

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fiscal Year 2012
Handshake Program Application**

Please review instructions before completing application!

Corps Lake/Project Name: **Cape Fear River Lock & Dam #1**

Handshake Proposal Title: **Community Picnic Shelter**

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A. Partnership Project Type:

- ☒ **Challenge Partnership Project**
☐ **SCA Intern/Work Crew Project**
☐ **Combined Challenge Partnership and SCA Project**
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B. Handshake Funding Program Request (maximum \$25,000): 25,000

C. Challenge Partnership Eligibility Checklist (skip if SCA project only):

1. Is the funding going to be spent at Corps facilities and resources that are being maintained at 100% federal expense? ☒ **Yes** (eligible) ☐ **No** (not eligible)*
2. Is the agreement with a non-federal public or private entity(ies)? ☒ **Yes** (eligible) ☐ **No** (not eligible)*
3. Is the proposed activity within current authorities and contained in the annual or 5-year work plan in the approved OMP? ☒ **Yes** (eligible) ☐ **No** (see # 4)
4. If No for #3, when will the OMP be updated and approved? (Example: Sept 11) **

**Proposal cannot be authorized under the Corps' challenge partnership authority.*

*** If date provided in answer to question 4 would come after the commencement of your proposed challenge partnership your activity can not be authorized.*

D. Cooperating Association Agreement Bonus: (skip if SCA project only)

Challenge Partnerships that include an organization (cooperating associations, friends groups) with which your project/district has recently (after January 1, 2009) entered into a Cooperative Agreement are eligible to compete for an additional \$5000. You must 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: N/A (must be after January 1, 2009 to be eligible).

E. Incentive Points Categories: Check the box for each category that applies to your partnership project and include an explanation in the project description (Section F.). Qualifying applications will receive bonus points on their evaluation score.

☐ Includes a veteran's and/or military family organization. Groups must be an intended signatory to the agreement in order to qualify for the bonus points.

☒ Americas Great Outdoors – <http://americasgreatoutdoors.gov/> - Contributes to USACE efforts to accomplish USACE action items identified in AGO report: List action item #: **1.3 b, 2.2 b & c, 9.2a**.

☒ National Recreation Strategic Plan- <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/strategy.cfm> – Contributes to USACE efforts to accomplish goals and objectives: List objective #: **2.1**.

F. Describe your partnership and the proposed project:

Your project will be evaluated on the following categories: **Sustainability, Partnership Value, Recreation Benefit, Environmental Stewardship Benefit, Communication and Education Value, and Innovativeness.** Please address each in your description. Also address incentive point categories you have identified in Section E. If the project involves a SCA intern/crew please include the number of SCA volunteers that will be involved and describe what they will be doing.

Description:

Lock and Dam #1 has been a part of the community since its completion in 1917. The Corps of Engineers along with our partners the The Cape Fear Council of Governments, A Step Forward, Lower Bladen Columbus Historical Society, The Men and Women United for Youth and Families and East Arcadia Middle School are working with the community around Lock & Dam #1 to provide a safe and healthy environment for family recreation and positive opportunities for community involvement. Wilmington Water Tours, LLC is a new partner that is expanding the environmental, recreational and educational involvement with communities up & down The Cape Fear River. A Step Forward, Inc. is non-profit community organization which promotes healthy families and youth programs by leveraging community resources through networking and partnerships. The Cape Fear Council of Governments plans and administers a variety of federal, state and local programs in region and under the direction of a delegation of locally elected officials representing member governments and both the public and private sectors. Lower Bladen Columbus Historical Society contributes a historical education based on the relationship between local residents and the Cape Fear River Lock and Dam #1. The Men and Women United for Youth and Families provides educational after school programs and the summer enrichment camps which promote family involvement while learning. East Arcadia Middle School is a partnership school with Lock and Dam #1. The school is working with the USACE Park Ranger providing on-site & off-site environmental educational programs for students.

Completion of this additional shelter (24 feet x 44 feet) is an important part of this effort. The existing small shelter at Lock #1 is not sufficient to service the needs of the community. The new shelter will provide a gathering point at this popular recreation access area, a venue for community events, and an outdoor classroom for use by the Corps, other natural resource management agencies, and local schools.

The community coming together to propose this project has expanded the capacity and promoted partnerships that connect the local community to outdoors and provide meaningful volunteer service opportunities (AGO Action

Item 1.3b). Through working with local community and youth organizations to provide opportunities for positive presence and safe use by members of the community at Lock & Dam #1, this project will assist in accomplishment of AGO Action Item 2.2c.

Sustainability: This shelter would serve the community and visitors for decades to come. Due to current economic trends, the role of Lock #1 in the community is more important than ever. The additional shelter will provide an improved venue and additional capacity for community events, meetings, and family reunions. Annual community sponsored events such as Blue Monday and the Bladen Shad Festival bring hundreds of visitors to Lock #1 to celebrate and learn about the river and the cultural history of the area. The money spent by these visitors is an economic benefit to this rural area. Beyond economics, this project would help this partnership grow as a sustaining force in the community by providing a positive experience for the youth participating as volunteers and those who utilize the finished shelter.

Partnership Value: The Partners will provide volunteer labor and the services of a general contractor to complete the installation of the shelter and landscaping in the area. Once the shelter is completed the Partners will continue to work with the Corps to encourage youth and families in the community, local government and non-profit organizations, schools, and resource agencies to utilize the shelter. The seed money from the Handshake Program would make this project possible and strengthen this already growing partnership.

Recreational Benefit – The shelter will improve the recreational experience of multiple user groups. Increased capacity will benefit picnickers, family reunions, and community festivals. The shelter will help promote healthy lifestyles as a gathering point for outdoor recreation activities including annual shad fishing tournaments, boaters, canoeists, kayakers, bird watchers, and others. As meeting place for participants in A Step Forward's summer youth programs and Corps' water safety presentations the shelter will provide kids and families a place to learn about active lifestyle choices. Increases in recreational use due to increased capacity and improved facilities will in turn benefit the economy of this rural area. This project contributes to AGO Action Item 9.2a by increasing and improving access for water-based recreation along the Cape Fear River Canoe Trail. By partnering with community organizations, non-profit organizations, and local businesses to provide improved facilities to the recreating public this project assists in the accomplishment of Recreation Strategic Plan objective 2.1.

Environmental Stewardship Value: As an outdoor classroom this shelter will boost efforts to reinforce responsible stewardship and help build a sense of pride of ownership in the community. Improving the facility will increase capacity to educate the public on the importance of the natural resources in the area, in particular the Cape Fear River. The economy in this rural area is heavily dependent on agriculture and forestry. This project will help in efforts to expand opportunities for local residents and visitors to participate in learning about how these industries can fit positively into the environment.

Communication and Education Value: The location of the shelter on high ground overlooking the Cape Fear River, Lock and Dam #1, and the rock arch rapid fish passage currently under construction provide an ideal outdoor classroom. The shelter would serve as a venue for presentations on the Corps' mission including environmental stewardship, navigation, public recreation, and water safety. The location is also ideal for presentations on the cultural history of the area. It would also be used as an outdoor class room by local schools and other resource agencies. Partnering with East Arcadia Middle School to assist with the completion of the

shelter project and to provide environmental educational programs at the new facility contributes to accomplishment of AGO Action Item 2.2b.

Innovativeness: This partnership project is the first its kind in this area. The shelter project provides a new opportunity for the Corps of Engineers to work with the community to improve this facility. Within this last year the Corps of Engineers added a park ranger to the Cape Fear River Locks & Dams staff and the park ranger has increased the level of ownership to our visitors and our community. Community groups have responded and identified the addition of a larger shelter as something the Corps should do to help improve the facilities at Lock #1 and have offered to work with the Corps to make this happen. Due to budget constraints the Corps will not be able to add a shelter without the requested Handshake Program funding. This project might help the start up of a potential friend's group on the Cape Fear River's L&D's too. If program funding is not received we would consider submitting an application for this project again next year.

The Corps will:

Provide a picnic shelter kit (24 feet x 40 feet), concrete and other supplies for the shelters slab and foundation; and landscaping supplies.

Assist with oversight of volunteers.

The Partner(s) will:

The Cape Fear Council of Governments will provide volunteer labor for assembly and landscaping.

A Step Forward, Inc will provide the services of a licensed general contractor to oversee the installation of the shelter.

East Arcadia Middle School will contribute staining/painting the tables in the shelter.

Lower Bladen Columbus Historical Society will provide food for workers during construction and will lend a hand in providing labor.

Wilmington Water Tours, LLC will contribute by featuring the announcement of the completion of the shelter in their weekly newsletter, and website. They are also willing to provide their 49 passenger vessel, the "Wilmington" if a fund raising event is needed.

Men and Women United for Youth and Families will provide student volunteers to work on the project.

Handshake Application Financial Work Sheet

Partner Organization 1: The Cape Fear Council of Governments

POC Name: Chris May

Address: 1480 Harbour Dr.

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Telephone: 9103954553

Partner Organization 2: A Step Forward, Inc

POC Name: Nicole Bryant M, Executive Director Or Lana Carter

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City: Riegelwood

State: NC Zip Code: 28456

Telephone: 9102327756

Partner Organization 3: Lower Bladen Columbus Historical Society

POC Name: Earnestine Keaton

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City: Riegelwood

State: NC Zip Code: 28456

Telephone: 9106856735

Partner Organization 4: Men and Women United for Youth and Families, CDC

POC Name: Randolph Keaton, Executive Director

Address: 44 Dream Ave

City: Delco

State: NC Zip Code: 28436

Telephone: 9106553811

Partner Organization 5: East Arcadia Middle School

POC Name: Lisa Coley- Science Teacher

Address: 21451NC Highway 87

City: Riegelwood

State: NC Zip Code: 28456

Telephone: 9106692934

Partner Organization 6: Wilmington Water Tours, LLC

POC Name: Doug Springer, Owning Partner

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City: Wilmington

State: NC Zip Code: 28411

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Partner Organization 7:

POC Name:

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Partner Organization 8:

POC Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone:

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Personal Property	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$11,360	\$6,217	\$1,536	\$1,216	\$855	\$0	\$0	\$21,184	
SCA Intern/Crew	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total	\$7,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$2,580	\$22,520	\$9,635	\$3,036	\$2,216	\$3,355	\$0	\$0	\$75,342	
Share of Total Cost	9%	33%	0%	3%	30%	13%	4%	3%	4%	0%	#	0%	100.0%

Explanations: