



Completed repairs to the siding and roof of the visitor center at Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.
Photo Credit: FWS.



**500+ Assets
Improved**



**\$475 Million
GAOA LRF Funding**



**\$565 Million
Estimated DM&R
Addressed**



**45
Projects**
(Excluding MAT funding)

The National Wildlife Refuge System consists of an unparalleled network of public lands and waters, which provide incredible recreation and wildlife viewing opportunities for visitors. GAOA LRF projects enhance the visitor experience across this system. In 2023, 11.7 million people visited national wildlife refuges benefiting from at least one GAOA LRF project.

**11.7 Million
Visitors Per Year**

Water infrastructure assets support critical functions at national wildlife refuges, providing visitors with clean drinking water and operational restrooms, and helping to create suitable habitat for wildlife populations. Across the FWS project portfolio, GAOA LRF investments are funding repairs to more than 30 of these water infrastructure assets across 9 projects.

**30+ Water
Infrastructure
Assets**

Hunting and fishing are two of America's oldest pastimes, allowing Americans to connect to nature and wildlife. GAOA LRF is repairing assets such as hunting blinds and fishing docks to help preserve access to hunting and fishing activities on 85% of FWS's GAOA LRF projects.

**85% of Projects
at Hunting and
Fishing Locations**

** Source: FWS, "FWS National Hunting and Fishing Opportunities"*

GAOA LRF-funded MAT activities at FWS sites help provide infrastructure repairs across small and medium sized refuges. Because teams are regionally based and are completed by existing FWS staff, MATs are deployed quickly and efficiently to resolve outstanding maintenance needs while training the next generation of the maintenance workforce. Throughout GAOA LRF's five years of programming, FWS' MATs have received \$51.7 million in funding.

**\$51.7 Million
in MAT Funding**