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**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTIONS-OPERATIONS DIVISIONS**

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2012 Recipients

1. It is my pleasure to announce the successful recipients for the 2012 Handshake Partnership Program. These endeavors continue to forge new relationships and open new paths in partnering. Your initiative helps the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers send a significant message to our partners that we are serious about our philosophy that partnering is a handshake, not a handout.

2. The enclosed list identifies this year's recipients. We were very fortunate to have a strong and diverse pool of candidate projects to select from. The final selectees span across the country from eleven states and ten Corps districts. A variety of projects funded this year include:

- Group picnic shelter used by community organizations as an outdoor classroom setting for environmental and historical education programs
- Conversion of a vacant storage building into an Outdoor Learning Center managed by a cooperating association
- Innovative invasive species wash station to prevent introduction of detrimental species, which will be operated by an SCA student
- Multi-purpose trail that will host national mountain biking championship races as well as Trails for Kids programs to teach youth about the opportunities and benefits of getting outdoors
- Universally accessible kayak/canoe launches to improve water-recreation access
- Paddle/hike-in camp along a water trail system
- Outdoor adventure camp which will partner with a nearby environmental stewardship demonstration area for educational programs and volunteer activities

3. These projects involve between one to eight partners each, with a total of 38 unique partners providing an average of 51% project funding. One of the partners is providing an impressive 91% partner share. In addition to the monetary benefits, these partnerships are also supporting the goals of the America's Great Outdoors initiative and the Corps Recreation Strategy. Collectively, they will be improving access for water-based recreation, connecting communities with the outdoors, improving recruitment and management of volunteers, protecting and conserving natural resources, providing jobs for conservation students, improving recreation facilities, increasing public awareness of the value of water resources, and engaging federal, state, and local partners in a shared vision.

4. These examples of community engagement help confirm throughout the Corps that partnering is an invaluable tool and the smart way to do business. I wish these partnering efforts the greatest success.

5. My point of contact for this effort is Mr. Allen Gwinn, NAD Partnership Advisory Committee representative. He will be in touch with the recipients shortly to provide additional details and coordinate funds disbursement. If there are any questions, contact him at (814) 658-6810.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. G. Enschede", written over the typed name.

MICHAEL G. ENSCH
Chief, Operations
Directorate of Civil Works

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Handshake Partnership Program – 2012 Recipients

Corps Office	Partnership Project	Funding
Cape Fear River L&D #1	Community Picnic Shelter	\$25,000
Clinton Lake	Rockhaven Equestrian Park	\$7,400
Gull Lake	Invasive Species Wash Station & Information	\$22,000
Hartwell Lake	Paynes Creek Multi-Purpose Trail	\$25,000
John H Kerr Reservoir	Roanoke River Basin Blueway Access	\$25,000
Lake Mendocino	Multi User Day Use Area	\$8,500
Lake Red Rock	Hickory Ridge Camp	\$25,000
Lost Creek Lake	McGregor Park Trail	\$3,000
Mark Twain Lake	Frank Russell Equestrian Camping Facility	\$25,000
Paint Creek Lake	Paint Creek Kayak/Canoe Access	\$8,500
Rathbun Lake	North Shore Trail	\$20,600
Rough River	Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center	\$30,000
Stockton Lake	Crabtree Cove Multi Use Trail	\$25,000