

Recreation

Maintenance Action Teams

Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund



Photo: NPS Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument

The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) created the Maintenance Action Team (MAT) program in 2021 to address facility maintenance needs at small parks. MATs are made up of skilled trades workers, interns and service corps members (via cooperative agreements), regionally located near multiple national park units. These teams temporarily bolster the workforce at parks that have important, and specialized, maintenance and repair needs.

By 2025, the MAT program has undertaken projects at 262 park units. This includes over 70 projects on local and National Trails and many improvements to campgrounds, cabins, shelters, and visitor centers. These projects directly improve visitor experience, orientation to the parks, and enhance access to recreational opportunities.

Legacy Restoration Fund Maintenance Action Team Projects at Campgrounds, Cabins and Shelters

Park	Project	State	Investment
Appalachian National Scenic Trail	Rehabilitate Trails, Shelters & Facilities	PA, VA	\$611,784
Catoctin Mountain Park	Repair Historic Cabins in Camp Greentop, and Camp Misty Mount	MD	\$224,641
Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument	Maintain Old Telos Tote Rd and Deasey Mountain Fire Lookout	ME	\$228,300
New River Gorge National Park and Preserve	Repair Masonry at Grandview Grounds	WV	\$133,078
Prince William Forest Park	Rehabilitate Cabin Camp, Oak Ridge, Turkey Run, and Chopawamsic Areas	VA	\$317,255
Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve	Restore Coal Creek Camp to Period of Historic Significance	AK	\$1,021,757

Restore Coal Creek Camp to Period of Historic Significance

Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve



The historic Coal Creek Camp was built in the early 1930s to support nearby gold dredging operations. The site was restored by the NPS in 1999 for use as a base of operations for scientists, wildland firefighters and emergency responders, and for educational camps. One cabin is set aside for year-round public use via either a 4-mile hike from the Yukon River, or a small plane flight to a nearby gravel airstrip.

This project improved 13 structures at the camp, including foundation repairs, wood stove and chimney rehabilitation, addressing insulation and moisture barriers, and replacement of the metal roofs.

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Legacy Restoration Fund Maintenance Action Team Projects at Visitor Centers

Park	Project	State	Investment
Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site	Repair Main House Front Portico	NC	\$128,598
Cedar Breaks National Monument	Maintain the Historic Log Cabin at Point Supreme	UT	\$163,669
Cesar Chavez National Monument	Rehabilitate Memorial Garden and Visitor Center Interior	CA	\$178,539
Charles Pinckney National Historic Site	Replace Snee Farm House Shutters and Hardware	SC	\$108,984
Dinosaur National Monument	Rehabilitate Historic Wade & Curtis Cabin	CO	\$317,329
Ice Age National Scenic Trail	Repair Exterior of Cross Plain Contact Station	WI	\$197,584
New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park	Rehabilitate Visitors Center Windows and Signage	MA	\$64,000
Reconstruction Era National Historical Park	Repoint Exterior Surfaces Old Beaufort Firehouse	SC	\$55,074
Rosie the Riveter WWII Homefront National Historical Park	Replace Furnishings at the Visitor Center	CA	\$123,319

Rehabilitate Memorial Garden and Visitor Center

Cesar Chávez National Monument

The Cesar Chávez National Monument site served as the headquarters of the United Farm Workers starting in the 1970s and is still managed with the National Chávez Center. The Visitor Center includes César Chávez's personal office and library. The adjacent Memorial Garden includes the burial site of César and his wife Helen.

This project includes many improvements to the grounds including pruning and irrigation of the roses in the Chávez Memorial Garden, improving site drainage, retiling the Paseo Fountain, painting all site walls and columns, and improving the visitor center theater area.

