



# Tennessee

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

Photo Credit: FHWA

**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 Tennessee

In Tennessee, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is \$409,507,000\*\*.

Bureau	DM&R**
Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$0
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	\$0
National Park Service (NPS)	\$360,572,000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)	\$48,935,000

### GAOA LRF in Tennessee

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$57.7 million** towards improving over **10** assets across **3** projects in Tennessee.

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



### Assets improved in Tennessee:



Transportation Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities

● 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 Tennessee

Bureau	Unit Name	Project Title	Funding <sup>†</sup> as of Dec. 2025
NPS	Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Foothills Parkway Rehabilitation	\$33,660,000
NPS	Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Rehabilitate Park Roads and Road Structures*	\$35,204,000
NPS	Natchez Trace Parkway	Rehabilitate Water and Wastewater Systems*	\$10,000,000

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

† Rounded to thousands.

## Foothills Parkway Rehabilitation

*Great Smoky Mountains National Park*



Completed Foothills Parkway in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Photo Credit: FHWA

The Foothills Parkway in Great Smoky Mountains National Park provides recreation opportunities and offers a beautiful panoramic perspective of the Great Smoky Mountains. The paved surface of the parkway was experiencing wear, with areas of moderate to severe rutting and potholes, which contributed to unsafe driving conditions for visitors and employees. This project rehabilitated the parkway by repairing pullouts, parking areas, guardrails, drainage structures, shoulders, signage, and other road safety components. The project improves safety for park visitors and employees and increases accessibility.

## Rehabilitate Park Roads and Road Structures

*Great Smoky Mountains National Park*



Construction work on Newfound Gap Road. Photo Credit: NPS

Great Smoky Mountains National Park encompasses over 800 square miles in the Southern Appalachian Mountains and is the most visited national park in the country. However, roadway pavement at the park has potholes, cracks, dips, and poor drainage. This project is repairing pavement, replacing guardrails, adding new road signs, and improving drainage. These repairs help ensure that the park's roads are safe and accessible to all.