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

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2020 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the fiscal year (FY) 2020 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 2020 Handshake recipients are diverse in both geographic area and in project ideas. Nine projects have been funded that span six Corps districts within three divisions.
3. The funded projects involve 52 partners who have pledged more than \$936,000, (70%) of the \$1,346,000 to be invested in these projects. There are two first time recipients and seven projects where the partner is funding at least 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. Point of contact for this effort is Heather Burke, National Partnership Program Manager. If there are any questions, contact her at (503) 808-4313. She will be in touch with the recipients shortly to provide additional details and coordinate funds disbursement.

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Enclosure 1
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Location	Handshake Project	Partner(s)	Local Project Funding	Partner Funding	HQUSACE Handshake Funding
Big Hill Lake	Mapping and maintenance of Big Hill Trail	North American Trail Ride Conference, American Endurance Rider Conference, The Bridge Campground, Back Country Horsemen of America, Big Hill Horse Riders Association, Boy Scouts, Labette County Tourism, Western Way Cowboy Church, Audubon	\$2,000	\$35,366	\$14,230
Blue Marsh Lake	Mountain bike skills area and trail construction	BAMBA, Berks nature, PA Americana Visitor's Bureau, 4 Berks County, Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce, Mt Penn Planning Commission, Berks County Community Foundation, Reading Recreation Commission	\$35,817	\$64,500	\$25,000
Carlyle Lake	Accessible outdoor classroom construction	Bayer, Carlyle Lake 50 th Anniversary Committee, Master Naturalists, Bromley, Schaefer Contracting, Ducks Unlimited, City of Carlyle, Boy Scouts, Carlyle Lake Association	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$25,000
Mississippi River	Tree planting	Audubon Minnesota	\$1,500	\$45,796	\$13,938
Pine Bluff	Trailhead/ restroom improvements and pollinator garden	University of Arkansas System Cooperative Extension Service, Pulaski Co. Public Works, Quail Forever, Pheasants Forever	\$6,750	\$33,150	\$25,000
Raystown Lake	Terrace Mountain trail improvements	Friends of Trough Creek Park, Friends of Raystown Lake, Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau, Friends of Rothrock State Forest	\$5,000	\$29,629	\$24,056
Rend Lake	Archery complex and mountain bike trail	Rend Lake College, Rend Lake Conservancy District, Scholastic 3-D Archery, Union Sportsmen's Alliance, Rend Lake Bike Club, Illinois DNR, Erb Equipment, Ryterski Brothers, Rend Lake Area Tourism Council, Sierra Bravo, River 2 River Runners, LCI	\$98,000	\$166,000	\$25,000
Rivers Project	Outdoor classroom amphitheater construction	Audubon Center at Riverlands, Central Stone, Wild Ones	\$10,646	\$26,098	\$22,776
Lake Texoma	Boat ramp construction	Oklahoma Department of Wildlife, Bryan Co. District #1, Chickasaw Nation	\$25,000	\$500,000	\$25,000