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

SUBJECT: 2018 Excellence in Partnerships Award Selection

1. I am pleased to announce that Discover Your Northwest of the Lake Washington Ship Canal in the Seattle District (NWD) has been selected as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recipient of the 2018 National Excellence in Partnerships Award.
2. Discover Your Northwest (DYNW) is an outstanding example of a successful USACE Cooperating Association that goes above and beyond in their partnership with USACE. In 2017, DYNW led the effort to celebrate and recognize the centennial of the Lake Washington Ship Canal by organizing several events and bringing in additional partners. DYNW partnered with the Corps Foundation to secure grant funding for the remodel of the fish ladder viewing area and continue to work towards completing their \$1.3 million renovation goal. In addition to their extensive fundraising efforts, DYNW operates the bookstore, hosts a summer concert series, 5K running races, Jazzfests, dances, and have upgraded the visitor center. DYNW's collaborative partnership with USACE has not only enhanced the visitors' experience, but has provided immeasurable support to USACE missions at the Lake Washington Ship Canal.
3. Each of this year's nominees for the Excellence in Partnerships Award made significant contributions to their partner projects and demonstrated amazing work being done across USACE. Two other partners deserve special mention for their efforts: the Lake Shelbyville Fish Habitat Alliance (MVD), and Hunters for Christ (SAD).
4. The Excellence in Partnerships Award is co-sponsored by the Corps Foundation in recognition of exceptional contributions to the natural resources management programs at USACE projects. The award will be presented to DYNW in the spring of 2019.
5. My point of contact for this award is Mrs. Taylor Saia, at [taylor.q.saia@usace.army.mil](mailto:taylor.q.saia@usace.army.mil) or 209-772-1343.

  
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