

National Park Service
Minute Man National Historical Park



Great American Outdoors Act Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) Project for Minute Man NHP

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Great American Outdoors Act

The Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) is a significant investment that will help reduce the burden of backlogged maintenance in national parks and public lands.

- GAOA's National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund (LRF) is an extraordinary opportunity for crucial investments in NPS infrastructure. The NPS receives 70% of the LRF—up to \$1.3 billion each year for five years through 2025, or up to \$6.65 billion total.
- NPS infrastructure needs significant repairs and reinvestment to provide quality experiences for millions of visitors each year.
- Through strategic and significant investments, GAOA funding will enhance conservation and recreational opportunities on public lands. NPS is making sound investment decisions, considering long-term operation commitments so each project provides long-term value for the American people.
- LRF funding presents an opportunity to address large-scale projects that could not be realistically funded through other means.



Legacy Restoration Fund and Minute Man NHP

In FY22, Minute Man NHP was awarded a Legacy Restoration Fund project which will invest approximately \$27 million on a suite of projects to rehabilitate or restore numerous historic properties throughout the park.

- Over a dozen historic structures will be rehabilitated for residential, operational, or interpretive uses. Historic properties include The Wayside and Barn, Elisha Jones House, Major John Buttrick House, Stow House, Samuel Brooks House, Joshua Brooks House, Captain William Smith House, Jacob Whittemore House, Farwell Jones House, and the George Hall House.
- “Witness” landscapes will be rehabilitated throughout the park.
- Repair Battle Road and North Bridge Trails that link the witness landscapes and structures, as well as provides recreational and interpretive infrastructure.
- Conservation of stone and bronze monuments and the Replacement of 300 Park Signs.



LRF Project-Buildings and Structures

The LRF project for Minute Man NHP will be executed in phases with the primary schedule goal focused on the 250th Anniversary of the opening battle of the American Revolution in April 2025.

- The first phase, buildings and structures, is currently in contracting with a goal to award by the end of FY22 (September 30, 2022).
- In addition to contractors, the NPS will be deploying in-house preservation crews (MAT-Maintenance Action Teams) for some of the more complicated preservation work. Work will meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.
- Work will include rehabilitation of windows, doors, siding, and trim on many structures with more focused work at interior spaces for those which have been vacant for years such as the George Hall House (corner of Lexington Road and Manuel Drive) and Joshua Brooks House (North Great Road at Lincoln line).



LRF Project-Landscapes and Trails

The Landscapes and Trails phase will focus on rehabilitation of current infrastructure.

- The trail package includes a suite of work focusing on drainage improvements, re-establishment of trail widths, repairs to stone walls, and re-filling of trail material at degraded trail areas.
- The landscape package includes efforts to revitalize current plantings, replace missing elements due to vegetation loss, removal of hazardous trees, and pruning of trees as appropriate.
- Both the landscape and trail packages will be executed through a design-build contract. Contracting goal is to award in 1st quarter FY23.



LRF Project-Signage

Minute Man NHP has approximately 300 wayfinding and identification signs to guide the public.

- This phase of the project will include a combination of in-house sign design by the NPS' Harpers Ferry Center and contracted design.
- Due to scheduling constraints, primary signs such as the park's new identification sign and key directional signs will be prioritized to ensure design approval, fabrication, and installation is completed in time for the 250th anniversary. Remaining signs would be installed after the anniversary.



LRF Project-Signage to be Replaced-Phase I (Typical)

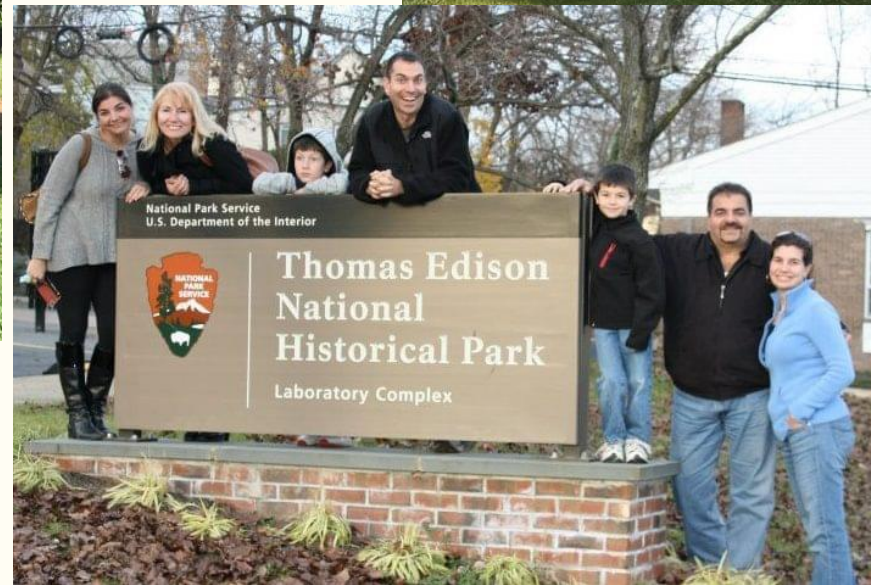




Potential Locations of New ID Sign

Fiske Hill (Left) or Land in front of Whittemore House near Old Airport Road (Right)

New ID Sign-Design Options



LRF Project-Monument Conservation

The final phase of the project will focus on the park's monuments and statues.

- This phase of the project is proposed to be completed by in-house NPS conservators who specialize in monument and statue conservation.
- Work will include cleaning and waxing of metal (bronze) features and any minor repairs as needed. All efforts will use the gentlest means possible to preserve the work of art.
- Stonework will include cleaning and, as appropriate, repair to joints. It is not anticipated that any major repair work will be needed for any of the monuments.
- All work will be completed ahead of the anniversary in 2025.





Questions?