



# Connecticut

## 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



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 Connecticut

In Connecticut, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$44,597,000\*\*.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$44,170,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$427,000

### GAOA LRF in Connecticut

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$1 million** in **1** project in Connecticut.



GAOA LRF Projects

\*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 Connecticut

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding <sup>†</sup> as of Mar. 2024
NPS	Appalachian National Scenic Trail	Rehabilitate Trail Sections in New England**	\$15,000,000*

\*total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

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

<sup>†</sup>rounded to thousands

### Rehabilitate Trail Sections in New England – FY25 Proposed Project

#### *Appalachian National Scenic Trail*



The Appalachian National Scenic Trail.  
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The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a 2,190+ mile long public footpath that traverses the scenic, wooded, pastoral, wild, and culturally resonant lands of the Appalachian Mountains. This project will rehabilitate and repair numerous critical facilities located along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in five New England states, including Connecticut. It will include a variety of work activities to correct deficiencies associated with trail-related assets such as trail treads, parking areas, maintained landscapes, trail shelters, bridges, privies, campsites, park boundaries, and water wells. This work will improve visitor safety, water quality, accessibility, and reduce erosion.