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

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2016 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the fiscal year 2016 (FY 2016) Handshake Partnership Program funding (see enclosure). These outstanding partnership endeavors demonstrate the efforts of our field projects to work with our stakeholders and foster their involvement in improving and protecting our parks and natural resources. This initiative supports the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' efforts in being a community partner and working on grass roots projects.
2. The enclosed list identifies the FY 2016 recipients. These examples of engagement show that our partnering programs are an invaluable tool in getting communities involved outdoors and accomplishing worthwhile projects that benefit our parks and our visitors. I wish these partnering efforts the greatest success.
3. We are proud to have a pool of recipients that are diverse in both geographic area and in project ideas. In FY 2016, we are funding 16 projects that span 11 Corps districts within six divisions. We also continue to have a variety of partnership project ideas which include:
 - Shoreline erosion repairs and rehabilitation
 - Water and land based trail projects
 - Fisheries habitat improvements and pond repairs
 - Interpretation and education projects in both indoor and outdoor settings
 - American chestnut research and nursery planting
 - An archery park
 - Improvements to an existing off road vehicle park
 - And an astounding number of opportunities for partners to be involved in our parks
4. This year's funded projects involve 111 partners who have pledged more than \$750,000, (64%) of the \$1.18 million to be invested in these worthwhile projects. There are 9 first time recipients and 7 projects where the partner is funding more than 70% of the total project cost. In addition to the monetary benefits, these partnerships are also investing in our communities outdoor activities and getting people into parks. Collectively they will be improving recreational opportunities and facilities for all visitors,

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providing access for land and water-based recreation, 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. Mr. Gwinn will be in contact with the recipients to provide additional details and coordinate funds disbursement. Please direct any questions to Mr. Gwinn at Allen.Gwinn@usace.army.mil or (814) 658-6810.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward E. Belk, Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

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EDWARD E. BELK, JR., P.E.
Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division
Directorate of Civil Works

Handshake Partnership Program – 2016 Recipients

Facility	Handshake Project	Funding
Beech Fork Lake	Trail Rehabilitation	\$17,000
Big Hill Lake	Campground Restoration/Improvements	\$20,000
Carlyle Lake	Fisheries Habitat Improvements	\$20,000
DeGray Lake	Interpretive Watchable Wildlife Trail	\$35,000
Hannibal Lake	Visitor Center Revitalization/Community Garden	\$25,000
Lake Lanier	Shoreline Stabilization	\$11,592
Lake Superior	Rip Current Education	\$6,000
Lake Washington Ship Canal	Historical Documentary	\$30,000
Loyalhanna Lake	Water Trail Safety Improvements	\$5,008
Mark Twain Lake	Archery Park	\$20,000
Milford Lake	ORV Area Improvements	\$19,400
Perry Lake	Fishing Pond Rehabilitation	\$19,000
Stockton Lake	Outdoor Education Area	\$30,000
Tioga / Cowanesque Lakes	Shoreline Stabilization	\$15,000
W Kerr Scott Reservoir	American Chestnut Project	\$21,000
West Point Lake	Fish Habitat Restoration	\$6,000