

Joint Project Will Protect Health of Rivers



(left to right) Neil Myers with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Dr. Richie Kessler with The Nature Conservancy accept a 2003 Earth Day Award from EQC Commissioner Lindell Ormsbee.

Partners:

The Nature Conservancy
US Army Corps of Engineers

Lake: [Green River Lake](#)

Partnership Type: MOU

Story: On July 9, The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced a collaborative effort to improve the management of dams on various rivers across the country. Under the new partnership, entitled the Sustainable Rivers Project, the two organizations will work together to improve dam operations, helping to restore and protect the health of rivers and surrounding natural areas while continuing to meet human needs for services such as flood control and power generation. The partnership is one that both organizations expect will improve the quality of America's waterways. Thirty-five of the Green River's aquatic species are considered imperiled. Worsening water quality caused by development, agriculture, and logging runoff are the main reasons for the decline. The Nature Conservancy is working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to alter their operation of the Green River Dam, located at the river's critical headwaters, and restore natural flow regimes to benefit wildlife.

CE POC: Neil Myers, Park Manager

URL: <http://nature.org/initiatives/freshwater/work/greenriver.html>

Partners – On the Ground

US Army Corps of Engineers and IMBA Initiate New Trail System in Southern Alabama

**Partners:**

International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA)
US Army Corps of Engineers

Lake: Lake Claiborne

Partnership Type: MOU

CE POC: Roy Ellis

URL:

www.imba.com/resources/agencies/usace.html

<http://swf67.swf->

wc.usace.army.mil/canyon/homepage.htm

Visit host Roy Ellis, USACE, and IMBA's Scott Linnenburger initiate the bench cut on the new winding trail.

Story:

A desire to create an expansive, top-notch trail system inspired the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project at Lake Claiborne to host the International Mountain Bicycling Association's Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew in late February. Mardi Gras festivities nearby didn't prevent a dedicated group of volunteers and Corps staff from embracing the weekend's events and making great things happen. A special thanks to project host Roy Ellis who welcomed the crew and area mountain bicyclists.

Partners – On the Ground

Partnership Leads to First Legal Metro New Orleans Singletrack



Partners:

International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA)

US Army Corps of Engineers

Lake: Bonnet Carré Spillway

Partnership Type: MOU

CE POC: Greg Miller

URL: www.imba.com/resources/agencies/usace.html
<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/pao/bcarre/bcarre.htm>

Story:

In March, Scott Linnenburger and Aaryn Kay of the Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew joined forces with Louisiana mountain bikers and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to open the first official mountain bike trail on public land in the [New Orleans metro area](#). The target was [Bonnet Carre Spillway](#), a Corps property with potential to provide a recreational outlet for city dwellers. IMBA's visit was a great success, revitalizing mountain bikers in the area and busting out 3/4 mile of new trail and 1.5 miles of restored trail. Surrounded by cypress swamp, the property now features twisty singletrack that hops from one dredge spoil pile to another - a mountain biking experience like nowhere else. The newly-formed New Orleans Metro Area Mountain Bicycling Organization (NOMAMBO) hopes to build on the partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and increase singletrack mileage at the spillway. In addition, the club and Corps managers are now investigating trail potential in the gargantuan [Atchafalaya Basin](#), east of New Orleans.

Partners – On the Ground

IMBA and US Army Corps of Engineers Tackle Texas

**Partners:**

International Mountain Bicycling Association
(IMBA)
US Army Corps of Engineers

Lake: Canyon Lake

Partnership Type: MOU

CE POC:

URL:

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Mark discusses layout, including a great view of Canyon Lake.

Story:

In mid-February, Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew Lora Woolner and Mark Schmidt kicked-off the first official visit outlined in IMBA's new memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at [Canyon Lake](#), Texas. The Central Texas' Canyon Lake project played host to a one-day workshop specifically designed for land managers. Participants from the Cities of San Antonio, Austin, and New Braunfels, as well as, representatives of Texas Parks and Wildlife, Lower Colorado River Authority, and Hays County Parks attended. That weekend, IMBA conducted a trailbuilding school open to cyclists, other trail users and the general public. The rocky, ledgy limestone surrounding Canyon Lake is ideal for mountain biking. Participants designed and flagged nearly 3,000 feet of trail and constructed almost 1,000 feet of new trail.