

# CAPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND REPORT

2020 - 2021



The expansion of Fort Robinson State Park's Red Cloud Campground started in fiscal year 2020-21 and continues in 2021-22.

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# CAPITAL MAINTENANCE FUND

## AN OVERVIEW

In 2014, the Nebraska Legislature established the Capital Maintenance Fund to preserve Nebraska's public outdoor recreation facilities and statewide park system. This is a network of 78 park venues and trails managed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for the people of the state and beyond.

In 2021, the CMF legislation was modified, adding five years of funding, with the requirement that Nebraska Game and Parks report electronically a list of each project that received funding from the Capital Maintenance Fund for the most recently completed fiscal year, as well as a list of projects that will receive such funding during the current fiscal year. The report is due on or before Dec. 1 each year through 2027 to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Revenue Committee of the Legislature.

The investment from the Legislature has enabled Game and Parks to launch an aggressive, much-needed capital maintenance plan for state parks and facilities. This will ensure these spaces are maintained into the future, improving safety and functionality of core infrastructure (such as water systems, utilities and sanitation systems), and meeting the growing demand for new experiences by all. \$76 million will be spent on parks, fisheries, roads, trails, facilities and access improvements during the span of this legislation; aging infrastructure will be brought up-to-date — and up to code — and increasing accessibility to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards will be a priority.

Between 2020 and 2023, nearly \$24 million in Capital Maintenance Fund dollars is expected to be spent on improvements. Additional dollars from agency and federal funds also will be used for these projects.



The Buffalo Bill Ranch State Historical Park mansion roof was replaced in fiscal year 2020-21.

# BUDGET

Fund Source	FY 2020-2021 Expenditures	FY 2021-2022 Estimated
Capital Maintenance Fund	\$7,431,489	\$4.5M
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$0	\$1M
Nebraska Outdoor Recreational Development Act	\$679,183	\$1.15M
Park Cash	\$297,112	\$1M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,407,784</b>	<b>\$7.65M</b>

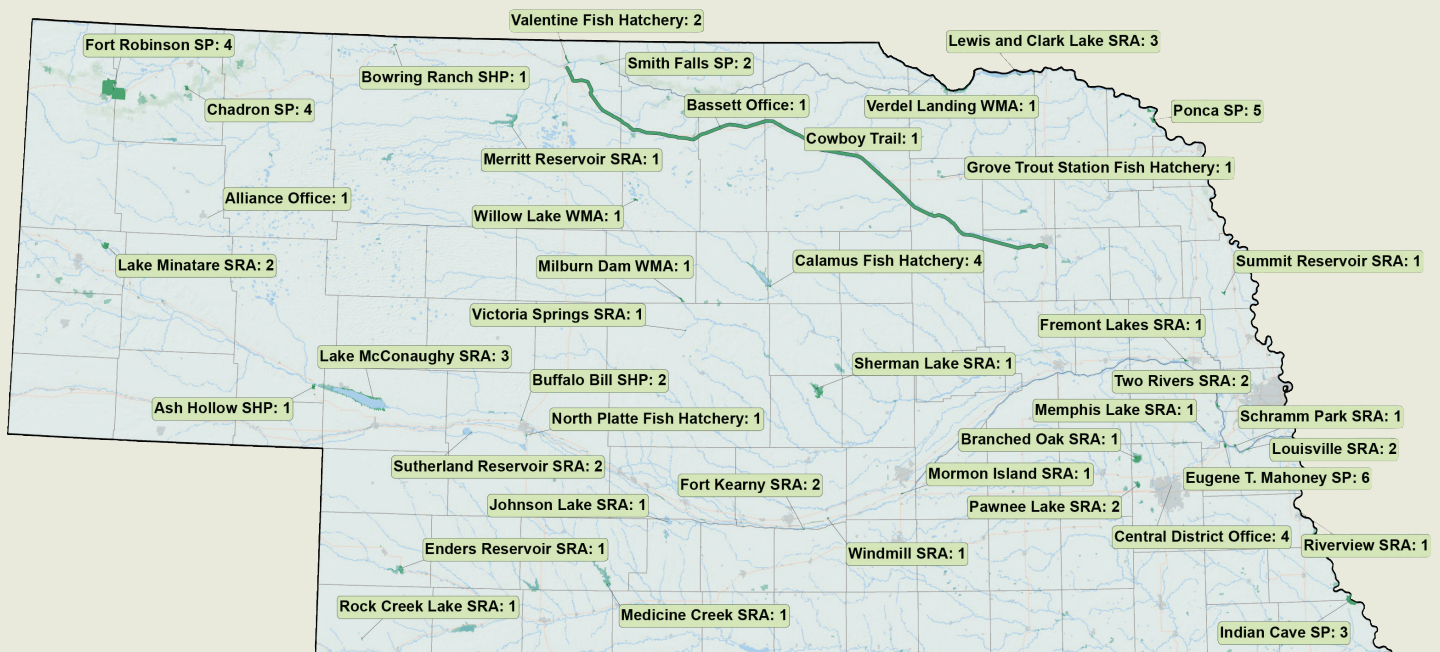
## PROJECT REPORT

### *Fiscal Year 2020-2021*

More than \$7.4 million in Capital Maintenance Funds was spent or contracted for park and facility improvements at Game and Parks managed locations statewide for the fiscal year 2020-21. The tables on pages 4 and 5 highlight those projects that received Capital Maintenance Funds for improvements. Other funding sources used for these projects included the agency’s Park Cash Fund and state and federal funding sources.

Projects were selected based on need, including mandates to meet state and federal safety and/or ADA accessibility requirements. Significant progress has been made in improving facilities and access for all. This is a noteworthy accomplishment considering the challenges of limited contractor availability, delivery and supply chain delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Completed Capital Maintenance Fund Projects for FY 2020-2021



## COMPLETED PROJECTS – FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Alliance District Office window replacement	Indian Cave shower house upgrade to meet ADA compliance
Ash Hollow pit toilet and cabin removal	Indian Cave concrete repair for parking/boat ramp
Bassett Service Center walk-up window, ionized system and office space updates	Indian Cave transformer upgrade
Bowring Ranch replacement windows	Lake McConaughy Arthur Bay shower house replacement
Branched Oak Area 4 campground electrical upgrade	Lake McConaughy Cedar View campground electrical and ADA upgrades
Buffalo Bill Mansion cupola repair	Lake McConaughy Cedar View campground shower house replacement
Buffalo Bill Mansion roof replacement	Lake Minatare campground electrical upgrades
Calamus fish-cleaning station with grinder installation (2)	Lake Minatare wastewater system upgrades
Calamus Fish Hatchery valve replacement	Lewis and Clark boat ramp replacement
Calamus Fish Hatchery waterline upgrade	Lewis and Clark fish-cleaning station upgrade
Central District Office air quality system improvements	Lewis and Clark restroom removal
Central District Office boiler replacement	Louisville boat dock replacement
Central District Office internet wiring upgrade and wiring repairs	Louisville fishing pier installation
Central District Office reconfiguration	Mahoney cabin renovations (2)
Chadron ADA campground pads installation	Mahoney elevator upgrade for regulatory compliance
Chadron ADA playground equipment and surfacing installation	Mahoney cabins HVAC upgrade
Chadron restroom replacement	Mahoney Lakeside Campground electric upgrade
Chadron shower house replacement	Mahoney Riverview Lodge vault toilet installation
Cowboy Trail storm damage repairs, including fencing	Medicine Creek hazardous building removal
Enders ADA campground pad installation	Memphis campground electrical upgrade
Fort Kearny campground electrical upgrade	Merritt picnic shelter installation
Fort Kearny vault toilet restroom replacement	Milburn Dam vault toilet restroom replacement
Fort Robinson Adobe Cabins heat exchange upgrade	Mormon Island campground improvements
Fort Robinson maintenance shop HVAC upgrade	North Platte Fish Hatchery furnace replacement
Fort Robinson ADA playground equipment and surfacing installation	Pawnee campground electrical upgrade
Fort Robinson vault toilet restroom replacements	Pawnee shower house replacement
Johnson Lake fish-cleaning station upgrade	Ponca boat ramp repairs (2)
Grove Trout Rearing Station flood repairs	Ponca entrance sign replacement
	Ponca shower house removal
	Ponca Grey Fox Cabin HVAC upgrade

## COMPLETED PROJECTS – FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 *(Continued)*

Riverview silt removal	Valentine Fish Hatchery roof replacement
Schramm sidewalk improvements	Valentine Fish Hatchery flood damage assessment
Sherman fish-cleaning station upgrade	Verdel Landing vault toilet restroom replacement
Smith Falls service center HVAC upgrade	Victoria Springs campground electrical upgrade
Smith Falls deck ADA upgrade	Windmill archery range accessibility upgrade
Sutherland campground electrical upgrade	Willow Lake vault toilet restroom replacement
Sutherland fish-cleaning station upgrade	
Summit Lake campground improvements upgrade	
Two Rivers office and entrance ADA upgrades	

## IN PROGRESS PROJECTS – STARTED IN FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Alexandria vault toilet restroom replacement	Louisville campground electrical upgrade
Alliance office sanitation system renovation	Mahoney vault toilet restroom replacement
Branched Oak restroom replacement (4)	Mahoney telecommunications fiber upgrade
Branched Oak Area 4 campground electrical upgrade	Mahoney Lakeside Campground electrical and ADA improvements
Central District Office reconfiguration	Mahoney Peter Kiewit Lodge erosion mitigation
Chadron campground ADA and electrical upgrade	Pawnee vault toilet restroom replacement
Cowboy Trail flood repair resurfacing	Riverview vault toilet restroom replacement
Cowboy Trail bridge replacements	Rock Creek Lake drinking well installation
Cowboy Trail culvert replacements	Rock Creek Station campground electrical upgrade
Cowboy Trail erosion mitigation and control	Sutherland vault toilet restroom replacement
Fort Atkinson entrance relocation design	Two Rivers Lakeside Campground ADA and electrical upgrades
Fort Atkinson restoration; fort wall log replacement	Two Rivers caboose ADA-accessibility upgrade (1)
Fort Robinson Adobe cabins electrical upgrade	Two Rivers caboose renovations (all)
Fort Robinson Red Cloud Campground expansion	Victoria Springs ADA cabin renovations and other upgrades
Fort Robinson water tower painting	Victoria Springs vault toilet restroom replacement
Fremont Victory Lake shoreline erosion	
Indian Cave boardwalk replacement design (ADA access)	

## ***Fiscal Year 2021-22***

More than \$7.6 million in capital maintenance spending is planned on more than 100 projects at locations managed by Game and Parks for the fiscal year 2021-22. In addition to an estimated \$4.5 million in Capital Maintenance Funds, other agency and federal funding sources have been or will be used for these projects.

While ongoing challenges and potential delays remain associated with delivery, supply chain and limited contractor or work force availability related to COVID-19 impacts, Game and Parks will continue to strive for progress on planned projects.

## **PROJECTS IDENTIFIED FOR CMF EXPENDITURE – AS OF NOV. 30, 2021**

Alexandria vault toilet restroom replacement (2)	Cowboy Trail flood repair resurfacing
Alliance office sanitation system renovation	Cowboy Trail sign repair/replacement
Ash Hollow camp host sites upgrade	Cowboy Trail storm damage repairs
Ash Hollow museum accessibility upgrades	Cozad campground design
Box Butte campground expansion and upgrade	Fort Atkinson entrance relocation
Box Butte vault toilet restroom replacement (2)	Fort Atkinson restoration; fort wall log replacement
Branched Oak campground areas 1 and 4 electrical upgrade	Fort Kearny shower house replacement
Branched Oak vault toilet restrooms replacement (4)	Fort Kearny vault toilet restroom replacement
Bridgeport vault toilet restrooms replacement (2)	Fort Robinson ADA playground equipment and surfacing installation
Calamus hatchery gates operator installation	Fort Robinson Adobe cabins electric upgrade
Calamus shop upgrades	Fort Robinson Adobe cabins foundation replacement (5)
Calamus vault toilet restroom replacement	Fort Robinson aquatic habitat and angler access
Central District Office reconfiguration	Fort Robinson Mare Barn Campground expansion
Chadron campground ADA and electrical upgrades	Fort Robinson Mare Barn Campground shower house replacement
Chadron entrance sign replacement	Fort Robinson Red Cloud Campground expansion
Chadron vault toilet restroom replacement (2)	Fort Robinson Soldier Creek campground expansion
Chadron Trading Post HVAC upgrade	Fort Robinson steel shed door replacement
Cheyenne vault toilet restroom replacement	Fort Robinson vault toilet restrooms replacement
Cowboy Trail bridge replacements	
Cowboy Trail culvert replacements	
Cowboy Trail erosion mitigation and control	

## PROJECTS IDENTIFIED FOR CMF EXPENDITURE – AS OF NOV. 30, 2021 *(Continued)*

Fort Robinson water tower painting	Louisville vault toilet restroom replacement
Fremont public dock system installation	Mahoney cabin repairs (2)
Fremont Pathfinder and Victory Lake campgrounds electrical upgrade	Mahoney dump station utility upgrades
Fremont Pathfinder shower and dump station replacement	Mahoney James Family Conservatory upgrades
Fremont Victory Lake shoreline erosion	Mahoney Lakeside Campground electrical and ADA improvements
Indian Cave boardwalk repairs and replacement	Mahoney Little Creek Campground electrical upgrade
Indian Cave vault toilet restroom replacement (2)	Mahoney Peter Kiewit Lodge and park erosion mitigation
Indian Cave water line installation	Mahoney telecommunications fiber upgrade
Johnson Lake dump station upgrade	Mahoney vault toilet restroom replacement
Johnson Lake campground electrical upgrade	Memphis shower house and dump station replacement
Keller campground electrical upgrade	Memphis vault toilet restroom replacement
Keller vault toilet restroom replacement (2)	Merritt breakwater and dock upgrades
Lake McConaughy campground ADA upgrades	Merritt campground expansion and upgrades
Lake McConaughy Martin Bay boat access upgrades	Merritt shower house repair
Lake McConaughy motorized water trail improvements	Merritt vault toilet restroom replacement (2)
Lake McConaughy directional wayfinding signage	Mormon Island campground expansion
Lake Minatare vault toilet restroom replacement (4)	Mormon Island vault toilet restroom replacement (2)
Lewis and Clark Burbach Campground upgrades	Pawnee campground areas 3 and 4 electrical upgrade
Lewis and Clark marina expansion	Pawnee marina building upgrade
Lewis and Clark Miller Creek water system improvements	Pawnee shower house replacement
Lewis and Clark Burbach campground electrical upgrade	Pawnee vault toilet restroom replacement
Lincoln Central Office security entry and customer service remodel	Platte River Decker Creek bank stabilization
Lincoln Central Office LED light upgrade	Ponca boat ramp electrical and water repairs
Long Pine campground expansion	Riverview vault toilet restroom replacement
Long Pine vault toilet restroom replacement (2)	Rock Creek Lake drinking well installation
Louisville campgrounds (2) electrical upgrades	Rock Creek Lake vault toilet restroom replacement, ADA sidewalk and ADA parking
	Rock Creek Station campground electrical upgrade
	Rock Creek Station wastewater system upgrade
	Rockford vault toilet restroom replacement
	Sherman campground expansion

## PROJECTS IDENTIFIED FOR CMF EXPENDITURE – AS OF NOV. 30, 2021 *(Continued)*

Sherman vault toilet restroom replacement (2)

Smith Falls walkway accessibility upgrade

Stagecoach vault toilet restroom replacement

Summit Lake maintenance shop installation

Sutherland vault toilet restroom replacement

Two Rivers caboose ADA-accessibility upgrade (1)

Two Rivers caboose renovations (all)

Two Rivers Lakeside Campground ADA and electrical upgrades

Victoria Springs ADA cabin renovations and other upgrades

Victoria Springs vault toilet restroom replacement

Walgren Lake campground upgrades

Walgren vault toilet restroom replacement

War Ax vault toilet restroom replacement

Willow Creek electrical upgrades

Windmill east well upgrade

Windmill variable frequency drive well pump installation

Windmill vault toilet restroom replacement (2)



Smith Falls State Park received a refurbished deck and walkway to meet accessibility standards in 2020-21 fiscal year. Work continues in 2021-22.



As part of the Soldier Creek Campground expansion at Fort Robinson State Park, a replacement shower house and restroom were built in fiscal year 2020-21.



Renovations to the two rustic cabins at Victoria Springs State Recreation Area near Anselmo are being made. This includes making them wheelchair accessible, increasing living space and adding new decks with views of the lake.

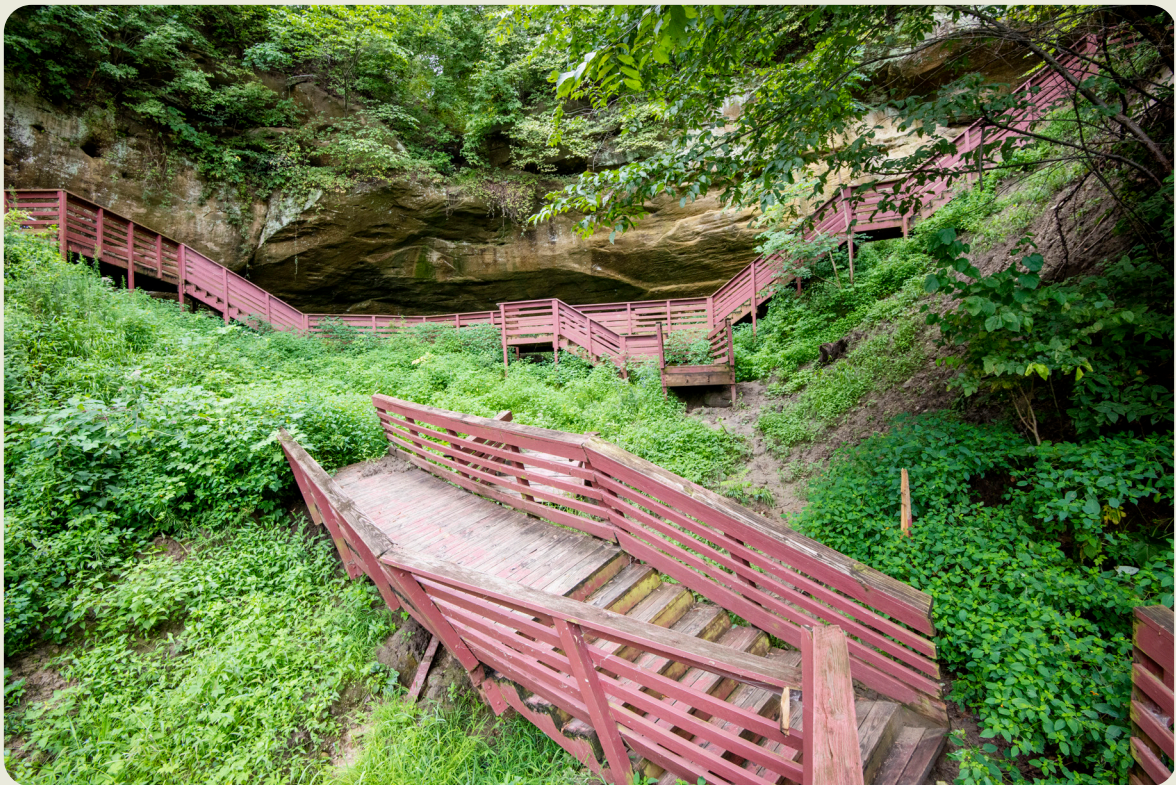


Calamus State Recreation Area renovated two fish-cleaning stations with grinders as part of the completed projects of fiscal year 2020-21. Upgraded fish-cleaning stations also were installed at four other state park areas.



## THE BENEFITS OF VIBRANT PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Nebraska’s state parks, considered among the best in the nation, are a pillar of our state’s tourism industry.
- State parks have an annual economic impact of more than \$749 million, supporting \$448 million in retail sales and more than 8,000 jobs.
- The Commission has paid more than \$7 million in sales and lodging taxes in the past five years. Lodging tax proceeds support community-based recreation and activities with the intention to boost tourism, the third largest industry in Nebraska. Our parks and fisheries are key to this industry acting as travel destinations for domestic and international travelers.
- State parks and recreation areas provide important access and opportunity for boaters and anglers. Nebraska’s nearly 80,000 recreational boaters have an annual economic impact of \$1.5 billion, according to the National Marine Manufacturers’ 2018 Boating Economic Impact Study. At the same time, 368,965 anglers spent \$271 million while fishing in Nebraska, creating an economic output of \$425 million, according to a 2018 report by the American Sport Fishing Association and Southwick and Associates research. Each year, the Commission stocks millions of fish in Nebraska waters from one end of the state to the other.



Flooding and landslides washed out a section of the boardwalk to the historic cave at Indian Cave State Park in Richardson County in 2019. With the support of Capital Maintenance Fund dollars, boardwalk repairs began in September 2021 and will continue in fiscal year 2021-22.

The mission of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is stewardship of the state's fish, wildlife, park, and outdoor recreation resources in the best long-term interests of the people and those resources.



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