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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS AND  
DISTRICT COMMANDS, CHIEFS, OPERATIONS

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2014 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce recipients of the FY 2014 Handshake Partnership Program funding (see enclosure). These outstanding partnership endeavors demonstrate the commitment of our field projects to work with our stakeholders and foster their involvement our parks. This initiative supports the Corps' efforts in being a community partner and working on grass roots partnering projects.

2. We are pleased to have a pool of recipients that is diverse in both geographic area and in project ideas. The 13 funded projects span ten Corps districts within six MSCs. We also continue to receive a variety of partnership project ideas which include:

- Natural playscape and playground improvements
- American Chestnut reforestation
- An archery range that includes a shelter and hunter safety education
- Archaeological research with significance dating to the early 1700's
- Recreational fishing improvements that include access trails, access piers, and reduction of access barriers
- A recycling program to help reduce the waste in our parks
- Construction of artificial osprey nesting platforms
- Prairie and meadow restoration that includes elimination of invasive plants, construction of interpretive panels, and interpretive kiosks
- Various land and water based trail improvement ideas that include kiosks, benches, interpretive panels, maps, and brochures
- Numerous opportunities for partners to be involved in our parks.

3. The funded projects involve an all-time high of 73 partners who have pledged nearly \$700,000 (over 55%) of the \$1.17 million to be invested in these worthwhile projects. 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 in getting our communities invested in our parks. Collectively they will be improving recreational opportunities and facilities for all visitors, providing access for land and water-based recreation, connecting communities to outdoor opportunities, protecting and conserving natural resources, enhancing our environmental stewardship mission, increasing public awareness of the value of

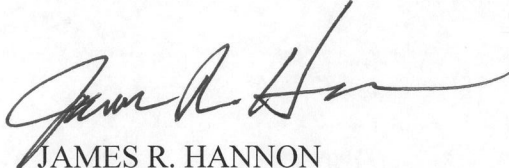
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water resources, and engaging federal, state, and local partners in a shared vision. We are very proud of our Corps team members and our valued partners!

4. My point of contact for this program is Mr. Allen Gwinn, NAD Partnership Advisory Committee representative. He will soon contact the recipients to provide additional details and coordinate funds disbursement. Please direct any questions to Mr. Gwinn at (814) 658-6810.

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JAMES R. HANNON  
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### Handshake Partnership Program – 2014 Recipients

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Handshake Project</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Allatoona Lake	Osprey Platform	\$10,000
Carr Creek	American Chestnut Orchard	\$9,000
Dorena Lake	Bikes to Blooms-Prairie Restoration	\$27,500
Falls Lake	Fishing Pier & Path	\$30,000
Kaw Lake	Archaeological Research	\$25,000
Lake Red Rock	Natural Playscape	\$30,000
Lake Shelbyville	Making Trails Work	\$35,000
Mark Twain Lake	Barrier Free Fishing	\$25,000
Mount Morris Dam	Nature Trail – Meadow Restoration	\$4,000
New Hogan Lake	Recycling Program	\$18,000
Philpott Lake	Blue Trails Project	\$26,500
Pomme de Terre	Archery Range	\$30,000
Stockton Lake	Kids Fishing & Trail	\$30,000