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Indiana

Great American Outdoors Act

National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

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 allocated 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 GAOA LRF funding, Interior bureaus are:

- Funding 396 projects across 50 states, the District of Columbia, and multiple territories
- Addressing nearly \$6 billion in deferred maintenance and repair
- Improving 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 Indiana

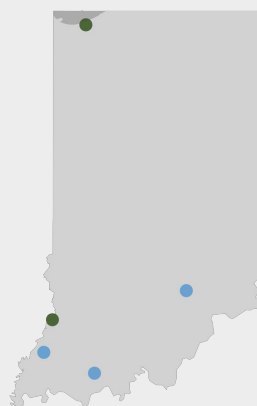
In Indiana, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$116,037,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$73,702,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$42,335,000

GAOA LRF in Indiana

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$30 million** towards improving over **10** assets across **2** projects in Indiana.

As of December 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **1** NPS location and **2** FWS locations in Indiana.



● GAOA LRF Projects ● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Indiana:



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Transportation Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities

* These numbers are estimates and include FY21 - FY25 GAOA LRF-funded projects.

** DM&R estimates represent a point in time, reported as of 9/30/2025, 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.



GAOA LRF Projects, Locations, and Funding in Indiana

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Dec. 2025
NPS	George Rogers Clark National Historical Park	Preserve Memorial Envelope and Bronze Elements	\$4,600,000
NPS	Indiana Dunes National Park	Rehabilitate Historic Structures	\$25,364,000

[†] Rounded to thousands

Rehabilitate Historic Structures

Indiana Dunes National Park



Renovations to the House of Tomorrow in progress.
Photo Credit: Katrina George

Indiana Dunes National Park, home to shifting sand dunes and significant plant and bird diversity along the coast of Lake Michigan, offers recreation such as beachgoing, swimming, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Many of the historic facilities at the park have been closed to the public for several years due to structural instability and unsafe conditions. This project is completing historic rehabilitation on the popular and significant historical structures at the Bailly Homestead, Good Fellow Camp, and the House of Tomorrow. These repairs will enable educational programming and eventually reopen structures to the public. The project is also improving water and wastewater systems, moving power lines underground, and incorporating modernized technology to increase energy efficiency.

Maintenance Action Teams



Demolition to storage building in progress.
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GAOA LRF is funding Maintenance Action Teams (MATs) in the National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. MATs are teams of federal employees, and in some cases NPS interns and members of youth and service corps, who can quickly mobilize across their region to complete smaller scope repair, rehabilitation, or historic preservation activities.

At Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, MATs demolished an old and unusable storage facility and cleaned up the site.