

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 South Carolina

In South Carolina, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$201,615,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS) \$137,930,00	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$63,685,000

GAOA LRF in South Carolina

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over \$42.4 million towards improving over 20 assets at 2 projects in South Carolina.



Assets improved in South Carolina:



Transportation Assets



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets

^{*}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 Disposed, Cannot Currently be Disposed, or Surplus.



FY21-25 Projects, Locations, and Funding in South Carolina

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Mar. 2024
NPS	Congaree National Park, Cowpens National Battlefield, Kings Mountain National Military Park, Ninety Six National Historic Site	Repair and Preserve Roads in South Carolina	\$4,000,000*
NPS	Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park	Repair or Replace Docks at Fort Moultrie and Liberty Square	\$38,409,000

^{*}total project funding includes proposed FY25 funding

Repair and Preserve Roads in South Carolina – FY25 Proposed Project

Congaree National Park, Cowpens National Battlefield, Kings Mountain National Military Park, Ninety Six National Historic Site



Entrance sign at Cowpens National Battlefield. Photo Credit: NPS

Congaree National Park, Cowpens National Battlefield, Kings Mountain National Military Park, and Ninety Six National Historic Site are four National Park Service sites in South Carolina that collectively welcome 750,000 visitors annually, with opportunities for outdoor recreation and to learn about history. This project will fund pavement preservation on multiple public routes such as access roads, parking areas, and other asphalt paved routes within all four park units. These road improvements will make visitor destinations easier to access, improve safety, and reduce accidents.

Repair or Replace Docks at Fort Moultrie and Liberty Square

Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park



Dock at Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park. Photo Credit: NPS

Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie National Historical Park is comprised of several sites around Charleston Harbor that played a significant role in the American Revolution and the American Civil War. The dock at Fort Moultrie and the dock at Liberty Square operate together to provide essential access for park staff and visitors, but they are at risk of malfunction or failure. This project will replace the park's dock at Fort Moultrie and repair the dock at Liberty Square to provide safe recreational and administrative use. The new dock designs will be accessible and account for sea level rise, changing harbor traffic, and other coastal morphology projections.

[†]rounded to thousands