

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Fiscal Year 2010  
Handshake Program Application**

Please review instructions before completing application!

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Corps Lake/Project Name: **Waco Lake**  
Handshake Proposal Title: **Reynold'S Creek Equestrian Campground and Trail Head**  
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**Eligibility checklist to qualify per ER 1130-2-500, Chapter 12.**

1. Is the seed money going to be spent at Corps facilities and resources that are being maintained by the Corps at 100% expense?  **Yes**  **No**
2. Is the agreement with a non-federal public or private entity(ies)?  **Yes**  **No**
3. Is the proposed activity within current authorities and contained in the annual or 5-year work plan in the approved OMP?  **Yes**  **No**
4. If no, when will the OMP be updated and approved? (example: Sept 09) Feb-09

*If answer is No to either question 1 or 2 the proposal can not be authorized under the Corps' challenge partnership authority. If answer is No to question 3 and the date provided in answer to question 4 would come after the commencement of your proposed challenge partnership your activity can not be authorized.*

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**Handshake Funding Program Request (maximum \$25,000): \$25,000**

**Cooperating Association Agreement Bonus:**

Challenge Partnerships that include an organization (cooperating associations, friends groups) with which your project/district has recently entered into a Cooperating Association Agreement are eligible to compete for an additional \$5000. To be eligible to compete for this Bonus funding your project/district must have entered into a Cooperating Association Agreement with the partner organization after January 1, 2008; include a copy of the signed Agreement with your proposal. (Reference Chapter 9 of ER and EP 1130-2-500 for information on cooperating associations).

Date of Cooperating Association Agreement: (must be after January 1, 2008 to be eligible).

**Incentive Points Categories:**

Please check the box for each category that applies to your Challenge Partnership. Additional points will be awarded for each category. You must address checked items in your project description.

Utilizes an Existing National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) The National Partners MOU list can be found on the NRM Gateway Partnership page at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partners/list.html>).

Local/regional chapters of National Partners are eligible.

Benefits/Involves Active Military, Veterans and/or Military Families

**Describe your partnership and the proposed project:**

Your project will be evaluated based on each of the following categories: Sustainability, Partnership Value, Recreation Benefit, Environmental Stewardship Value, and Innovativeness. Please address each of these that apply in your description. Also address each incentive category you have identified.

**Description:**

The purpose of this project is to improve and expand recreational opportunities for campers, hikers, bicyclists and equestrians at Waco Lake. This project application is for the Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association (TETRA) to construct a secure parking area, Group Camping/Special Event area trail head and trail located within Reynold's Creek Park which is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This will improve visitors (campers, hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians and wildlife viewing) access to the current trail system at Lacy Point Access Area which is immediately adjacent to Reynold's Creek Campgrounds. This Project includes constructing a 400 feet by 20 foot access road, a 40,000 square foot parking pad using TXDOT Standard Specifications (Flex Base Type "A" Grade), constructing a 8 foot wide by 3,100 foot long trail with a creek crossing to connect to the existing trail system in Lacy Point. Development will also include a water line with water troughs for animals, 8 water faucets, 8 50 Amp Rv Pedestals, electric distribution system, security light, pens for animal containment, an animal wash rack and a covered pavilion to provide accommodation for group use.

**Sustainability:** SWF has had a long association with TETRA and is partnered with them on facilities such as this at numerous other lakes in the District. TETRA is entirely responsible for maintenance and cleaning of the facilities. Similar facilities have been in operation well over 15 years with high utilization and little or no problems.

**Partnership Value:** All the facilities are constructed, operated and maintained by the partner. The partner provides recreational opportunities that are in high demand that otherwise would not be available due to budget and manpower constraints. USACE retains all revenue generated by the facilities.

**Recreational Value:** Waco Lake receives approximately 1 Million visitors every year, a large majority coming from the City of Waco and surrounding McLennan, Hill and Bosque Counties. One major attraction of the lake is the Lacy Point Trail System, located in the Lacy Point Wildlife Management Area which contains 640 acres of flat open prairie and stands of upland forest along several creek bottoms and extensive lake shore frontage. At the present time, there are approximately 15 miles of multiuse trails in the system that is maintained by the Waco Bicycle Club and the Texas Equestrian Trail Riders Association. A large portion of the trail system is not accessible to many hikers or bikers, due to the length of travel (more than 2 miles of open terrain) through the Management Area to get to the shaded trails along the creeks and through the forested areas in the far back portion of the Management Area. There are also no support facilities such as drinking water or all-weather parking areas with security available for vehicles located at the existing trail head. There are also no available facilities for overnight camping for group use or special events.

When this Project is completed, the more desirable portion of the Lacy Trail System will become accessible to more users. It will also allow users to enjoy unique recreational opportunities, such as viewing a variety of wildlife, including the first pair of nesting American Bald Eagles at Waco Lake without competing with vehicles on state highways, county roads or interfere with fishermen trying to launch boats at the Lacy Point boat ramp, where the existing trail head is presently located. The group campground will also be available for large overnight group campouts. Presently there are limited facilities on Lake Waco for such usage.

**Environmental Stewardship:** Although construction of the trail will have a negative impact in that it disturbs the immediate area, it provides access to individuals who not normally venture out into the wild areas. The Lacy

Point Trail System received extensive interest this past spring when a pair of American Bald Eagles nested on the lakeshore in the Area. Although the Corps restricted access to the nest site, multitudes of people came to view them from a distance. Most of these users had never even heard of the Trail System. This new trail head will allow more of these individuals to become stakeholders in the area and thus help provide for and protect it.

Innovativeness: This Project is not innovative in that it is based upon similar projects at other lakes that are tried and true. It is innovative in that it all future recreation facility development on USACE lakes will be funded this way in the near future.

**The Corps will:**

Provide materials and contract labor to purchase and install 8 50 Amp RV Service Pedestals, electrical distributions lines and campsite amenities such as tables, cookers and fire rings.

**The Partner(s) will:**

Provide funds, labor(both volunteer and contract) and material for construction of access road, parking lot, 1/2 mile of trail, creek crossing, water line, meter pole and base, security lights, horse pens and 30'x 40' pavillion with concrete floor.

## Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Waco Lake

Work Project Title: Reynold's Creek Equestrian Campground And Trail Head

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Location on Project: Reynold's Creek Park

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Partner Organization 1: Texas Equestrian and Trail Riders Association

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Partner Organization 2:

POC Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone:

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Partner Organization 3:

POC Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone:

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Proposed start date of work: March 2010

Simple description of work to be accomplished through the partnership: Construction of group campsite, access road, trail

Double click on spreadsheet to access data entry fields:

	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Total
Salaries	\$2,000	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$25,000	\$78,135	\$0	\$0	\$103,135
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$78,135</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$105,135</b>
<b>Share of Total Cost</b>	1.9%	23.8%	74.3%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Explanations: NOTE: This Project is dependant upon the partner receiving grant funding from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for 80% or \$62,500 of their share. Notification will be in September/October time frame. The Partners Share is construction cost (materials, equipment and labor). TETRA will provide volunteer time but that value is unknown at this time. The Waco Bicycle Club will also provide extensive volunteer time and effort. The value of this effort is unknown at this time.