

Mississippi

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 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 Mississippi

In Mississippi, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$594,248,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**	
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$7,231,000	
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0	
National Park Service (NPS)	\$528,817,000	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$58,200,000	

GAOA LRF in Mississippi

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly \$115.5 million towards improving over 90 assets across 3 projects in Mississippi.

As of September 2023, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at 1 FWS location and 1 NPS location Mississippi.



Assets improved in Mississippi:



Transportation Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities





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 Mississippi



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
NPS	Natchez Trace Parkway	Rehabilitate Sections of the Natchez Trace Parkway—Phase I	\$61,246,000
NPS	Natchez Trace Parkway	Rehabilitate Sections of the Natchez Trace Parkway—Phase II	\$46,212,000
NPS	Natchez Trace Parkway	Rehabilitate Water and Wastewater Systems**	\$10,000,000*

^{*}total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

Rehabilitate Natchez Trace Parkway - Phase I

Natchez Trace Parkway



Natchez Trace Parkway. Photo credit: NPS

The Natchez Trace Parkway is a scenic roadway along the "Old Natchez Trace" historic travel corridor that offers present day visitors the opportunity for hiking, bicycling, camping, horseback riding, and fishing. The existing roadway is deteriorating and now presents safety and accessibility issues to drivers. This project will improve up to 50 miles of the Parkway, including public access routes, parking lots, deteriorated pavements, bridges, culverts, audible pavement markings, and safety edges. The project will also improve accessibility and provide a smoother and safer road for motorists and bicyclists.

Maintenance Action Teams

Sam D. Hamilton National Wildlife Refuge and Vicksburg National Military Park



MAT crew at Sam D. Hamilton National Wildlife Refuge. Photo credit: FWS

GAOA LRF is funding Maintenance Action Teams (MATs) in the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. MATs primarily consist of federal employees who mobilize regionally to work on smaller scope construction, demolition, rehabilitation, or preservation activities. As of September 2023, MATs have completed work at Sam D. Hamilton National Wildlife Refuge and Vicksburg National Military Park in Mississippi.

At Sam D. Hamilton National Wildlife Refuge, MATs completed rehabilitation work on spillways and levees.

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

[†]rounded to thousands