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

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2021 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 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 (Corps) efforts in being a community partner and working on grassroots partnering projects.
2. The enclosed list of the FY 2021 Handshake recipients is diverse in both geographic area and in project ideas. Thirteen projects have been funded that span eleven Corps districts within six divisions.
3. The funded projects involve 55 partners who have pledged more than \$731,000, (63%) of the \$1,158,000 to be invested in these projects. There are four 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
Handshake Partnership Program – 2021 Recipients

Location	Handshake Project	Partner(s)	Local Project Funding	Partner Funding	HQUSACE Handshake Funding
Allatoona Lake	Pollinator and Native Habitat Restoration Project	Keep Bartow Beautiful, GA DNR Fisheries, National Audubon, Amy B Murphy, Wildlife Action, Bartow Co UGA Extension, Cherokee Co UGA Extension	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
Barren River Lake	Mountain Bike/Hiking Trail System	SW Kentucky Mountain Bike Association, Cave Country Trails, Glasgow Lions Club, Friends of Barren River	\$11,500	\$72,364	\$25,000
Berlin Lake	Multipurpose Tailwater Access	Whitetails Unlimited, Boy Scouts, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Portage Summit & Field Club, Ohio Div. of Wildlife	\$14,940	\$22,050	\$20,000
Carters Lake	Modernizing interpretation	Kennesaw State University	\$15,966	\$97,762	\$25,000
Cordell Hull Lake	Hiking Trail Emergency Stations	Rescue EMS, Leave No Trace, Local volunteers	\$2,056	\$4,360	\$6,000
Fort Randall Lake	Targeted Goat Grazing of Eastern Red Cedar	Mid-Missouri River Prescribed Burn Area Assn, SD State University, SD Game, Fish & Parks, Charles Mix Co 4H, Gregory County 4H, NWTF, Goat producer	\$8,819	\$78,317	\$12,462
Mark Twain Lake	Environmental Adventure Trail (bike/hike)	Mark Twain Lake FOREST Council, MO Dept of Conservation, MO Master Naturalist, NEMO Electric Power Coop	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$19,000
Nolin River Lake	Reef ball shoreline erosion control	KY Dept of Fish and Wildlife, Reef Innovations, Friends of Rough River Lake, Friends of Nolin River Lake	\$39,000	\$55,506	\$24,985
Philpott Lake	River Access Improvements	Dan River Basin Assn, Henry Co Parks & Rec	\$3,500	\$7,650	\$8,029
Pine Flat Lake	Kings River Wildlife Area Redevelopment	Kings River Conservancy, Union Sportsmen's Alliance, Reedley College, NEEF, CCC, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, CSU Fresno	\$27,000	\$175,000	\$25,000
Raystown Lake	Disc Golf Course	Standing Stone Disc Golf Club, Friends of Raystown Lake, Huntingdon Co Visitors Bureau, Let's Go Throw	\$11,500	\$33,000	\$25,000
St. Mary's (Soo Locks)	Lock Model upgrades	Soo Locks VC Assn, Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Development Authority, Sault Ste Marie Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Sault Events	\$6,000	\$83,500	\$25,000
J. Strom Thurmond Lake	ADA Fishing Pier Relocation	Union Sportsmen's Alliance	\$16,163	\$32,068	\$9,524