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

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2018 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the fiscal year 2018 (FY 2018) 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 FY2018 Handshake recipients are diverse in both geographic area and in project ideas. Seven projects have been funded that span six Corps districts within four divisions.
3. The funded projects involve 24 partners who have pledged more than \$124,000, (43%) of the \$291,000 to be invested in these projects. There are four first time recipients and three 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, provide access for land and water-based recreation, connect communities to outdoor opportunities, protect and conserve natural resources, enhance our environmental stewardship mission, increase public awareness of the value of water resources, and engage 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, Northwestern Division Partnership Advisory Committee representative. He will contact the recipients to provide additional details and coordinate funds disbursement. Please direct any questions to Mr. Kruger, [heath.r.kruger@usace.army.mil](mailto:heath.r.kruger@usace.army.mil), (402) 995-2716.

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THOMAS P. SMITH, P.E.  
Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division  
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Facility	Handshake Project	Partner(s)	O&M	Local Project Funding	Partner Funding	HQUSACE Funding
Barren River	<u>Pollinator Pavilion and Bee Hive Establishment:</u> The project will construct a pavilion in the Tailwater Campground, as well as establish beehives in the Watchable Wildlife Area.	Boy Scouts of America, Allen and Barren County Bee Keepers Associations	Pavilion and hive maintenance will be done by partners. Supplies to help with hive maintenance will be provided by USACE.	\$4,250	\$14,489	\$7,500
Carters Lake	<u>Honey Bees and Pollinator Stewardship:</u> This partnership will provide and maintain two managed honeybee hives, one acre of pollinator gardens, and educational, interpretive, opportunities for the visiting public.	The Bee Keepers of Gilmer County	Partners and USACE park rangers will conduct O&M of the hives. Volunteers and Bee Keepers of Gilmer County will maintain gardens.	\$3,200	\$3,225	\$10,000
Melvorn Lake	<u>Marsh of the Swans Rehabilitation:</u> This will restore and expand a 17-acre wetland habitat by adding a waterline to flood the wetland area, establish pollinator habitat and create a walking trail around the wetland.	Ducks Unlimited, Kansas Wildlife and Parks	Volunteers will be used to provide routine maintenance of the area and trail. Major upkeep will be done by USACE, Ducks Unlimited and Kansas Wildlife and Parks	\$5,500	\$6,500	\$20,000
Mississippi River Project Office	<u>Bald Eagle Perch Structure Restoration:</u> Tree planting and installation of 3 artificial eagle perch structures to serve as temporary roost sites until tree establishment.	Living Lands and Water, Quad Cities Photography Club, Mid-American Energy	Quad Cities Photography Club will maintain trees and interpretive signs. USACE will conduct inspections and maintain eagle perches.	\$850	\$23,705	\$11,000
Oahe Project	<u>Mountain Bike Trails:</u> Construction of five miles of single-track mountain bike trails, technical obstacles, a parking area, interpretive signage, and a public outreach campaign.	Oahe Single Track Mountain Biking Club, Midwest Construction, SD Missouri River Tourism, Voices for Lake Oahe	Trail will be maintained by Oahe Singletrack Mountain Biking Club. Maintenance funding will be provided by Missouri River Tourism and Voices for Lake Oahe	\$8,000	\$20,867	\$10,000

<p>SOO Locks –St. Marys Falls Canal</p>	<p><u>Community Picnic Structure:</u> This project will improve park area with the addition of a picnic shelter, concrete pad, an access ramp and a wayside exhibit that ties into the interpretive walkway.</p>	<p>Sault CVB, City of Sault Ste. Marie, Sault Tribe of Chippewa, Bay Mills Indian Community, SLVCA</p>	<p>USACE grounds keeping and trash contracts already in place will service the new facility, with no increased costs.</p>	<p>\$37,000</p>	<p>\$32,125</p>	<p>\$20,000</p>
<p>Tuttle Creek Lake</p>	<p><u>Off Road Vehicle Area Enhancement Project:</u> Project seeks to improve recreational facilities, promote responsible use through construction of an entrance kiosk, improved picnic sites, and group shelter.</p>	<p>Flint Hills Jeep Club, Kansas Krawlers, Wichita 4x4 Club, KC Jeep Club, Just Jeeps Omaha, Fort Riley Jeep Club, Briggs Auto Group, Marshall Motors, Randolph Pride</p>	<p>Volunteers from the partner organizations will perform routine cleaning and maintenance.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>	<p>\$22,550</p>	<p>\$20,000</p>