



Kentucky

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 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 Kentucky

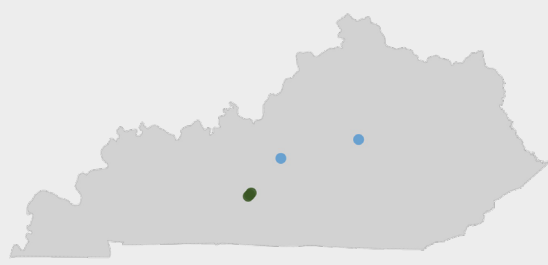
In Kentucky, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$131,751,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$124,260,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$7,491,000

GAOA LRF in Kentucky

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest nearly **\$48.5 million** towards improving approximately **5** assets across **3** projects in Kentucky.

As of December 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **2** NPS locations in Kentucky.



Assets improved in Kentucky:



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities



Recreational and Visitor Experience 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 Kentucky

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Dec. 2025
NPS	Mammoth Cave National Park	Rehabilitate Cave Trails: New Entrance to Frozen Niagara	\$10,128,000
NPS	Mammoth Cave National Park	Repair and Replace Utility Infrastructure—Phase I	\$29,680,000
NPS	Mammoth Cave National Park	Replace Mammoth Cave Hotel Roof to Correct Deficiencies and Improve Visitor Experience	\$8,653,000

[†] Rounded to thousands.

Rehabilitate Cave Trails: New Entrance to Frozen Niagara

Mammoth Cave National Park



Mammoth Cave National Park encompasses portions of the world’s longest known cave system and is home to thousands of years of human history. This project replaced deteriorating portions of the cave trail routes on approximately 1-mile of cave trail used on tours between the New Entrance Route and the Frozen Niagara Route, which had not previously seen a major investment since the 1930s. Work included constructing the hardened trail surface, installing curbing along the sides of the trails, replacing existing handrails with stainless steel handrails, and upgrading steps along the routes.

Completed rehabilitation of the Cave Trail.
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Replace Mammoth Cave Hotel Roof to Correct Deficiencies and Improve Visitor Experience

Mammoth Cave National Park



Mammoth Cave Hotel, built in 1965, provides year-round accommodation and access to the park’s visitor center. In recent years, the building’s roof deteriorated, causing frequent leaks during periods of heavy rain. This project replaced the roof, changing it from flat to pitched to help ensure environmental and structural sustainability, eliminated leaks that cause damage and moisture issues, and improved hotel appearance and visitor experience.

New roof of Mammoth Cave Hotel.
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