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2012 Corps of Engineers Handshake Partnership Program Grant

ROUGH RIVER LAKE, KY– U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District’s Rough River Lake was recently chosen to be a recipient of a 2012 Corps of Engineers Handshake Partnership Program Grant.

The \$30,000 grant will be utilized to complete development of the Rough River Lake Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center. Funds will be used to convert an existing storage building that overlooks the dam and lake into a working Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center that will feature interactive displays, a history of the area and the Corps. It will also serve as a general information center for visitors to the lake.

This facility is being developed in partnership with the Friends of Rough River Lake, Inc. Members of the Friends of Rough River Lake will provide volunteers for remodeling the inside of the building, staffing the facility once it is completed, landscaping, conducting interpretive programs, organizing and implementing special events, constructing and maintaining a trail system and janitorial work.

This partnership will enable the Corps with the help of the Friends of Rough River Lake, to provide a central location where schools, youth groups, colleges and members of the public can visit and obtain hands on experience and information about outdoor recreation opportunities, community events, water safety, community involvement, Corps history, volunteering and project missions. The site will feature a wide variety of programming, a 1.1 mile interpretive nature trail, natural geological formations, exhibits and displays on natural resources of the area. The grand opening of the facility is expected to be in May 2012.

For lake information and to keep up with what is happening at Rough River Lake please visit the US Army Corps of Engineers, Rough River Lake on facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Rough-River-Lake/194425466082>.

For questions, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rough River Lake Project Office at 270-257-2061.