



Iowa

Great American Outdoors Act National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund

Photo Credit: USFWS

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 Iowa

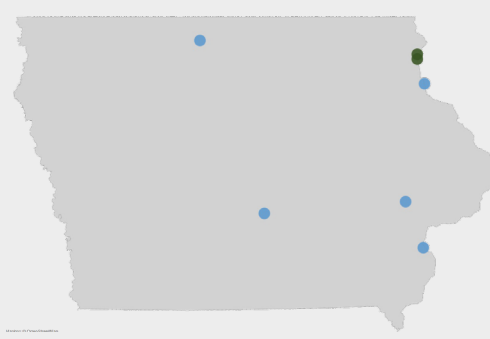
In Iowa, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is almost \$61,802,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$1,529,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$30,639,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$29,634,000

GAOA LRF in Iowa

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$18.2 million** towards improving approximately **4** assets across **2** projects in Iowa.

As of December 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **4** FWS locations and **1** NPS location in Iowa.



● GAOA LRF Projects ● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Iowa:



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities



Operational Buildings

* 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 Iowa

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Dec. 2025
FWS	Upper Mississippi NWFR	Replacement, Repair, and Consolidation of McGregor District Headquarters and Facilities	\$13,226,000
NPS	Effigy Mounds National Monument	Rehabilitate Visitor Center	\$5,000,000

[†] Rounded to thousands

Replacement, Repair, and Consolidation of McGregor District Headquarters and Facilities

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge



Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is one of the largest blocks of floodplain habitat in the continental U.S. and serves as a refuge for fish, wildlife, and plants, and as a breeding place for migratory birds. This project is constructing office facilities and consolidating building infrastructure for the McGregor District at the Luster Heights, Iowa site to replace facilities damaged by a mudslide that forced staff to relocate to a temporary office farther away from the lands they manage. The new facility will reduce work disruption and improve the ability of staff to execute their resource stewardship responsibilities.

Luster Heights Unit Under construction.
Photo Credit: USFWS

Rehabilitate Visitor Center

Effigy Mounds National Monument



Effigy Mounds National Monument protects significant prehistoric earth mounds built by American Indians and protects wildlife, scenic, and other natural values of the area. The Visitor Center is outdated, inaccessible, and its structural integrity is degrading. This project will renovate the Visitor Center and grounds, improving structural integrity, addressing code deficiencies, increasing energy efficiency, and improving accessibility. This work will make the Visitor Center safer for staff and visitors and improve interpretation and education opportunities.

Current Effigy Mounds National Monument
Visitor Center. Photo Credit: NPS