Deferred maintenance is defined as a repair need that has not been addressed for a year or more. There are over 40,000 assets in need of repair. They include crumbling roads, rotting historic buildings, eroding trails, outdated visitor amenities, and deteriorating memorials.

**Transportation Projects**

Over 10,000 miles of roads provide critical access to national parks for millions of visitors every year. NPS transportation assets include paved roads, bridges, tunnels, and parking lots, as well as major commuter thoroughfares, such as the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Collectively, these transportation assets account for roughly half ($6B) of the NPS maintenance backlog.

**Non-Transportation Projects**

Non-transportation maintenance needs include eroding trails, unsafe water and electrical systems, waterfronts, and thousands of buildings in disrepair - including visitor facilities, historic buildings, employee housing, and military structures. Collectively, non-transportation assets account for roughly half ($6B) of the NPS maintenance backlog.

**Historic Assets**

NPS is responsible for the preservation of some our nation’s most historically significant places. These assets include thousands of archeological sites, nearly 27,000 historic and prehistoric structures, and more than 167 million museum items that document our country’s heritage. Historic assets account for 47% of the NPS maintenance backlog.

Source: FY15 National Park Service data
**NPS Priorities**

The NPS is mandated by Congress to preserve historic and natural objects for future generations. With tens of thousands of objects to maintain, the agency has developed a rating system to help direct limited funding to high priority maintenance projects. Based on 2015 NPS data, the estimated cost of overdue repairs to highest priority assets—those assets that are critical to the overall mission of the agency—is **$4.8 billion** ($2.4 billion in transportation needs and $2.4 billion in non-transportation needs). Examples of high priority assets include historic buildings, memorials, military fortifications, visitor centers, and key infrastructure systems.

**Park Economics**

- **307.2M** recreational visits
- **$32B** generated in national economic output
- **$16.9B** spent in local gateway communities
- **295K** jobs supported by visitor spending


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