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

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2024 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the fiscal year (FY) 2024 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 2024 Handshake recipients are diverse in both geographic area and in project concepts. Six projects have been funded that span six Corps districts within four divisions.
3. The funded projects involve 27 partners who are pledging more than \$240,000 (51%) of the \$471,042 to be invested in these projects. There are four first time recipients and three projects where the partner is funding at least half of the total project cost. The Corps Foundation bonus funding of \$5,000 is awarded to Tioga Hammond.
4. 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!
5. 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 – 2024 Recipients

Location	Handshake Project	Partner(s)	Local Project Funding	Partner Funding	HQUSACE Handshake Funding
Burnsville Lake (Huntington District)	Falls Mill All Access Paddle Craft Launch Ramp	Friends of Burnsville Lake, Little Kanawha Trail	\$24,808	\$20,020	\$15,000
Lake Barkley (Nashville District)	Cadiz Park Playground and Accessibility Improvements	Cadiz/Trigg County Parks and Recreation, Cadiz/Trigg County Tourism, City of Cadiz, Cadiz Rotary Club	\$16,300	\$71,200	\$25,000
Lake Seminole/ACF Rivers Project (Mobile District)	Saunders Slough Restoration Project	Stewards of Lake Seminole Inc.	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$25,000
Patoka Lake (Louisville District)	Reintroduction of the first stand of American Chestnut to USACE Properties in Indiana	American Chestnut Foundation, Northeast Dubois High School, Boy Scouts of America, Dubois Ruritan	\$2,500	\$30,000	\$10,000
Rend Lake (St. Louis District)	Rend Lake Enhancement of the Multi-Use Trails	Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Rend Lake Conservancy District, Rend Lake Area Tourism Council, AshBeans Bike Rentals, Rend Lake Bike Club, River to River Runners, Rend Lake College	\$12,000	\$32,314	\$25,000
Tioga Hammond Lake (Baltimore District)	Pennsylvania Native Pollinator Field and Nature Trail with Habitat Restoration and Wildlife Enhancement Services in Support of Threatened & Endangered Pollinator, Bird, and Bat Species	Pennsylvania Game Commission, Seneca Resources, Wellsboro Electric, The Tiadaghton Audubon Society, The Friends of Tioga-Hammond & Cowanesque Lakes.	\$4,500	\$35,400	\$25,000