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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, OPERATIONS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
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SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2019 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Handshake Partnership Program funding. These outstanding partnerships demonstrate the efforts and successes of our field projects in working with stakeholders to foster their involvement in improving and protecting our parks and natural resources. This initiative supports U.S. Army Corps of Engineers efforts in being a community partner and working on grassroots partnering projects.
2. The enclosed list of the FY 2019 Handshake recipients are diverse in both geographic area and in project ideas. Six projects have been funded that span five Corps districts within four divisions.
3. The funded projects involve 29 partners who have pledged more than \$135,000, (43%) of the \$317,000 to be invested in these projects. There are two first time recipients and two projects where the partner is funding more than half of the total project cost. Collectively, these projects will improve 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 the Corps team members and our valued partners!
4. My point of contact for this effort is Mr. Heath Kruger, NWD 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 (402) 995-2716.

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THOMAS P. SMITH, P.E.

Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division
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**Enclosure 1
Handshake Partnership Program – 2019 Recipients**

Facility	Handshake Project	Partner(s)	Local Project Funding	Partner Funding	HQUSACE Funding
Francis E. Walter Dam	<u>Borrow Area Habitat Completion:</u> Handshake funds will be used to complete the habitat restoration of a twenty-six acre stone borrow area.	Pheasants Forever Chapter 803, Pheasants Afield, and RD Kieper Excavating	\$2,452	\$14,078	\$6,500
Rend Lake Project Office	<u>River Road Wetland Viewing Area:</u> This partnership will construct an accessible trail and observation platform, erect an osprey nesting structure and add interpretive signage and viewing scopes along the Big Muddy River.	The Natural Resources Conservation Service, St. Louis – Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council Local 634 & 636, Iron Workers Local 392, The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 318, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 773, Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Southern Illinois Prescribed Burn Association, and Illinois Native Plant Society	\$23,500	\$44,600	\$20,000
Saylorville Lake	<u>Saylorville Lake Archery Range:</u> Funding will support the development of an archery range along Des Moines River. This range will feature a handicap accessible paved walkway that leads to elevated shooting stations.	Carpenters Union Local 106, Boy Scouts of America Troop 202, Leachman Lumber Company, Manattas, Martin Marietta, Sportsman Warehouse, Bass Pro Shops, and North America Wild Turkey Federation	\$15,840	\$16,670	\$20,000
Summersville Lake	<u>Orange Oswald Climber Access Trail:</u> Handshake funds will be used to improve rock-climbing access in Orange Oswald at Summersville Lake.	New River Alliance of Climbers	\$17,100	\$19,600	\$20,000

<p>Waco Lake Project</p>	<p>Small Boat Access Ramps: This partnership was created to build two small craft boat ramps to improve boater access to Waco Lake and its tributaries.</p>	<p>Texas Parks and Wildlife, City of Waco, Waco Paddle Club, Waco Fly Fishing Club, Keep Waco Beautiful, and Friends of Lake Waco</p>	<p>\$15,000</p>	<p>\$27,500</p>	<p>\$20,000</p>
<p>Wright Patman Lake</p>	<p><u>Pollinator Project and Interpretive Trail Panels:</u> This partnership will create a 2 acre native wildflower pollinator habitat.</p>	<p>Texas Master Naturalists</p>	<p>\$8,047</p>	<p>\$13,507</p>	<p>\$13,500</p>