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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, OPERATIONS, MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
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SUBJECT: 2019 Excellence in Partnerships Award Selection

1. I am pleased to announce that the Lake Shelbyville Fish Habitat Alliance (LSFHA) in the St. Louis District (MVD) has been selected as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recipient of the 2019 National Excellence in Partnerships Award.
2. The LSFHA is an outstanding example of a successful USACE partnership that is comprised of anglers, local businesses, volunteers, and local, state, and federal agencies with the common goal of improving the environmental stewardship and recreation at Lake Shelbyville. The LSFHA has made significant accomplishments since their formation in 2016, including placing more than 875 artificial structures and numerous aquatic plantings into the lake and LSFHA helped expand the number of partners in the Lake Shelbyville partnership program, secured two grants totaling \$87,000, and held fundraisers netting more than \$20,000 for the project.
3. All of this year's nominees for the award made significant contributions to their projects and demonstrated amazing work being done across USACE. Four partners deserve special mention for their efforts: Cape Abilities at the Cape Cod Canal (NAD), Kearney Saddle Club at Smithville Lake (NWD), Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the Tulsa District (SWD), and Clean Jordan Lake at Jordan Lake (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 the Lake Shelbyville Fish Habitat Alliance in the spring of 2020.
5. Point of contact for this award is Heather Burke, National Partnership Program Manager, at heather.d.burke@usace.army.mil or phone at 503-808-4313.

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