

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ST LOUIS DISTRICT,
WAPPAPELLO LAKE PROJECT
AND
THE FRIENDS OF WAPPAPELLO LAKE ASSOCIATION

This Cooperative Agreement is for the mutual benefit of both parties and is between the United States Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District (hereinafter referred to as the "Corps" and The Friends of Wappapello Lake Association referred to as the "Association"), acting through the President of the Association or their Board of Trustees' designee.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Corps operates Wappapello Lake to execute its civil works responsibilities, which include flood control, environmental stewardship, and public recreation, and achieves its operational goals through a wide range of activities, programs, and events; and,

WHEREAS, The Corps operates its natural resources management program for the benefit of the public, and the public requires resources and facilities for the safe and appropriate use of Corps projects; and,

WHEREAS, The Corps' natural resources management program fosters the stewardship of our natural and cultural environment; and,

WHEREAS, The Corps and the Association mutually recognize there are significant national public benefits from the operation of Wappapello Lake; and,

WHEREAS, The Association has as its purpose to promote quality public outdoor experiences at Wappapello Lake, and education and public engagement, increasing tourism, and promoting economic growth in the Wappapello Lake area and intends to assist the Corps in conducting its natural resources management programs and activities; and,

WHEREAS, The Association has the authority to assist the Corps in conducting its recreation and natural resources programs and activities through the promotion of quality outdoor experiences; and,

WHEREAS, The Corps has authority, pursuant to Section 4 of the 1944 Flood Control Act, 16 460d, to permit the maintenance and operation of recreation facilities at water resource development projects by local interests and may enter into leases with non-profit organizations for park and recreational purposes;

WHEREAS, The Corps has the authority, pursuant to the Federal Water Recreation Act, Public Law 89-72; the National Historical Preservation Act , as amended, Public Law 89-665; The

Natural Environmental Policy Act, Public Law 89-190; and the Archeological Resources Protection Act, as amended, Public Law 96-95, to provide Natural Resources Management programs, activities, and interpretive functions;

WHEREAS The Corps wishes to accept, and the Association wishes to provide the hereinafter describe community interpretive and educational services and events to the visiting public and he Corps.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. THE CORPS AUTHORIZES THE ASSOCIATION, to provide, and the Association agrees to provide, the hereinafter described community interpretive and educational services and events to the visiting public and the Corps.

2. CORPS RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Timely Review and Approval. The Corps agrees to review and give necessary approvals or disapprovals in a timely manner to the Association for any and all proposals, programs, special events, suggestions and other activities that the Association might wish to engage in. The point of contact for the Corps unless otherwise directed is the Lead Interpretive Services and Outreach Program Ranger. The Wappapello Lake Operations Manager, or designated representative, will have approval authority for day-to-day activities, including, but not limited to, those items specified in subparagraphs II.B and II.C below, proposals for special events and provision of services to the public.

b. Use of Government Facilities.

1) Should the Association as part of its cooperative activities, require the use of Corps facilities at Wappapello Lake, the Corps agrees, that in recognition of the services the Association is contributing to the public, to provide at no cost to the Association such facilities, utilities, janitorial services, and routine and general maintenance when incidental to the normal operation of the facility by the Corps.

2) Should the Association require facilities, utilities and services over and above what the government would normally require for operation of the facility, or area used by the Association, the Association will reimburse the Corps at an agreed upon, but nominal cost in recognition of the services that the Association is contributing to the public.

3) Should a real estate instrument be necessary for exclusive use of government owned real property, it will be a separate document and will not merge with the Agreement.

c. Use of Government Equipment.

1) Should the Association as part of its cooperative activities, require the use of equipment assigned to Wappapello Lake, the Corps agrees that in recognition of the services the Association is contributing to the project, to provide at no cost to the Association such equipment when incidental to the normal operations and Corps sponsored events and activities. Such use

shall be consistent with the policies contained in ER 1130-2-500, Chapter 10, and "The Corps of Engineers Volunteer Program."

2) Should a further license or property control receipt be necessary for the use of government owned equipment, it will be a separate document.

3. ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Corporate Requirements.

1) The Association's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws shall comply with the requirements of the state(s) in which the Association is incorporated. Non-profit 501 (c) (3) status must be maintained in accordance with state and Federal laws. The Association will make available for inspection at the request of the Corps, documents demonstrating non-profit status.

2) This Agreement will automatically terminate if non-profit 501(c) (3) status is not maintained.

3) The Association shall have liability insurance which indemnifies, saves, holds harmless, and defends the United States against all fines, claims, damages, losses, judgements and expenses arising out of, or from any omission, or activity of the Association in connection with activities under this agreement.

4) The Association will exercise reasonable care to prevent damage to any Government property used, or occupied during its operation and shall, insofar as possible, protect all such property.

b. Association Activities. The Association may offer services and resources which support the mission of the Corps, the project, and their natural resources management programs. This includes assisting, planning, designing, and implementing programs and projects.

c. The Association will cooperate with the Corps in the following activities:

1) Promote responsible water stewardship, which supports the mission of the Corps and their natural resources management program.

2) Provide quality public outdoor recreational opportunities that are engaging with limited barriers.

3) Promote an environment conducive to the cooperation of public and private entities that share the values of responsible resources stewardship.

4) Support engagement of community to enhance opportunities to promote regional betterment.

5) Assist with interpretive and educational projects that increases the visitor's understanding and appreciation of the natural history, cultural, historical, and man-made features of the project area and the Corps of Engineers and its missions.

6) Assist in the sponsorship and coordination of workshops, training opportunities and special events.

7) Assist in all practical ways with the Corps, the project, and the natural resource management programs for the benefit of the American public.

d. Sales Option

1) As part of this agreement, the Association may conduct sales on a continuous or intermittent basis.

2) The Association shall order, receive, inventory, stock, and otherwise manage all items offered for sale and/or distribution.

3) The Association will sell only items that are appropriate and of high quality. The Association will not sell any item that has not been approved by the District Commander or his authorized representative. The Association will sell items at their fair market value and prices of said items will be submitted and approved in writing, in advance by the District Commander or his authorized representative.

4) The Association will not sell any original artifacts, sacred items, or antiquities to which the Archaeological Resource Protection Act, as amended, would apply, whether or not such items were discovered on lands owned or controlled by the United States.

5) The Association will display the sales items in good taste and in keeping with the general design and décor of the facility which houses the sales area.

6) The Association sales are restricted to a location approved by the Corps, which will be kept clean and presentable at all times.

e. Fiscal Management

1) The Association will conduct its fiscal operations in accordance with accepted business practices. This includes the appropriate use of a funds accountability system, purchase orders, receipts, invoices, and inventory records.

2) The Association shall annually submit (within 35 days following the end of each fiscal year of the Association) a complete financial report to the Corps which includes a written summary of Association activities undertaken in furtherance of this agreement.

3) At any time during the term of this Agreement, the Corps may review the fiscal records of the Association that directly relate to the activities undertaken in furtherance of this Agreement.

4. JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Annual Meeting. The Association and the Corps shall meet annually to discuss prior completed activities and proposed projects that will be carried out by the Association for joint Corps/Association benefit. A short business plan presented by the Association to identify funds, labor, tasks, materials, and equipment available for implementation of projects conducted pursuant to the Agreement may be necessary.

b. Donation of Services or Materials. The Association may at the discretion of its Board of Trustees, contribute materials, funds, and services to the Corps. The Corps reserves the right to accept or decline without obligation, any contribution by the Association.

c. Personnel.

1) The Association and the Corps shall each designate in writing, an Association member and a Corps person and alternate who will act as points of contact for the purpose of implementing this Agreement.

2) The Association will provide such personnel as are reasonably necessary to conduct, operate and management its cooperative activities. This does not preclude Corps personnel, during the course of their normal duties, from assisting the Association with nominal duties, including sales. Corps personnel will not be held liable for the loss of funds or inventory.

3) Corps personnel may not serve in a voting capacity on the Board of Trustees or as Treasurer for the Association. Corps personnel may serve in an advisory capacity on the Association's Board of Trustees or appointed committees as part of their official duties. Corps personnel may not act as the official representative of the Association in any matter relating to the Corps, or the terms of this Agreement. However, if the Association has a membership program, Corps personnel may join and participate in membership activities.

4) The Corps will orient all Association personnel, staff, and/or volunteers regarding Corps rules, regulations, and requirement, particularly with regard to the project and facilities, safety, and appropriate emergency procedures. Association staff and volunteers involved in visitor contact will receive additional orientation regarding interpretive services. All orientation will be conducted prior to assumption of duties.

5) Association employees, or volunteers may not wear the Corps uniform, or items of clothing that resemble the uniform. Employees and volunteers of the Association, when working at duties that bring them into contact with the public, will wear visible identification that identifies them as an Association employee or volunteer.

5. ASSIGNMENT. No transfer or assignment of the Agreement or any part thereof or interest therein, directly, voluntary or involuntary, shall be made by the Association unless approved in writing by the Corps.

6. MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS. Modifications and amendments to this Agreement in the form of Supplemental Agreements may be made from time to time upon the mutual written consent of the District Commander for the Corps and the Board of Trustees for the Association.

7. DURATION. This Agreement shall be effective for five years commencing on the day following the ratification of this Agreement by the Corps. This Agreement will automatically renew for another five-year period on October 1 of the last year, unless notice of cancellation is given by either party before the date of renewal. The Corps reserves the right to terminate the Agreement, or any part thereof, at any time upon written notice. Prior to giving such notice, the Corps will meet with the Association to set forth the reasons for such termination. In the event of such a termination, any monies, supplies, or other assets of the Association that have not yet been transferred to the Corps shall remain the property of the Association, to be managed in accordance with the by-laws of the Association.

8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. The rights and benefits conferred by this Agreement shall be subject to the laws of the United States governing the Corps of Engineers and to the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder whether now in force or hereafter enacted or provided, and the mention of specific restrictions, conditions, and stipulations herein shall be construed as in any impairing the general powers of supervision, regulation and control by the Corps.

b. This Agreement in no way prevents the responsibilities of the Corps, or the Association as may be required by a Lease Agreement. In situations where the Association leases facilities or areas from the Corps, this Agreement would automatically become null and void upon the termination or cancellation of the Lease Agreement.

c. The Association agrees that all its activities shall be conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations both state and Federal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The Association has caused this Agreement to be executed this
29th day of May, 2025.

UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ST. LOUIS DISTRICT

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