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

SUBJECT: Community-Led Recreation Program – Fiscal Year 2027 Recipients

1. I am pleased to announce the recipients for the fiscal year (FY) 2027 Community-Led Recreation funding. This is a new program intended to incentivize the transfer of Corps-owned recreation areas to external partners through outgrants. This program advances the "Building Infrastructure, Not Paperwork" initiative by promoting the delegation of recreation area management to partners who are better equipped to operate and maintain these areas for public use.
2. Funding may be used for one-time improvements to make a site viable for a partner and to cover the administrative costs of the property transfer, thereby creating self-sustaining recreation areas at lower long-term costs for the taxpayer.
3. Enclosed is the list of FY 2027 Community-Led Recreation funding recipients. The point of contact for this effort is Heather Burke, National Partnership Program Manager. Please contact her with questions at (678) 972-3824. She will be in touch with the recipients shortly to provide additional details and coordinate funds disbursement.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A.L. Hill", is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Enclosure 1
Community-Led Recreation Program – 2027 Recipients

Project	PSA to be Outgranted	Outgrant Partner	Intended Use of Funds	HQUSACE Funding
Lake Sidney Lanier (Mobile District)	Thompson Bridge Water Access Area	City of Gainesville, GA	Site Clearing, Debris Removal, Grading, & Administrative Costs	\$200,000
Fall Creek Lake (Portland District)	Drinkwater Day Use Area	Oregon Parks and Recreation District	Access Control Improvements, Grading, New Trails, & Administrative Costs	\$151,700
Sardis Lake (Vicksburg District)	Clear Creek Recreation Area	TBD	Administrative Costs	Not to Exceed \$200,000