

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

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

- Address over \$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 Alabama

Photo Credit: FWS

In Alabama, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is over \$96,484,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**	
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0	
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$6,000	
National Park Service (NPS)	\$55,500,000	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$40,978,000	

GAOA LRF in Alabama

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over \$18.6 million towards improving over 10 assets across 5 projects in Alabama.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at 1 FWS location in Alabama.



Assets improved in Alabama:



Transportation Assets



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Operational **Buildings**

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 9/30/2023, 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 Alabama

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
FWS	Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge	Replace Headquarters Office and Maintenance Building	\$1,919,000
FWS	Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge	Replace Compound Maintenance Shop	\$1,769,000
NPS	Freedom Riders National Monument, Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument	Rehabilitate Civil Rights-Related Structures, Including the Greyhound Bus Depot, Mural Building, and Interior of A.G. Gaston Motel	\$7,451,000
NPS	Horseshoe Bend National Military Park	Repair Tour Road	\$6,000,000*
NPS	Natchez Trace Parkway	Rehabilitate Water and Wastewater Systems**	\$10,000,000*

^{*}total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

Rehabilitate Civil Rights-Related Structures, Including the Greyhound Bus Depot, Mural Building, and Interior of A.G. Gaston Motel

Freedom Riders National Monument, Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument



Greyhound Bus Depot and Mural Building. Photo Credit: NPS

The Freedom Riders and Birmingham Civil Rights National Monuments preserve important historic structures of the civil rights movement. Components of these sites have fallen into disrepair and risk further deterioration. At Freedom Riders National Monument, this project will repair historic features of the Greyhound Bus Depot, replace the roof, upgrade building utility systems, and create space for visitor services at the Mural Building. At Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument, the project will rehabilitate the A.G. Gaston Motel, where Martin Luther King Jr. planned non-violent protests in the mid-1960s, restoring parts of the hotel to the way it looked in 1963. This project's restoration work will help tell the story of the civil rights movement for years to come.

Replace Headquarters Office and Maintenance Building

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge



Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge.
Photo Credit: Steve Hildebrand/USFWS

The Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge encompasses some of Alabama's last remaining undisturbed coastal barrier habitat and protects many federally endangered and threatened species as well as migratory birds. The Bon Secour Headquarters Office and Maintenance buildings have reached the end of their life expectancy, have significant water damage and air quality issues, and no longer meet the operational needs of the refuge. GAOA LRF will replace the buildings with a consolidated single facility, improving employee and visitor experience to better meet the refuge's needs.

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

[†]rounded to thousands