



The NRM Gateway is the repository for the Natural Resources Management Community of Practice, which includes the Recreation and Environment – Stewardship Business lines and the Environmental Compliance and Partnership program areas for the Corps of Engineers.

This presentation will be limited to the NRM (Recreation and Partnership) areas with a focus on the Best Practices and the development of the Good Enough to Share concept.

The NRM Gateway success is based on a shared vision in delivering “Information the way managers manage”... information by managers and users for managers and users.



<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/nrm.cfm>

Simplicity is a cornerstone of the NRM Gateway. Simplicity in layout, design, data collection and redundancy to improve information sharing.

In the top navigation system... you will see, information by program area, an index that blurs the lines across business functions, a temporal focus in the New postings, a GETS or Good Enough to Share to highlight best practices and a Google search capability to look into the site by key words and references...

The Good Enough to Share Concept is a part of the Best Management Practices spectrum of obtaining Tacit Knowledge from the field.

Often in Knowledge Management (KM) initiatives, people look to convert jobs and functions into the elemental parts for inclusion into a model or automation system that can assist in future applications. In many cases, this has been a failing of KM in that it misses a lot of the good stories that are out there that impacts the day-to-day operation. Giving communities a sample or a go-by is one way in which communities learn and thrive.

Consider the spectrum of ideas... from telling a story, sharing a document, explaining a how to, all the way to automating a system of communication. Good enough to share is at the lower end of the spectrum, but it is highly used and helps the Gateway be a part of what people remember. Ideas and practices that are "Good enough to share".

Sharing can be as simple as a word file, or as structured as a template that is used to get uniformity within a subject area.

2 - CoPs supported (Operations & Environment)

12 - Sub-CoP's supported

38 - Best practice categories

100 - Subject matter experts

60,000 - Pages of content

19,000,000 - Page views (since 2001) dated Nov 2006

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Content Development Workshops

Subject Matter Experts...
the way we get information
and the way we maintain it.

<https://corpslakes.erc.dren.mil/employees/gateway/workshop.cfm>





Some Gateway Principles

- Make it all about the Community of Practice.
- Initially focus on the innovators.
- Create events that make sharing a fun way to learn together...

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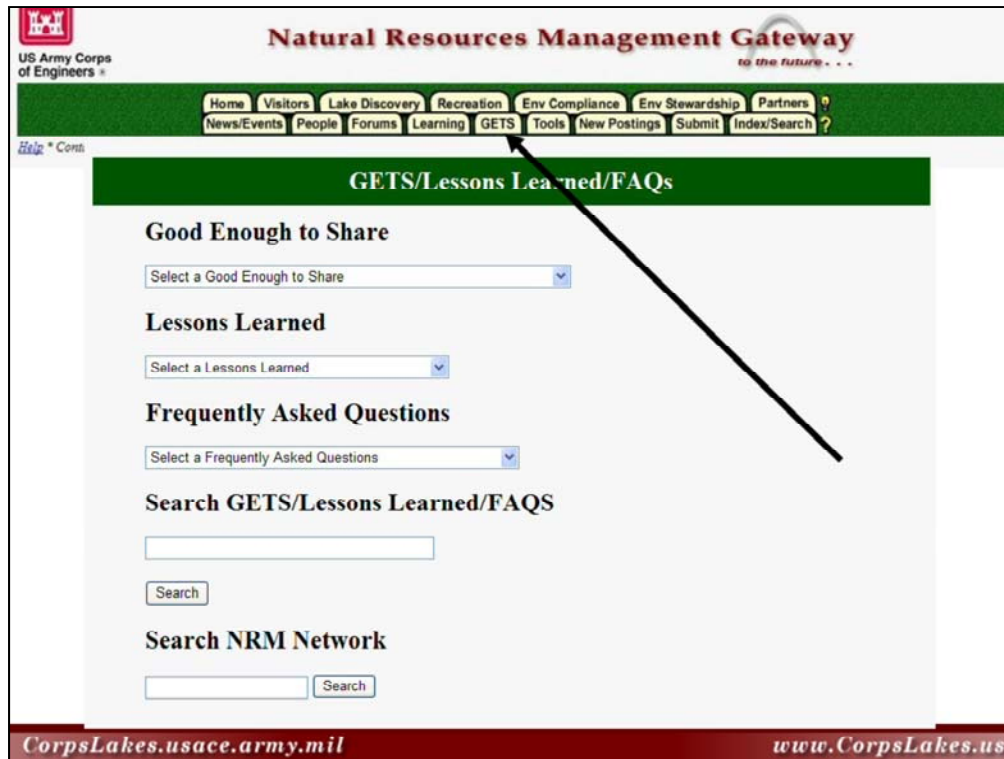
The way we build is the way we maintain... through strength in numbers and experts in design...

Seeking subject matter experts (SMEs) that deliver information that we process, proof and post...

We have workshops where subject matter experts come to share their information and peer review others work...

Each subject matter expert (or working group for a subject area) is responsible for the content in their section of the gateway. It is proofed and vetted through HQ but developed at the field level. (We have over 80 content areas on the NRM Gateway.)

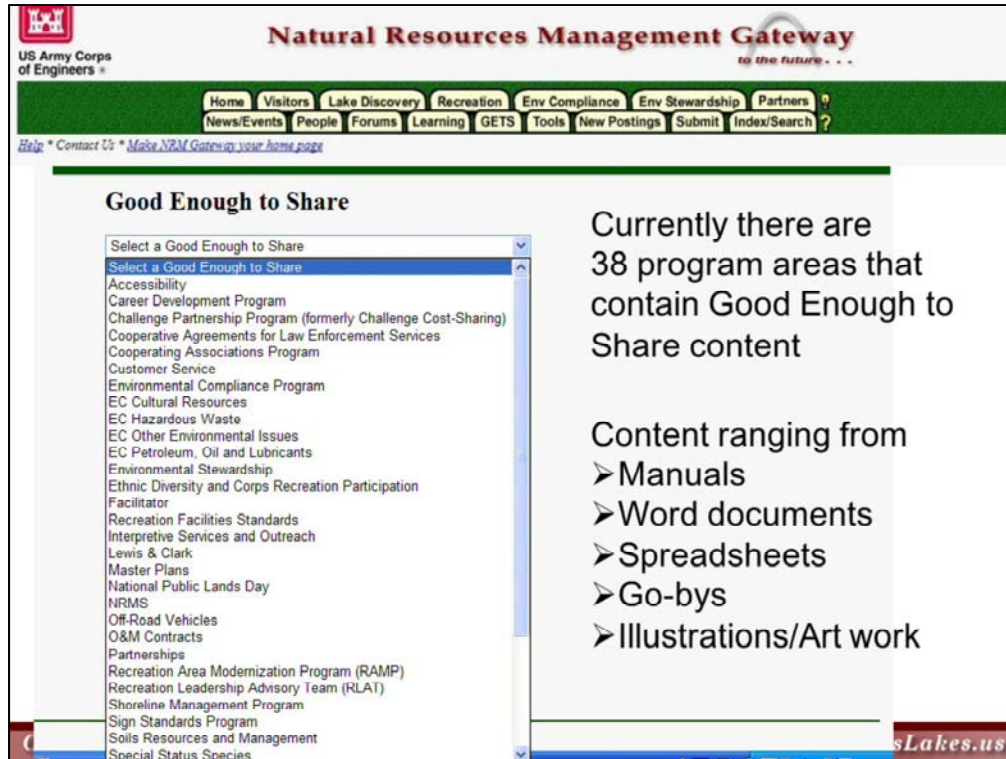
We ask our SME's to develop the first level of FAQs and Good-enough to share, asking them to deliver the cheat sheets they use in operating their program. With development in the beginning, they seek out others that have helped along the way improve the program.



<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/gets-main.cfm>

In addition to the Good Enough to share pages being available in the program areas, they are available across program areas through the GETS Tab...

The google search engine or via the program area pages (available under the business line or index)



<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/gets-main.cfm>

Looking at the drop down menu provides a view of the 38 program areas with GETS pages.

These pages contain

Manuals

Word documents

Spreadsheets

Sample Contracts

Go-bys

Art work

Testimonials

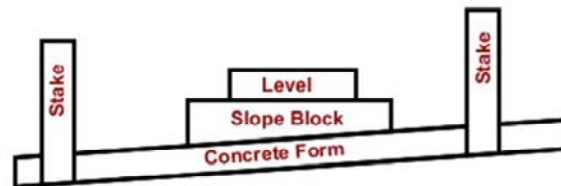


<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/access/access.html>

Each program area (we have identified over 80 program areas in NRM 41 in Recreation)

Has a consistent look and feel and where identified a Good Enough to Share and Lessons Learned page...

Slope blocks



The above graphic and photo show how the crew at Cave Run Lake, KY used slope blocks to determine the proper slope when constructing accessible routes. The photo shows an assortment of slope blocks (cut from scrap 2x4 lumber) for the common slopes required by accessible design standards.

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One example of a GETS under the Accessibility program area is a “BLUE COLLAR” submission...

You don't have to make it hard... submissions need to be easy enough for everyone to do it...

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to the future . . .

Use Fees

Recreation Use Fees

[Headquarters POC](#)

This Web page was developed to provide a one-stop source for information on recreational use fees. In addition to numerous references, this site provides links to [news and current issues](#), a list of the [Division and District Use Fee POC's](#) across the country, and information on use fee policy contained in [ER 1130-2-550, Chapter 9 - Recreation Use Fees](#), and [EP 1130-2-550, Chapter 9 - Recreation Use Fees](#). Although the ER and EP are our most frequently referenced documents for use fee policy guidance, this site provides links to other resources that are available in the form of regulations, policy memorandums, policy manuals, legislation, technical reports, handbooks, journal articles, committee reports, and manuscripts. If there is other information that you believe should be posted on this site, please contact the SME responsible for site content listed at the bottom of this page.

- [At a Glance](#)
- [Policy & Procedures](#)
- [Program Summary](#)
- [Entrance Fee Implementation PDT Scope of Work](#)
- [Entrance Fee Implementation PDT Members](#)
- [References](#)

- [News / Current Issues](#)
- [Iraq R&R Fee Waiver Issues](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Good Enough to Share](#)
- [Lessons Learned](#)
- [Related Sites](#)

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Another example...

Good Enough to Share


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- [Submit a Good Enough to Share](#)

Portland District's user fee information

Washington and Oregon Recreation Pass
Honored at all Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service sites charging entrance or day-use
Corps of Engineers sites charging a facility use and 26 Oregon S
day-use fee.


POC Patti Williams 503-808-4306

Returned Recreation Fees 
Public Law 106-53, Section 225, authorized the Corps to retain
receipts above a baseline of \$34 million for Fiscal Years 1999-2
four years was returned to the projects in FY 2004, and these f
expenditure until September 2005 to increase the quality of the
enhance the protection of resources. [See how projects spent the](#)
[collections over \\$34 million returned to them.](#)

Park Attendant Handbooks 

- [Coraville Lake's \(MVR\)](#)
- [Mid-Brazos Project](#)
- [Lake Okeechobee and Okeechobee Waterway](#)
- [J. Strom Thurmond Lake](#)

Appendix B



Ortona South Campground

**Lake Okeechobee and Okeechobee Waterway
Park Attendant Handbook**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Jacksonville District
August 2003

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<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/gets.cfm?Id=usefeesprog>

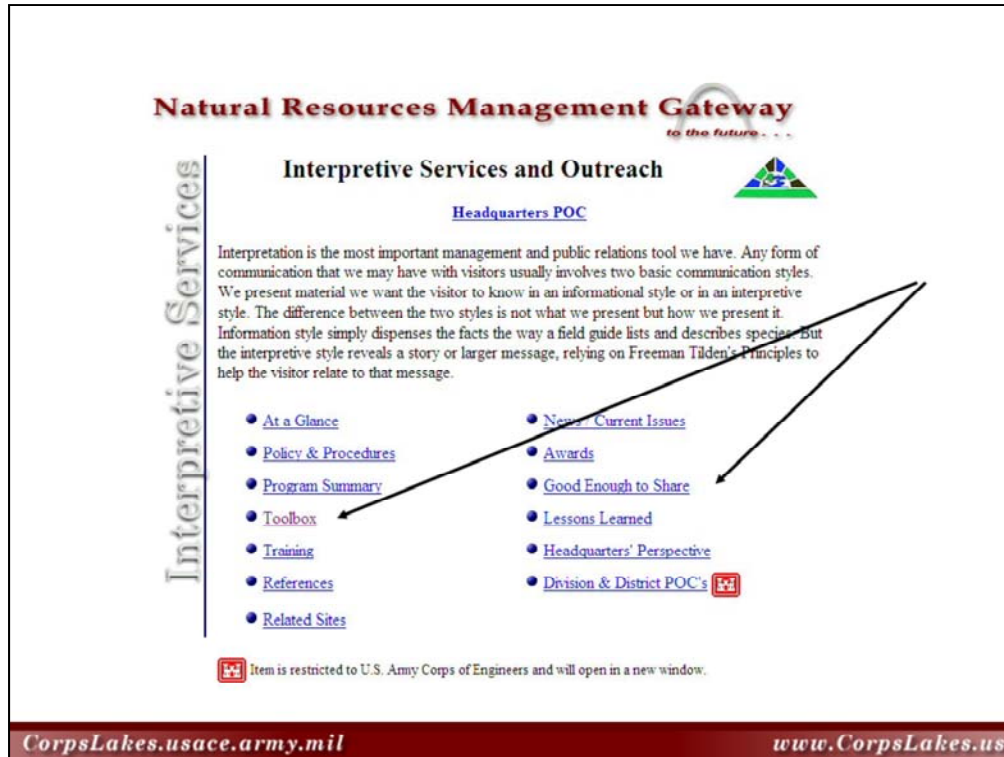
In this example, The Recreation Use Fee program has a number of submissions on the page... Scrolling down you will find

CLICK

One section includes handbooks from a number of locations

CLICK

The result is a national view of regional reports.



<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/interpretive/interpretive.html>

In the case of the Interpreters in the Corps...

They organized themselves to deliver a consistent look and feel in the product delivery...

They developed the TOOLBOX which is cross posted in the Good Enough to Share

The Tool box... is another template submission that we have on the site

Toolbox



Interpretive Program Exchange

These samples of interpretive programs have been submitted by Corps interpreters nationwide to assist you in interpreting your agency's resources. These printed materials, displays, interpretive manuals, sample exhibit contracts, downloadable graphics and various other interpretive products are property of the Corps of Engineers and can be used at other Corps projects without restrictions. Non-Corps employees who want to use these tools need to contact their closest Corps project interpreter for assistance.

- [Search Exchange](#)
- [Submit to Exchange](#)

- Outdoor Fun Book: [72 DPI \(5.3 MB\)](#) or [300 DPI \(16 MB\)](#)
- [Interpretive Panel Choices](#)
- [Interpretation for All Populations](#)
- [Sign Material Performance Guide for Interpretive Application](#)

A Tool for Requesting and Evaluating Interpretive Display Proposals

One of the best ways to purchase interpretive exhibits is to use a "Request for Proposal." The three documents below were used to request and evaluate interpretive exhibit proposals. They were used to replace exhibits at Libby Dam. They could be adapted for use at other Corps of Engineers visitor centers.

- [Exhibit Experience through the Principles of Interpretation](#)
- [Evaluation Plan](#)
- [Individual Bidder Worksheet](#)

Interpretive Programs Exchange

Interpretive Program Exchange

Billboards &	Exhibits	Recreation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Bobber District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ J. Strc ◦ Savan ◦ Water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Best Practices for Boating, Fishing and Aquatic Resources Education Stewardship ◦ Dworshak boating brochure - Walla Walla District ◦ Dworshak camp brochure - Walla Walla District ◦ Dworshak fishing brochure - Walla Walla District ◦ Dworshak hike brochure - Walla Walla District ◦ Dworshak hiking trail kiosk - Walla Walla District ◦ Dworshak hiking trail sign- close up - Walla Walla District ◦ Dworshak hunting brochure - Walla Walla District ◦ Dworshak kiosk building specs - Walla Walla District ◦ Ground blinds for wildlife viewing - Los Angeles District ◦ Lake Brochures - Kansas City District ◦ Lake Okeechobee camping info - Jacksonville District ◦ Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail brochure - Jacksonville District ◦ National Public Lands Day - Adopt-A-Shoreline ◦ NWW- Big Eddy Hiking Kiosk - Walla Walla District ◦ NWW- Big Eddy hiking panel - Walla Walla District ◦ NWW- Big Eddy ramp kiosk - Walla Walla District ◦ NWW- Boat ramp kiosk design - Walla Walla District ◦ NWW- Boat ramp kiosk design plan - Walla Walla District ◦ NWW- Bruces Eddy ramp kiosk - Walla Walla District ◦ NWW- Canyon Creek ramp kiosk - Walla Walla District
Cultural/Hist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Oregon ◦ Artifact ◦ Bulltrow ◦ Concha ◦ Concret ◦ Historic ◦ MODE ◦ Stories 	Flood Dam: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Flood ◦ Fuseg ◦ Savan 	
Environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Amplab ◦ Birds of ◦ Bugs an ◦ St. Paul ◦ Butterfl ◦ Butterfl ◦ Coyote ◦ Dworsh ◦ Dworsh ◦ Dworsh ◦ Dworsh ◦ Dworsh ◦ Dworsh 	Geology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Geolo ◦ Dam, 	
	Hydropower: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Dwor ◦ Dwor ◦ Dwor ◦ Hydro ◦ NWW ◦ Power ◦ Portla ◦ The P 	

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<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/interpretive/exchange.cfm?Step=1>

The interpreters of the agency, got together as a team to put together a place where all could share their interpretive programs, flyers, checklists, etc...


They developed a template and a database structure for easy retrieval by topic area...

Once they opened the door for submissions the working group and their contacts began populating the site... there are now more than 200 entries... \

Another of our secretes is that some Subject matter experts are supervisors... they have put in employee TAPES (evaluations) the delivery of content to the NRM Gateway as a measure of supporting the community... that is how this site has grown...

Interpretive Program Exchange

Interpretive Program Exchange



Flood Control Game

[Download Word File](#)

Category: Flood Damage

Format: Program Outline

Audience: All ages

Group Size: Varies

[Back to Search Results](#)

Flood Control Game

Props: Rope, Board (i.e. 2x4 or other scrap wood) to represent a Dam, Two boards to represent the Conduit, Orange Cone, Flood Scenario Cards.

Set up: Position a length of rope in a semi-circle with the board across the open end of the circle; this represents the lake and dam. Attach 4 sections of rope of various lengths at different positions around the "lake" to represent tributaries feeding into the lake. Place two boards perpendicular to the dam and parallel to each other to represent the conduit. Place an orange cone below the conduit to serve as a stopping place.

How the Game Works:

Choose two students or two teachers to represent the gates in the control tower. The "gates" will stand at the board representing the dam. A raised arm means the gate is open. A lowered arm means the gate is closed. For safety, have them face the "lake."

Divide the remaining students into four groups, and have each group stand in line at the start of each of the "tributaries" behind (not on) the rope. They should be facing toward the rope and the lake. Explain to these students that they will be water molecules that fall from the sky as rain, flow down the tributaries into the lake, spend some time in the lake, and may be released through the control tower gates to continue downstream in the river below the dam. Explain that they must go through an open gate into the conduit, not across or around the dam. They should all stop at the orange cone. Also remind the students to walk, but not run, during the scenarios for safety's sake.

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In the toolbox...

Each item submitted has database characteristics provided by the submitter. A simple process, minimal content (easy to do), and you send us what you have...

This example is a word file that can be altered at the local level

CLICK

Word files are provided in some instances where change is encouraged.

So that products can be tailored to the local area...

PDF or acrobat files are provided where the content can not be altered.



<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/facilities/standards.html>

The Recreation Facility Standards TEAM came up with a “STANDARD” entry for their Good Enough to Share...

Campsites

Impact Areas

[Typical procedure for impact site construction at J. Strom Thurmond Project, Savannah River, GA](#)

Interlocking block is being used at Nolin Lake, Kentucky. The block is replacing rotting timbers. The blocks weigh about 80 pounds each are 16 inches long and about 5 inches thick and 12 inches deep. At the time of purchase the blocks were \$3.25 each as compared to about \$14.25 for an 8 foot recycle material timber.



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Where explanations and pictures help to illustrate the desired condition.
Sometimes photos work better than words.

RPPII

Recreation Modernization

Recreation Modernization

[Headquarters POC](#)

Recreation Modernization is one component of the Recreation Program Performance Improvement Initiative (RPPII). A Project Delivery Team (PDT) has been formed to address Corps modernization strategy, using lessons learned from the six projects that received fund and accomplished modernization activities in FY 2005.

[Recreation Modernization Success Stories](#) 

[Recreation Modernization Success Submission](#) 

[OPM Feedback on Recreation Modernization](#) 

- [Program Background](#)
- [Policy & Procedures](#)
- [FY 2005 Modernization Activities](#)
- [Customer Discussion Guides](#)
- [PDT Members](#) 

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<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/rppii/modern.html>

The Recreation Modernization Success Stories is one example...

RPLI
Recreation Modernization

Recreation Modernization Success Stories

- [Rathbun Lake, Iowa: Rathbun Lake Recreation Modernization Project 2005](#)
- [Beaver Lake: Separation of Competing Day Use Activities](#)
- [Lake Barkley: Canal Campground - Lewis and Clark Funds Improvements 2001 and 2002](#)
- [Greers Ferry Lake: Dam Site Park Modernization](#)
- [Buckhorn Lake: Upgrade of Primitive Campground to Class A](#)
- [Carr Creek Lake: Campground Expansion Project](#)
- [Hartwell: Oconee Point Campground Renovation](#)
- [Whitney Lake, Texas: Ham Creek Park](#)
- [Whitney Lake, Texas: Kimball Bend Park](#)

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This team came up with a template for submissions...

And 8 different lakes came up with suggestions...

RPPH
Recreation Modernization

Rathbun Lake Recreation Modernization Project 2005

Lake: Rathbun Lake, Iowa

Facilities Modernized: Campsites, 50 amp service, playgrounds, water hydrants, etc.

Cost: 500000


Funding Source(s)
FY05 Modernization Funds

Partners:


1. [Rathbun Regional Water Association](#)
2. [Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative](#)
3. [Rathbun Lake Association](#)
4. [Rathbun Regional Water Association](#)
5. [Chariton Valley Electric Cooperative](#)
6. [Rathbun Lake Association](#)

Corps POC: Bill Duey

Story:
Rathbun Lake was one of six projects selected for the 2005 Recreation Modernization program, receiving \$500,000 for improving recreation facilities.



Upgraded campsite with two car/trailer parking spaces and 50 amp electrical service



New double sanitary trailer dump station with four lanes.

Once again the Recreation

The template asked for information on the Lake, costs, funding sources, Partnerships, and a story.... Which extends beyond this page...

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Partnerships

Partnerships

Headquarters POC

In managing recreation and natural resources, it is often necessary that agencies work together with neighbors and local communities - in everything from wildlife protection and habitat improvement to recreational facility enhancements and customer service. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is no exception to this rule and welcomes the myriad of present and future partners who share common goals and interests in our resources. It is no secret that many of our most valuable resources, such as endangered species, do not recognize human or property boundaries. Additionally, funding and labor resource shortages affect all levels of government and society. Partnering can avoid unnecessary duplication of effort, provide for the pooling of scarce resources, and promote coordinated, focused, and consistent mutual efforts to resolve common problems and missions in a united effort that best benefits all concerned. The bottom line: partnering is smart business.

The Natural Resources Management Branch in Headquarters continues to explore potential concepts for public-private partnerships in recreation and natural resources management. The objective of such partnerships is to help leverage the limited resources for these business areas through involvement of the private sector.

Association of Partners for Public Lands 2007

Executive Order 13352 - Facilitation of Cooperative Conservation

Handshake Program

NEW: Toolbox for the Great Outdoors (Updated and Web Based)

- [At a Glance](#)
- [Policy & Procedures](#)
- [Program Summary](#)
- [How To](#)
- [Training](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [References](#)
- [Partnership CD](#)
- [Partnership Advisory Committee](#)

- [NRM Partnerships](#)
- [National Partners](#)
- [Partners in Action](#)
- [Watershed Management](#)
- [Stakeholders](#)
- [Good Enough to Share](#)
- [Lessons Learned](#)
- [News / Current Issues](#)
- [Division & District POC's](#)

Types of Partnerships:

- [Challenge Partnerships Program](#)
- [Cooperative Associations Program](#)
- [Contributions Program](#)
- [Volunteer Program](#)

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The Partnership example is a area where we are encouraging our managers to connect to our national partners...

In the Partners in Action, we not only identify partners

Partnerships

Partners in Action - Success Stories

 [Submit a Partnership Story](#) - For USACE only. If you are not a USACE employee and have a partnership story, please contact your local USACE project office and work with them.

Ensuring Healthy Watersheds

- [Cooperation Gets it Done](#), Shelbyville Lake, IL
- [Joint Project Will Protect Health of Rivers](#), Green River Lake, KY
- [Partnerships -- Water Management Committee](#), John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir, VA
- [The Corps and Watershed Councils](#)
- [The West Eugene Wetlands Partnership](#)
- [Watershed Alliance at Rathbun Lake](#), Rathbun Lake, IA

Helping the Environment

- [Chouteau Island in the Confluence Greenway](#)
- [Habitat Improvements with the National Wild Turkey Federation at Ravstown Lake](#), Ravstown Lake, PA
- [Partners Assist in Wetland Restoration and Enhancement at Ravstown Lake](#), Ravstown Lake, PA
- [Partners in Wetlands](#), Arkabutla Lake, MS
- [Partnerships in Grouse and Woodcock Management at Ravstown Lake](#), Ravstown Lake, PA
- [Special Residents at Fern Ridge Lake](#), Fern Ridge Lake, OR
- [Stream Restoration Project Improves Habitat](#), Ravstown Lake, PA
- [Tennessee - Tombigbee Wildlife Mitigation Project](#), Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, MS
- [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and BLM Fire Ecologists Put Fire to Beneficial Use in Alaska](#), Chena River Lakes, AK
- [Walking Through the Pines at Dworshak](#), Dworshak Dam and Reservoir, ID

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We allow for submissions...

In a three week time period we received 75 stories from the field in this area.

Partnerships

The Corps and Watershed Councils


Lake: Willamette Valley Projects

Partners: [USACE](#); Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council; Long Tom Watershed Council; [McKenzie Watershed Council](#); [Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council](#); [North Santiam Watershed Council](#); [South Santiam Watershed Council](#)


Partnership Type: Watershed Councils

Corps POC: Wade Stampe, Operations Project Manager; Rick Hayes, Watershed Specialist; Bryan VonBergen, Natural Resource Manager

Story: One of the outstanding features of the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds is the plan's reliance upon watershed councils - grassroots groups of citizens and other stakeholders - who take on self-directed local work in enhancing and restoring the health of the state's watersheds and native fish populations. In the Willamette basin, there are over two-dozen such councils currently operating, most organized within fourth field drainages. The Corps's Willamette Valley Project has multiple purpose storage projects occupying six of the Willamette's watersheds, and these river systems are strongly influenced by the project's conservation season and flood control operations. The project staff has participated with some of these councils for several years now: helping some form and initiate an operation, providing technical assistance,



Long Tom Watershed Council □ water quality monitoring; 410-square mile watershed surrounds Fern Ridge Lake Project




Cougar Lake Project □ construction of temperature control tower, located on McKenzie River

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Each of the pages, tell a story about the partnership.

The information is also integrated into the WWW.CorpsLakes.us public pages so that our partnerships that support natural resources and recreation can be viewed by all...



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RPPII

Recreation Program Performance Improvement Initiative (RPPII)

[Headquarters POC](#)

The Recreation Program Performance Improvement Initiative (RPPII) is designed as a multi-year long-range plan to address the Recreation Business Program challenges in providing recreation opportunities at a consistent, affordable and acceptable level as defined by performance metrics. Constrained budgets require a focus on efficiency to assure the maximum value is realized for the dollars spent. The RPPII will produce comprehensive, consistent process and procedure to evaluate the current performance status of the recreation program at the project or recreation area level; identify opportunities for improvement; select an appropriate, effective strategy to improve performance; and to evaluate the results upon implementation. RPPII products will be tested at one or more demonstration lakes prior to release for general use.

[Park Operational Efficiencies Submission](#)

[Park Operational Efficiency Stories](#)

- [PMP](#)
- [Related Sites](#)
- [Park Closure](#)

- [News / Current Issues](#)
- [Park Operational Efficiencies Stories](#)
- [Recreation Modernization](#)

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In identifying our maintenance backlog... we identified how we can make improvements...

RPPII

Park Operational Efficiencies

Contracts/Purchasing

- [Pine Flat Lake: Partnership Agreements for Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Projects](#)
- [Keystone Lake: Collection of Monthly Traffic Counts and Maintenance of Traffic Counters via Volunteers](#)
- [J. Strom Thurmond Lake: Caretaker Park Attendant Contracts](#)
- [J. Strom Thurmond Lake: partial park closures](#)
- [Success Lake: State Inmate Labor Program](#)
- [Melvern Lake Project: Mechanical brush and woody vegetation management](#)
- [Hensley Lake: Madera County Fines Committee](#)
- [Hensley Lake: Debris Removal](#)
- [Lewis and Clark Lake: Gavins Point Project Federal Inmate Program](#)
- [Pine Flat Lake: California Department of Boating and Waterways Grants](#)
- [Kansas City District: Field Contracting Warrants](#)
- [Lost Creek Lake: Project Road Maintenance and Repair](#)

ISOP

- [Black Butte Lake: Free booth space at Fairs.](#)

Partnerships

- [Pine Flat Lake: Providing California Dept. of Forestry with Training Opportunities Benefits Corps](#)
- [Lost Creek Lake: Visitor Center Operations](#)
- [Lake Kaweah: Partnerships for Great Visitor Centers](#)

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In Operational Efficiencies we have over 20 stories now...

Mechanical brush and woody vegetation management

Lake: Melvern Lake Project

Park: Sundance, Arrow Rock and Turkey Point Parks

Corps POC: Terry Osborn

Story:

Melvorn Lake staff is continually looking at cost effective methods to control woody vegetation and have recently happened upon a brush cutting machine that provides for quick and easy removal of brush and trees up to 14 inches in diameter. We do not have all the particulars on the machine but it is basically a 100 h.p. four wheel drive tractor, sometimes called a "hydro-axe" that boasts a front mounted pto driven cutter wheel that will take an eight foot swath through about any kind of brush in a single pass. The cutter wheel is mounted horizontally and turns at a high r.p.m. whirling as many as a hundred cutter teeth in a circular motion. It works in a similar fashion to a stump grinder but with many times more cutters and of course a much greater width. Melvern's cost per hour has been in the 60 dollar per hour range which for the work it can accomplish is a real savings.

The contractor's name is John Atwood and he lives in Auburn, KS. For more information you may contact Melvern Lake or call John directly at (785)256-7169.



Hydro-axe brushcutter



Hydro-axe working

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A simple template... a structured format... our editor had to make very little change to the file before posting...

Contact information is available if you need more hands on information.

Good Enough to Share Contracts

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Sample Contracts

- [Consolidated Services](#)
- [Cost Plus Award Fee](#)
- [Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity](#)
- [Contract Specification](#)
- Job Order Contracts (JOC) (See [definition of JOC](#))
 - [SWD Regional JOC](#)
 - [Louisville District JOC](#)
- Park Attendants Contracts
 - [Jacksonville District Solicitation 2004](#)
 - [Louisville District Solicitation 2003](#)
 - [Mobile District Park Gate Attendant Request for Quotations 2001](#)
- Park Custodian Contracts
 - [Pomme de Terre Lake, MO](#)
 - [Saylorville Lake, IA](#)
- Park Attendant/Caretaker Contracts (WITH cleaning responsibilities)
 - [J. Strom Thurmond Lake, SC 2002/2003](#)

Sample Contract Solicitation Items

- [O&M Contract Solicitation Checklist](#)
- [Example of Area Acreage Totals and Description](#)
- [Equipment List](#)
- [Special Clauses List](#)
- [Sample Government Cost Estimate for O&M Contracts](#)
- Sample Government Estimate Worksheet: [PDF version](#) or [Excel version](#)

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Contracts... something we do all the time but changes constantly...

- o [Sample Supplies and Materials Worksheet](#)
- o [Sample Quality Assurance Plan](#)
- o [Example of Award Fees Worksheet](#)

Technical Evaluation

- o [Sample Cover Letter for Technical Evaluation Criteria](#)
- o [Sample Technical Evaluation Criteria](#)
- o Deposition Describing Technical Evaluation Methodology 
 - [Part 1](#)
 - [Part 2](#)

Contracting Options

- o [Mobile District - O&M Contracting with Government Furnished Equipment](#)
- o [Best Management Practices - Questions and Considerations for Selecting a Contract Type](#)

District Solicitation Pages

• Alaska	• Nashville	• Seattle
• Albuquerque	• New England	• St. Paul
• Baltimore	• New York	• St. Louis
• Ft. Worth	• Norfolk	• Tulsa
• Jacksonville	• Omaha	• Vicksburg
• Kansas City	• Portland	• Walla-Walla
• Little Rock	• Rock Island	• Wilmington
• Louisville	• Sacramento	
• Mobile	• Savannah	

Success Stories

- o [Little Rock District experience with regional Job Order Contract \(JOC\)](#)

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We not only identify examples we link to key resources to allow folks to look at other sites and evaluate their content as well...

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Brief description (3-5 sentences only)

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Idea/Suggestion

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Even just a spark of an idea can lead to other stories that are out there...

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NRM Gateway Principles

1. Make it all about the Community of Practice.
2. Initially focus on the innovators.
3. Create events that make sharing a fun way to learn together.
4. Keep it simple... and real.
5. Be a marketplace for ideas.
6. Serve as a leadership tool.
7. Be a part of the daily routine.
8. Continuously reinvent and improve.
9. Create "once in a career" experiences.
10. Be an integral part of the Community we serve.



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Our team has come up with 10 principles that we use to help guide us...
The more we help our customer (manager/ranger/field person) understand their job, we can help them succeed ... we become successful...

Gateway Team Awards



**2006 American Recreation Coalition
Beacon Award**



**2002 ERDC Award for
Outstanding Achievement
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