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Kansas

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 Kansas

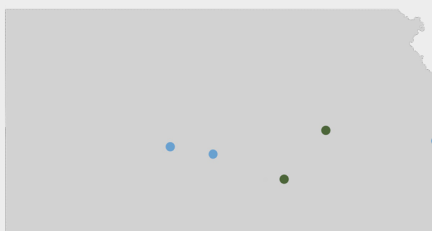
In Kansas, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$104,823,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$44,023,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$12,075,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$48,724,000

GAOA LRF in Kansas

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$17.8 million** towards improving **10** assets across **2** projects in Kansas.

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



Assets improved in Kansas:



Transportation Assets



Operational Buildings



Housing Assets

● GAOA LRF Projects

● 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 9/30/2025, 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 Kansas

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Dec. 2025
FWS	Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	Rehabilitation of the Great Plains Nature Center & Deferred Maintenance Retirement at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge	\$11,450,000
NPS	Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve	Rehabilitate Lantry Area and Spring Hill Barn	\$6,300,000

[†] Rounded to thousands

Rehabilitation of the Great Plains Nature Center & Deferred Maintenance Retirement at Quivira NWR

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge



Little Salt Marsh boardwalk at Quivira National Wildlife Refuge. Photo Credit: USFWS

The Great Plains Nature Center (GPNC) is an education center in Wichita promoting environmental stewardship and providing opportunities for the public to appreciate wildlife. The GPNC building has foundation issues and aging lighting and audio systems that impact public safety, limit educational programs, and make operations inefficient. This project will rehabilitate and repair the entire building, so it is able to support the group's mission. Quivira National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is a Wetland of Global Importance and provides and protects vital habitat for migratory waterfowl. This project will also address aging infrastructure at Quivira NWR, making repairs to access roads, levees, trails, bridges, water control structures, and replacing or rehabilitating staff housing.

Rehabilitate Lantry Area and Spring Hill Barn

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve



The 1882 historic Spring Hill limestone barn. Photo Credit: NPS

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve protects a nationally significant remnant of the once vast tallgrass prairie ecosystem, while preserving a unique collection of cultural resources from prehistoric times through the ranching era. The Lantry Area historic buildings and Spring Hill Ranch Barn have not been rehabilitated since the park was established in 1996 and have deteriorated due to the elements and age. This project will rehabilitate these buildings including repairing foundations, walls, wooden support structures, beams, doors, windows, dormers, and cupolas. Additionally, project work will replace roofs and create an accessible path from the parking area to the Spring Hill Ranch Barn. This project will protect and improve the historic site and provide a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors and staff.