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Wisconsin

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 Wisconsin

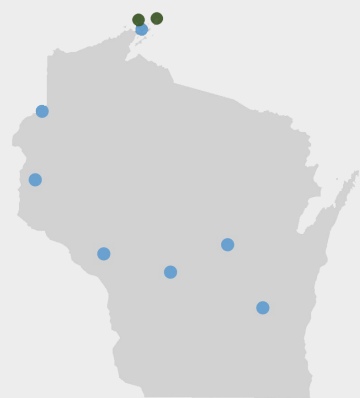
In Wisconsin, the total deferred maintenance and repair (DM&R) backlog for the four Interior GAOA LRF bureaus is over \$127,682,000**.

| Bureau | DM&R** |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) | \$2,620,000 |
| Bureau of Land Management (BLM) | \$0 |
| National Park Service (NPS) | \$73,627,000 |
| U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) | \$51,435,000 |

GAOA LRF in Wisconsin

With the full five years of funding, GAOA LRF will invest over **\$28.2 million** towards improving **4** assets at **2** projects in Wisconsin.

As of December 2025, Maintenance Action Teams have completed work at **4** FWS locations and **3** NPS locations in Wisconsin.



● GAOA LRF Projects ● Completed Maintenance Action Team Activities

Assets improved in Wisconsin:



Recreational and Visitor Experience Assets



Water Infrastructure and Other Utilities

* 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 Wisconsin

| Bureau | Unit Name | Project Title | Funding [†] as of Dec. 2025 |
|--------|------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| NPS | Apostle Islands National Lakeshore | Rehabilitate or Replace Outer Island Dock | \$3,400,000 |
| NPS | Apostle Islands National Lakeshore | Rehabilitate Waterfront at Little Sand Bay and Devils Island, and Reconstruct Boathouse | \$24,847,000 |

[†] Rounded to thousands.

Rehabilitate Outer Island Dock

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore



Outer Island at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.
Photo Credit: B. Flynn/NPS

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore is a remote archipelago in Lake Superior known for its unique geology, the largest concentration of lighthouses in the country, and its historic and archeological resources. The Outer Island Dock, the main access point to Outer Island, was constructed in 1958 and has structural integrity concerns and is beyond its lifespan. This project will rehabilitate the dock to address deficiencies with dock stabilization and the base materials. Project work will also improve the tram connection that facilitates safe transportation of materials and supplies from the dock to light station and replace the stone protection along the dock's perimeter. These improvements will help ensure the dock can support emergency response, visitor access, light station maintenance, and park operations for many years to come.

Maintenance Action Teams



Demolition of parking lot 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 Horicon National Wildlife Refuge, MATs demolished an unused comfort station and removed a football-field-sized asphalt lot, which will be restored with soil and grass.