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

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2015 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the 2015 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 in our parks. This initiative supports the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' efforts in being a community partner and working on grass roots partnering projects.

2. The enclosed list identifies the fiscal year 2015 recipients. These examples of community engagement show that our partnering programs are an invaluable tool to accomplish worthwhile projects that benefit our parks, as well as our visiting public. I wish these partnering efforts the greatest success.

3. Once again, we are very proud to have a pool of recipients that are diverse in both geographic area and in project ideas. The 13 funded projects span nine Corps districts within six divisions. We also continue to have a variety of partnership project ideas which include:

- A mountain biking skills park
- Turtle habitat improvements
- Erosion reduction and sedimentation control
- An archery range that includes ADA improvements
- Interpretive gardens
- Improvements to wildlife management and habitat improvements
- Portable ADA accessible wildlife watching and hunting blinds
- Disc golf course
- 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

4. This year's funded projects involve 87 partners who have pledged more than \$430,000 (over 40%) of the \$1.02 million to be invested in these worthwhile projects. In addition to the monetary benefits, these partnerships are also investing our communities into outdoor activities and getting people into parks. Collectively they will be improving

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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 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!

5. My point of contact for this effort 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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Handshake Partnership Program – 2015 Recipients

| Facility | Handshake Project | Funding |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Allatoona Lake | Disc Golf Course | \$12,250 |
| Conemaugh River Lake | Trail Bridges | \$13,029 |
| Cross Lake | Interpretive Gardens | \$30,000 |
| Edward MacDowell Lake | Turtle Habitat | \$10,956 |
| J. Strom Thurmond | Bartram Trailhead Expansion | \$30,000 |
| Jennings Randolph Lake | Archery Range Expansion | \$15,000 |
| Kaskaskia River | ADA improvements | \$12,250 |
| Lake Mendocino | Wildlife Management Model | \$30,000 |
| Raystown Lake | Bicycle Skills Park | \$35,000 |
| Rend Lake | Group Shelter | \$30,000 |
| Shelbyville Lake | Fisheries Access – ADA pier | \$30,000 |
| Smithville Lake | Erosion Reduction | \$30,000 |
| Wappapello Lake | Accessible Hunting Blinds | \$30,000 |