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North Carolina

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 North Carolina

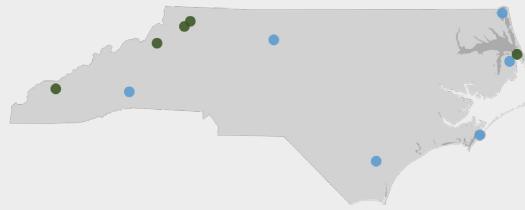
In North Carolina, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$786,741,000**.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$953,000
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$676,978,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$108,811,000

GAOA LRF in North Carolina

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$204.2 million** towards improving over **80** assets across **5** projects in North Carolina.

As of December 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **2** FWS locations and **4** NPS locations in North Carolina.



Assets improved in North Carolina:



Transportation Assets



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 North Carolina



Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding [†] as of Dec. 2025
NPS	Blue Ridge Parkway	BLRI Reconstruction (NC)	\$123,500,000
NPS	Blue Ridge Parkway	Rehabilitate sections of Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina	\$26,789,000
NPS	Blue Ridge Parkway	Replace Laurel Fork Bridge	\$35,314,000
NPS	Cape Hatteras National Seashore and Fort Raleigh National Historic Site	Replace Fort Raleigh and Frisco Water Systems	\$7,000,000
NPS	Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Rehabilitate Park Roads and Road Structures*	\$35,204,000

*Project spans multiple states; funding represents the estimated total amount of funding for this project across states.

† Rounded to thousands.

Replace Laurel Fork Bridge

Blue Ridge Parkway



Under head view of the newly constructed Laurel Fork Bridge. Photo Credit: NPS

The Blue Ridge Parkway, spanning almost 500 miles across the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains through North Carolina and Virginia, is one of the most visited NPS sites in the country with more than 16.7 million visitors in 2024. This project replaced the failing Laurel Fork Bridge in Ashe County, NC, originally built in 1939. The old bridge was near the end of its lifespan and was often closed during major wind events due to safety concerns. The replacement bridge provides safe, accessible, and continuous visitor access.

Maintenance Action Teams



Repair work on the Great Marsh Loop Trail in progress. Photo Credit: USFWS

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 Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge, MATs corrected multiple deficiencies on the Great Marsh Loop Trail Loop to help restore public access to the trail.