

OUTDOOR RECREATION – A SUBSTANTIAL AND GROWING PART OF THE ECONOMY – NEEDS MODERNIZED INFRASTRUCTURE

\$4.5 million

Jobs supported by the outdoor recreation industry, which makes up 2.2% of U.S. GDP

\$734 billion

Outdoor recreation's contribution to the U.S. economy, surpassing agriculture, petroleum, coal, and computer and electronic products

D+

ASCE's 2017 infrastructure report card grade for America's parks and public lands infrastructure, which face a \$18 billion deferred maintenance backlog

\$1 for \$10

For every dollar Congress invests in the National Park Service, \$10 is returned to the U.S. economy

Any major federal infrastructure measure must include a "Recreation Title" that addresses green and blue infrastructure needs.

Much of America's recreational infrastructure is associated with revenue streams – including fishing and hunting licensing, recreation permits and registration fees, and excise and fuel taxes – yet many high-use, revenue generating recreation assets, such as campgrounds and boat ramps, are worn out or desperately in need of renovation and expansion.

Boating-specific infrastructure needs



Improved and expanded access points and resources, such as sufficient parking for vehicles with trailers and boat ramps



Reform federal harbor maintenance funding allocation criteria to account for recreation and ensure safe, navigable shallow draft harbors



Reliable access to broadband to ensure boaters are able to receive important navigation and weather information on the water