



The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) established the National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) to address deferred maintenance across the Department of the Interior’s asset portfolio. The NPS receives up to \$1.33 billion per year for five years (through FY 2025), totaling \$6.65 billion. LRF funding provides an opportunity to address the maintenance backlog in national parks, estimated at \$23.3 billion in October 2023.

GAOA LRF at a Glance: Rhode Island

Number of Park Units	Deferred Maintenance and Repairs Estimate ¹	Number of LRF Projects (FY21 – FY25) ²	Total Estimated GAOA LRF Funding ³	Estimated Economic Impact ⁴
2	\$4 M	4	\$9.3 M	\$25.2 M

Deferred Maintenance & Repairs by Park and Asset Category

The tables below show NPS Deferred Maintenance and Repairs by park and asset category, respectively.

Park ⁵	DM&R
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park (BLRV)	\$4 M
John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BLAC)	\$64 K
Roger Williams National Memorial (ROWI)	\$35 K
Total	\$4 M


Asset Category	DM&R
Buildings	\$195 K
Housing ⁶	\$0
Campgrounds	\$0
Trails	\$0
Waste Water Systems	\$0
Water Systems	\$0
Unpaved Roads ⁷	\$0
Paved Roads ⁸	\$2 M
All Other ⁹	\$2 M
Total	\$4 M

Note: DM&R values in the tables above may not sum exactly due to rounding.

Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund Project Spotlights

There are no FY21-FY25 LRF projects in the state of Rhode Island.

Rhode Island's 1st Congressional District

Project Title	Preserve Slater and Wilkinson Mills
Park	Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park
LRF Funding	\$9,000,000 (FY 2025)
Project Description	
<p>This project will preserve the historic Old Slater Mill and Wilkinson Mill, including repairs to foundations, exterior envelopes, the site's raceways and river retaining walls, the Wilkinson waterpower system and wheel exhibit, and provide code-compliant accessibility upgrades to the site.</p> <p>By funding this project, the park will preserve character defining features of the mills as contributing structures within the National Historic Landmark District. It will protect the Wilkinson bell tower roof from failure, protecting museum collections and archives housed in each mill from water and weather damage. In addition, it will allow park interpretation and education rangers to share Slater Mill and Wilkinson Mill through tours and educational programming. Fixing Slater Mill's windows and clapboard will preserve historic fabric and increase the longevity of surrounding wooden mill exterior components. The project will return the mills to acceptable condition, allowing them to be maintained on a regular cyclic schedule.</p>	
	

Maintenance Action Team Program ¹⁰

Park	# of Projects	Estimated LRF MAT Funding
Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park	2	\$295,939 (FY 2021, FY 2023)
Roger Williams National Memorial	1	\$18,818 (FY2021)
Totals	3	\$314,757

Notes

¹ *Deferred Maintenance and Repairs (DM&R) includes only correction of existing deficiencies. It does not include, for example, alterations for improved accessibility, upgrades to meet current building codes, installation of new fire suppression systems, expansion of capacity, or annual recurring maintenance needs. The inventory associated with the fact sheet above includes only real property locations that are reported to the Federal Real Property Profile (FRPP).*

² *The number of LRF Projects (FY21-FY25) reflects (1) LRF project for FY 2021-FY 2025 and (3) MAT projects for FY 2021-FY2024. MAT projects for FY 2025 are currently being identified.*

³ *Total Estimated GAOA LRF Funding reflects current approved funding which includes project funding increases through the use of construction contingency funding. Data as of April 4, 2024.*

⁴ *Total Economic Impact is the measure measures the total estimated value of production of goods and services supported in the US economy by NPS LRF related expenditures. Economic output is the sum of all intermediate sales (business to business) and final demand (sales to consumers and exports). This figure does not reflect economic output generated through MAT projects nor does it reflect economic output generated through construction contingency funding increases.*

⁵ ***John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor (BLAC)** is in Rhode Island but is not an official park unit. However, it has inventory reported to FRPP, so it is included.*

⁵ ***Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park (BLRV)** spans multiple states. However, all inventory and associated DM&R needs aligned to Rhode Island in Facility Management Software System (FMSS) and are, therefore, represented fully.*

⁶ *Housing is defined as residential structures associated with the NPS Employee Housing Program whereby rent is collected and associated support buildings (e.g., detached garages). Excluded from this category are multiuse buildings (e.g., visitor centers) that include quarters unit(s).*

⁷ *Unpaved Roads includes unpaved parking areas and unpaved roadways.*

⁸ *Paved Roads includes bridges, tunnels, paved parking areas, and paved roadways.*

⁹ *All Other assets may include trail bridges, trail tunnels, maintained landscapes, boundaries, utility systems, dams, constructed waterways, marinas, aviation systems, railroad systems, ships, monuments, maintained archeological sites, fortifications, interpretive media, and amphitheaters.*

¹⁰ *Maintenance Action Team projects reflect FY21, FY23, and FY24 projects. Additional MAT projects will be identified for the FY25 MAT program. MAT projects in Rhode Island include one closed out project in Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park - Complete immediate exterior and interior repairs to Wilkinson Mill.*