of the Schaeffer Building

Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge



The Schaeffer Building prior to replacement.

Photo Credit: Matt Boarman/USFWS

Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge is a high-elevation wetland habitat for many threatened and endangered species and provides visitor access to hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing, hiking, and boating. This project will renovate the interior and exterior of the Schaeffer Building, which is used for equipment and maintenance supply storage. Work will also include replacing the roof and siding and improving vehicular and pedestrian access around the structure.

Remove Excess Structures and Abandoned Buildings Parkwide and Address Utility Needs—Phase I

New River Gorge National Park and Preserve



Building slated for demolition at New River Gorge National Park. Photo Credit: NPS

New River Gorge National Park and Preserve features the rugged, whitewater New River amidst biodiverse terrain, and offers outdoor recreation including climbing, biking, camping, birdwatching, and whitewater rafting. Throughout the years, the park has acquired numerous properties that include abandoned buildings in various stages of disrepair and pose safety hazards. This project is demolishing these buildings and unnecessary roads associated with these sites and is restoring the sites to their natural condition by reintroducing native plants. The restored sites have potential for expanded visitor recreation and enjoyment.