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

SUBJECT: Handshake Partnership Program – Fiscal Year 2025 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the fiscal year (FY) 2025 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 USACE efforts in working on grassroots partnering projects.
2. The enclosed list of the FY 2025 Handshake recipients are diverse in both geographic area and in project concepts. Six projects have been funded that span five Corps districts within four divisions.
3. The projects involve 29 partners who have pledged more than \$168,636 (50%) of the \$340,436 to be invested in these projects. There are two first time recipients and three projects where the partner is funding nearly half of the total project cost. The Corps Foundation bonus funding of \$5,000 is awarded to Atwood, Wills Creek, North Branch of Kokosing River Lake and funding of a \$2,000 bonus is awarded to Kaw Lake.
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 – 2025 Recipients**

Location	Handshake Project	Partner(s)	Local Project Funding	Partner Funding	HQUSACE Handshake Funding
Arcadia Lake (Tulsa District)	Oklahoma Mt Bike Assoc	Oklahoma Mt. Bike Assoc, Boy Scouts of America, OKC Bike Club, Trail Life USA, Oklahoma Tour de Dirt, City of Edmond	\$3,500	\$16,775	\$19,500
Atwood, Wills Cr, N. Branch of Kokosing (Huntington District)	Habitat Enhancement and linking MUR USACE to the Motus Wildlife	The Wilds, Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, Ohio Prairie Nursery, Ohio Bluebird Society, Canton Audubon, Ohio State University Tonra Lab, Birds Canada	\$2,900	\$23,311	\$25,000
Coralville Lake (Rock Island District)	Sugar Bottom Campground Amphitheater	Friend of Coralville Lake, Kings Concrete	\$10,000	\$9,900	\$15,500
Cordell Hull (Nashville District)	Storybook Trails and Track Trails on Turkey Cr and Periwinkle Trails	Jackson County Library, Smith County Library, Friends of Cordell Hull Lake, Kids in Parks	\$14,500	\$30,900	\$20,000
Kaw Lake (Tulsa District)	Coon Creek Cove Pavilion Shelter	Phillips 66, City of Kaw City, Phillips 66 Veterans Network, Phillips 66 New Hire Network	\$3,450	\$62,250	\$20,000
Raystown Lake (Baltimore District)	Portable Boat Washing Station	Friends of Raystown Lake, PA Striped Bass Assoc, PA Sea Grant, Huntingdon County Visitor Bureau, PA Lake Management Society, SCA	\$12,400	\$25,500	\$25,000