



**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 #: **7.2a, 8.3b, 3.2b, 2.2a, 3.1a.**

National Recreation Strategic Plan- <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/strategy.cfm> – Contributes to USACE efforts to accomplish goals and objectives: List objective #: **1.1, 1.5, 1.7, 1.8, 2.1, 3.2.**

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**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:**

Grant funding would support the development of the Outdoor Adventure Camp in the Frank Russell Recreation Area. This multiple purpose project proposes the development of a group camping facility in proximity to three successful existing partnership initiatives: Northeast Missouri Environmental Stewardship Demonstration Area (NEMOESDA), the Joanna Multi-Purpose Trail, and the Frank Russell Recreation Area Equestrian Corral Facility. The camping facility will feature four paved trailer pads, hardened impact areas, a group activity area, 50 amp electric service, and associated amenities. This project will be developed in partnership with the NEMO River Valley Chapter of the Show Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen, a member of the Mark Twain Lake Friends of Recreation and Environmental Stewardship (FOREST) Council. The Outdoor Adventure Camp will support and advance collaborative initiatives, fulfill customer demands, promote quality outdoor experiences, and support the environmental and recreational missions of the Corps of Engineers.

Objective: The Outdoor Adventure Camp will provide both a group campground environment, and individual campsite experience. Its unique location and design will permit the continued development of a multiple purpose facility serving numerous mission areas:

1. Support the mission of NEMOESDA by accommodating group environmental education experiences, promote contributions of volunteer service, and foster environmental and recreational stewardship partnership initiatives.
2. Serve the Joanna Multi-Purpose Trail by enhancing the experience of equestrian enthusiasts through facility design that supports this recreational pursuit.
3. Provide additional camping opportunities in the Frank Russell Recreation Area during periods of increased recreational use.

Background: The Northeast Missouri Environmental Stewardship Demonstration Area (NEMOESDA) is a regional cooperative project that provides a consolidated venue for multiple responsible stewardship and recreational disciplines. Through collaborative efforts, the area serves as an avenue for public and private entities

to demonstrate innovative and effective stewardship technologies, share knowledge, provide educational experiences to a regional audience, and promote quality outdoor experiences. This area features: a barrier-free 3.5 acre recreational pond; a pavilion that supports progressive and involved environmental and recreation stewardship; and ecosystem demonstrative and interpretive areas.

Beginning in February 2009, cooperating federal and state agencies, private industry, community organizations, and wildlife benefit organizations committed to developing NEMOESDA. This group of engaged partners solidified their commitment to responsible environmental and recreational stewardship on the public lands of Mark Twain Lake by forming the Friends of Recreation and Environmental Stewardship Council (FOREST) in April 2010. The primary goal of the group is to maintain an environment conducive to the collaboration of public and private entities that share the same values of responsible stewardship, and to seek opportunities to apply those values to the public lands of Mark Twain Lake.

Cooperating partners: Whitetails Unlimited, USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service, Quails Unlimited, Forrest Keeling Nursery, Missouri Department of Conservation, Hannibal Career and Technical Center, National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees, Show-me Missouri Back Country Horsemen, National Wild Turkey Federation, Duck Unlimited, Mark Twain Lake Sailing Assoc., Monroe R-1 FFA.

The FOREST Council has realized many successes in its brief history:

1. Developed NEMOESDA Pavilion in 2010 with the Corps of Engineers under the Handshake Partnership Program.
2. Received National Wild Turkey Federation Grant for development of interpretive signs, and for warm season grass management activities in NEMOESDA.
3. Collaborated with the Corps of Engineers in 2011 to acquire funding for restroom facilities supporting the NEMOESDA Area and the Joanna Multi-Use Trail system under the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Recreation Trails Program.

Engagement of FOREST Council membership yielded opportunities that were not being addressed by the current facilities located in NEMOESDA and Frank Russell Recreation Area. The lack of a group camping facility does not support the potential contribution of area organizations and groups engaged in environmental and recreation efforts. It is also recognized that the area does not fully support equine enthusiasts who are actively engaged with the promotion and utilization of safe, accessible, and sustainable trail systems on public lands.

The Joanna Multipurpose Trail is a 33 mile trail that offers quality outdoor recreation opportunities to a diversity of outdoor enthusiast. Recognized as Millennium Trail in 2000 and as an American Top 25 Trail by the Reserve America in 2009, this scenic trail immerses the users into numerous native ecosystems ranging oak hickory forests to native prairies. Approximately 30,000 visitors utilize the trail system annually, with the majority of the use derived from equine enthusiasts. Mark Twain Lake forged a partnership with the NEMO River Valley Chapter of the Show-Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen to provide trail maintenance services, and contribute materials and resources. Their efforts provide a safe riding environment and quality recreational experience for all trail users.

Frank Russell Recreation Area features a campground offering equestrian camping in support of the Joanna Multi-Purpose Trail. Recognized in 2010 as a Top 25 Horse Friendly Park, Top 25 Water Recreation Park, and Top 25 Park with Scenic Views by Reserve America, certain limitations have been identified by customers and partners that impact the recreational experience afforded by the area. Camping is currently available for equine enthusiasts in the Frank Russell Campground, but their stock must be boarded in the corral located outside of the camping facility. The considerable distance between the campground and the corral, the care requirement of the livestock and the limited visibility from equestrian use campsites to the corral create an undesirable condition for equestrian users of this recreational facility. Many trail users seek alternative boarding and camping accommodations due to these factors.

Based upon recreational visitor demands and partnership input, the Outdoor Adventure Camp has been determined to be the key component of providing value added service to the public, and enhance the recreational experience provided to our users. This activity will occur outside the developed campground maintaining a defined separation of recreational uses, but close enough to utilize existing facility utility infrastructure. This multiple purpose project will directly address customer and partner needs by providing a camping facility offering quality outdoor experiences, support the purpose of NEMOESDA, promote responsible environmental and recreation stewardship, and permit equine enthusiasts to maintain their equipment and stock at the same location.

(1) Sustainability: The anticipated operative life span for the Outdoor Adventure Camp with its associated infrastructure is 30 years. Periodic maintenance will be accomplished through the FOREST Council's efforts, or through volunteer contribution. This project sustains the Corps' stewardship and recreational mission, supports the national initiative of "No Child Left Inside", and promotes a collaborative environment that will stimulate further partnership opportunities.

Supports Strategic Objective: 2.1

(2) Partnership Value: The estimated project cost is \$45,000.00. The NEMO River Valley Chapter has pledged support in the form of in-kind service estimated to be valued at \$10,000.00. In-kind services include: development of group activity area, installation of site amenities, installation of hardened impact areas, and site landscaping services.

Supports Strategic Objective: 1.7

(3) Environmental Stewardship Value: The Outdoor Adventure Camp will augment the area's purpose of providing a venue for the collaboration of multiple responsible stewardship and recreational disciplines. The facility will provide a natural and complementary asset for cooperating entities to foster outdoor education and support partnership contribution toward sustainable environmental resources. This facility will forge a valuable relationship between public service agencies, partners, stakeholders, and recreational users.

Supports AGO Report Action Item: 7.2a, 8.3b

Supports Strategic Objective: 3.2

(4) Communication and Education Value: The Outdoor Adventure Camp will augment the area's purpose and provide a natural and complementary educational asset. Regional youth organizations will utilize the facility to directly interface with a diversity of native habitats. The area will also serve as an instructional asset facilitating preparations for regional, state, or national stewardship competitions/events.

Supports AGO Report Action Items: 3.2b

Supports Strategic Objective: 1.8

(5) Recreational Benefit: The Outdoor Adventure Camp will directly support the recreational mission of the Corps of Engineers, by serving a diversity of users groups that seek quality outdoor experiences. In addition to demonstrating responsible recreation management through the NEMOESDA initiative, the camp facility will serve the public by augmenting existing camping facilities during increased recreational use.

Supports AGO Report Action Items: 2.2a, 3.1a

Supports Strategic Objective: 1.1

(6) Innovativeness of the Partnership or the end result: The concept of federal land management agencies, state land management agencies, wildlife benefit organizations, civic organizations, educational organizations, and private industry collaborating under a common purpose is innovative and merits much excitement. This project will be one facility, but will serve many recreational, educational and environmental purposes. It will be the keystone of future initiatives, and contribute to the advancement of future collaborative endeavors.

Supports Strategic Objective: 1.5

**The Corps will:**

The Corps will provide technical oversight and planning over the entire project. The following will be all materials and services provided by the Corps during the execution of the project:

- Utilizing the handshake funds, the Corps will procure materials and labor services to develop camp sites. (\$25,000.00).
- Procurement of material and service (\$5,000.00).
- Coordination of activities, in-house labor, site design, management of resources (\$5000.00)

**The Partner(s) will:**

The NEMO River Valley Chapter, Show-Me Back Country Horsemen will provide the following services to successfully complete the Outdoor Adventure Camp:

- Provide the necessary labor and equipment to develop group activity area. (\$2,500.00)
- Provide the necessary labor and equipment to install site amenities (\$2,500.00)
- Provide the necessary labor to install landscape materials (\$2,500.00)
- Provide the necessary labor to assist with site design and coordination of volunteer labor (\$2,500)

**Handshake Application Financial Work Sheet**

Partner Organization 1: NEMO River Valley Chapter, Show Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen

POC Name: Mary Chuch

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State: MO Zip Code: 63461

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Partner Organization 2:

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Partner Organization 3:

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Double click on spreadsheet to access data entry fields:

	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	SCA	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Total
In-Kind Services	\$5,000	N/A	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$5,000	\$20,000	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SCA Intern/Crew	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$5,000	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
<b>Share of Total Cost</b>	22%	56%	0%	22%	0%	0%	100.0%

Explanations: Existing IDIQ contract will be employed to provide equipment and operator to construct camp sites.

COOPERATING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
AND THE  
MARK TWAIN LAKE VISITORS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER COMMITTEE

This Cooperating Agreement is for the mutual benefit of both parties and is between the United States Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, Mark Twain Lake Project, Monroe City, Missouri (hereinafter referred to as the "Corps") and the cooperating association partner, Mark Twain Lake Visitors and Educational Resource Center Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), acting through the President of the Association or their Board's designee. The Association meets all requirements of a cooperating association as defined by Corps regulation.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Corps operates the M. W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center and the Cannon Power House Exhibit Area at Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake, in Missouri for public recreation and to increase the understanding of the Corps mission; and,

WHEREAS, the Corps achieves its operational goals for natural resources management through a wide range of activities, programs and events; and,

WHEREAS, the Corps operates its program for the benefit of the public. The public requires information and facilities for the safe and appropriate use of Corps projects. This information is conveyed through a variety of interpretive media such as programs, exhibits, and displays; which rely heavily upon the use of audiovisual materials, photographs, models, interactive displays, lectures, artifacts and other materials which illustrate the Corps, its mission and activities in and around Mark Twain Lake, as well as, the archaeological, natural, and cultural history of the area; and,

WHEREAS, the Corps and the Association mutually recognize there are significant national public benefits to a visitor center which uses a comprehensive interpretive program and techniques and supports the Corps goals for education perpetuation of national pride, preservation of natural heritage, safety and enjoyment of the people of the United States; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Association has as its purpose the enhancement of the environment through research, education and scientific activities and intends to assist the Corps in the conduct of its natural resource management programs and activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Association has as its purpose the interpretation for the public's benefit and education of the archeological, natural, cultural, and historical environment, and Association intends to assist the Corps in its interpretive activities at Mark Twain Lake through the use of programs, exhibits, displays, and materials at the M.W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center, Cannon Power House Exhibit and Mark Twain Lake Project.

WHEREAS, the Association has the authority to assist the Corps in its presentation to the public of the natural, cultural, historical and project-related features of the Mark Twain Lake Region through programs, exhibits, and materials;

WHEREAS, the Association intends to assist in the support and benefit the acquisition, maintenance, and replacement of exhibits at the M.W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center and Cannon Power House Exhibit Area located at Mark Twain Lake, Monroe City, MO and intends to assist the Corps in its presentation to the public of the natural, cultural, economical, environmental, recreational and man-made features of the Mark Twain Lake Project region through programs, exhibits and materials; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Corps has the authority pursuant to the Federal Water Recreation Act, Public Law 89-72; The National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, Public Law 89-665; The National Environmental Policy Act, Public Law 89-190; and the Archaeological Resource Protection Act, as amended, Public Law 96-95, to provide Natural Resources Management programs, activities, and interpretive functions; and,

WHEREAS, the Corps wishes to accept and the Association wishes to provide the hereinafter described interpretive and educational services to the visiting public at Mark Twain Lake;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Corps authorizes the Association to provide, and the Association agrees to provide, the hereinafter-described interpretive and educational services; and/or research and scientific services, and/or maintenance services 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 in which the Association might wish to engage. The point of contact for the Corps is the Lead Interpretive Services and Outreach Program Ranger.

### b. Use of Government Facilities.

(1) Should the Association, as part of its cooperating activities, require the use of Corps facilities at the M.W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center and Cannon Power House Exhibit Area or other facility, 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 Corps would normally require for operation of the facility, or areas used by the Association, the Association will reimburse the Corps at the agreed upon, nominal cost in recognition of the services that the Association is contributing to the public.

(3) A lease between the Association and the Corps contains the terms and conditions of sales area and facilities use at the M.W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center. This Agreement in no way alters the responsibilities of the Corps or the Association as may be required by other real estate instruments.

## 3. ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES.

### a. Corporate Requirements.

(1) The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws shall comply with the requirements of the State of Missouri. Non-profit 501(c) (3) status must be maintained in accordance with State of Missouri 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 claims, damages, losses, judgments 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. Interpretive Activities.

(1) The Association may offer educational and interpretive services which support the mission of the Mark Twain Lake Project. This includes, but is not limited to, assisting, planning, designing, implementing and conducting interpretive and educational programs, activities, special events and exhibits.

(2) The Association may offer scientific, research, maintenance and/or other services which support the mission of the Corps and their natural resource management program. This includes assisting, planning, designing, implementing and conducting scientific and/or maintenance programs, activities and exhibits. All such services shall be coordinated with the Mark Twain Lake Project Operations Manager or designated representative.

(3) All interpretive and educational programs and literature engaged in by the Association must meet Corps standards and be approved by the Corps prior to being made available to the public.

(4) The Association will cooperate with the Corps in the following activities:

e. Produce and make available to visitors by sale or free distribution, suitable interpretive and educational literature and aids to increase the visitors' understanding and appreciation of the natural history, cultural, historical, and man-made features of the Mark Twain Lake regional area and the Corps.

d. Acquire specimens and/or objects pertaining to the history, cultures, environment, or recreational activities of the Mark Twain Lake regional area for the purpose of adding them to the exhibits or programs at the M.W. Boudreaux Memorial Visitor Center and Cannon Power House Exhibit Area, and assist in preservation programs as appropriate.

e. Assist in the development and improvement of interpretive devices and educational materials including signs, exhibits, materials, and audiovisual aids.

f. Assist in the sponsorship and coordination of professional workshops, training opportunities and special events.

g. Assist in all practical ways the interpretive, educational and community programs of the Corps for the benefit of the public.

h. Sales Option.

(1) As part of this Agreement, the Association may operate a sales area on a continuous or intermittent basis.

(2) The Association is hereby authorized to sell and/or distribute interpretive and educational items such as publications, maps, audiovisual aids, crafts, and other objects related directly to the interpretive and educational themes of the project, visitor center, region, State of Missouri, and the Corps. The Corps may request the Association to sell specific items of interpretive value.

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

(4) 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.

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

(6) 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.

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

(8) Revenues obtained through such sales shall be maintained by the Association and used by the Association in support of Corps programs by donations of materials, supplies, and/or services.

i. 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, purchasing systems, receipts, invoices, and inventory records.

(2) The Association shall, at a minimum, annually submit (within 135 days following the end of each fiscal year) a complete financial report to the Corps, which includes a written summary of Association activities, pertaining to the Corps for the year.

(3) The Corps may review the fiscal records of the Association at any time during the term 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 business plan shall be presented by the Association at such annual meeting to identify funds, labor, materials and equipment available for implementation of projects conducted pursuant to this Agreement.

b. Donation of Interpretation Services or Materials.

(1) The Association may, at the discretion of its governing board, loan materials, and/or services to the Corps. The Corps reserves the right to accept or decline, without obligation, any service, or loan by the Association.

(2) The Corps will take reasonable precautions to protect items loaned by the Association, but assumes no other responsibility for these items. The Corps will return loaned property or items as requested by the Association.

c. Personnel

(1) The Association and the Corps shall each designate, in writing, a member and a Corps person and an 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 manage its cooperating activities. This does not preclude Corps personnel, during the course of their normal duties, from assisting the Association with nominal duties, including sales.

(3) Corps personnel may not serve in a voting capacity on the governing board, or Treasurer for the Association. Corps employees may serve in an advisory capacity on the Association's governing board or associations. Corps personnel may not act as the official representative of the Association in any manner 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 with regard to Corps rules, regulations, and requirements, 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 in regard to interpretive services. All orientation will be conducted prior to the assumption of duties.

(5) Association employees, or volunteers shall 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, shall wear visible identification that identifies them as a Association employee or volunteer.

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

6. MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS. Modifications and amendments to this agreement in this 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 Directors 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 or cancellation is given by either party before the date of renewal. Either party reserves the right to terminate the agreement or any parts thereof, at any time upon written notice. Prior to giving such notice, the party seeking termination will meet with the other party 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 the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder whether now in force or hereafter enacted or provided; and the mention of specific restriction, conditions, and stipulations herein shall not be construed as in any way impairing the general powers of supervision, regulation, and control by the Corps.

b. This Agreement in no way obviates the responsibilities of the Corps or the Association as may be required by a Lease Agreement.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has caused this agreement to be ratified this 9th day of March 2011.

UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

By Thomas E. O'Hara, Jr.  
Thomas E. O'Hara, Jr.  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
District Commander

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Association has caused this agreement to be executed this 18 day of March 2011.

MARK TWAIN LAKE VISITORS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER  
COMMITTEE

By Robert Kendrick  
Robert Kendrick  
Mark Twain Lake Visitors and Educational Resource Center Committee



Mark Twain Lake **FOREST** Council



# FRIENDS OF RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AT MARK TWAIN LAKE

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Mark Twain Lake Visitors and Educational Resource Center Committee



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE ST. LOUIS DISTRICT  
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
AND

*Friends of Recreation and Environmental Stewardship Council of Mark Twain Lake  
(FOREST)*

Whitetails Unlimited  
Missouri Department of Conservation  
USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service  
National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Show-Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen  
Quails Forever  
Forrest Keeling Nursery  
Hannibal Career and Technical Center  
Ducks Unlimited  
Mark Twain Lake Visitors and Educational Resource Center Committee  
Mark Twain Lake Sailing Association  
Monroe City R-1 Future Farmers of America  
Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative  
Missouri Society of Professional Engineers

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the above listed agencies and organizations, hereinafter referred to as the Friends of Recreation and Environmental Stewardship Council (Council), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake, hereinafter referred to as the Corps.

**I. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a general framework of cooperation between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake (Corps), and the Friends of Recreation and Environmental Stewardship Council at Mark Twain Lake (Council) regarding the development of the Northeast Missouri Environmental Stewardship Demonstration Area. The Northeast Missouri Environmental Stewardship Demonstration Area is a regional cooperative project that provides a consolidated venue for multiple stewardship and recreational disciplines. Through collaborative efforts and partnerships, the area serves as an avenue for public and private entities to demonstrate innovative and effective stewardship technologies, share knowledge, provide educational experiences to a regional audience, and promote quality outdoor experiences. Furthermore, this MOU encourages members of the Council to seek additional collaborative opportunities to further the mission of the cooperating entities on the public lands of Mark Twain Lake which

promote responsible stewardship. This MOU defines the general terms under which the Corps and the Council will cooperate.

## II. STATEMENT OF MUTUAL BENEFITS AND INTERESTS:

The mission of the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** is to provide vital public engineering services in peace and war to strengthen our Nation's security, support the economy, and reduce the risks from disasters. The Corps develops comprehensive, sustainable and integrated water resource solutions through collaboration with regions, States, local entities, and other Federal Agencies. The Corps is committed to implementing environmentally sustainable solutions in all activities as appropriate including watershed level considerations and efforts.

**Whitetails Unlimited** is a national non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the betterment of the white-tailed deer and its environment. Its purpose is to support educational programs, habitat conservation, and the preservation of the hunting tradition for the direct benefit of the white-tailed deer and other wildlife.

The mission of the **Missouri Department of Conservation** is to protect and manage the fish, forest, and wildlife resources of the state; to serve the public and facilitate their participation in resource management activities; and to provide opportunity for all citizens to use, enjoy, and learn about fish, forest, and wildlife resources.

The mission of the **Natural Resource Conservation Service** is to provide technical guidance, leadership and resources in an effort help people reduce soil erosion, enhance water supplies, improve water quality, increase wildlife habitat, and reduce damages caused by floods and other natural disasters. Public benefits include enhanced natural resources that help sustain agricultural productivity and environmental quality while supporting continued economic development, recreation, and scenic beauty.

**National Active and Retired Federal Employee Association** is an advocate for both active and retired federal employees before Congress and the White House. Its mission is to safeguard and enhance federal employee health benefits, retirement benefits, and pay issues for active federal employees and annuitants.

The **National Wild Turkey Federation** is a national nonprofit conservation and hunting organization that, along with its volunteers, partners and sponsors, has worked for the conservation of the wild turkey and preservation of our hunting heritage.

**Quail Forever** is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the wise use and management of America's wild quail, doves, upland game birds and other forms of wildlife.

**Show-Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen** is a 501(c)4 not-for-profit volunteer organization has the following purposes: work to insure that public lands remain open to

equestrian use; expand the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Missouri's public and private lands; educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the care and use of equestrian resources by trail riders with the general public commensurate with our heritage; and assist the various federal, state and private agencies in their maintenance and management of land resources.

The mission of **Forrest Keeling Nursery** is to provide customers with consistent, high quality plant materials, top-notch service and technical assistance to insure products will continue to perform beyond expectations.

The mission of the **Hannibal Career and Technical Center** is to provide opportunities for adults, post secondary, secondary, disadvantaged, and handicapped students to develop occupational competence through manipulative and/or performance skills necessary to gain employment at an entry level or to up-grade existing skills.

The mission of **Ducks Unlimited** is to conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated for North America's waterfowl.

The mission of the **Mark Twain Lake Visitors and Educational Resource Center Committee** is to support the mission of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Mark Twain Lake as it serves the nation.

The mission of the **National FFA Organization (Future Farmers of America)** is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

The purpose of the **Mark Twain Lake Sailing Association** is to promote seamanship, education, and boating safety to boaters of all types.

The **Northeast Missouri Electric Power Cooperative** is a transmission cooperative comprised of eight member-distribution cooperatives serving Northeast Missouri and Southeast Iowa.

The **Missouri Society of Professional Engineers** is an individual member association that protects the public health, safety and welfare by promoting and defending the engineering profession.

### **III. COOPERATING AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT:**

The Northeast Missouri Environmental Stewardship Demonstration Area will foster responsible and innovative land stewardship practices through cooperation and education. In consideration of the stated premises, the cooperating partners agree to collaborate in the following:

- a. Develop a regional, public accessible resource to demonstrate effective land stewardship activities.

- b. Demonstrate new stewardship technologies and techniques, and the effectiveness of application.
- c. Promote public education of land stewardship activities through the demonstration of habitat design, vegetative composition, wildlife management, soil conservation, and sustainable forest management.
- d. Provide an environment conducive to the cooperation of public and private entities that share the same values of responsible land stewardship.
- e. Provide quality outdoor recreational opportunities that are engaging with limited barriers.
- f. Seek collaborative opportunities to further the mission of the cooperating entities on the public lands of Mark Twain Lake which promote responsible stewardship.

**IV. IT IS MUTALLY AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD BY AND BETWEEN THE SAID PARTIES THAT:**

It is mutually understood and agreed by the parties that:

- A. This MOU is neither a fiscal nor a funds obligation document. Nothing in this MOU shall obligate the Corps or members of the Council to expend funds or to enter into any future contract, supplemental agreement or obligation. Any endeavor involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between or among the parties to the MOU will be handled in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and procedures including those for Government procurement and printing. Such endeavors, if any, will be outlined in separate agreements that shall be made in writing by representatives of the parties and authorized by appropriate statutory authority.
- B. This MOU in no way restricts members of the Council or the Corps from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other public or private agencies, organizations or individuals.
- C. This MOU will be in effect from the date of the last signature and shall remain in effect until terminated by giving thirty (30) days notice to the other parties in writing, except for cause. This MOU may be amended as agreed to by the parties hereto, in writing. Nothing shall be construed as obligating the parties to expend in any contract or other obligation for future payment of money in excess of funds authorized by law and administratively made available.
- D. Employees of the agencies or organizations represented in the Council and the Corps shall participate in efforts under this MOU solely as representatives of, respectively, the cooperating entities of the Council or the Corps.

- E. It is the intent of all parties to fulfill obligations under this MOU. However, cooperating parties cannot commit funds in excess of appropriated funds authorized by law or appropriation.
- F. Employees of the Corps shall remain its employees while carrying out their duties under this MOU, and the employees, volunteer, or members of the respective organizations represented in the Council shall remain the employees, volunteer, or members of each respective organization while carrying out their duties under this MOU.
- G. Injuries or accidents sustained by Corps employees during the execution of activities associated with the MOU will remain the responsibility of the Corps. Injuries or accidents sustained by the employees of the respective governmental agencies serving as members of the Council during the execution of activities associated with the MOU will remain the responsibility of the respective governmental agencies. Members of the Council performing volunteer services in association with this MOU are afforded certain protections from liability in accordance with the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997.
- H. The Corps may terminate this MOU in whole or in part if conditions warrant such action. Individual members of the Council may terminate their affiliation with the MOU in whole or part if conditions warrant such action. Members of the Council or the Corps, as the case may be, shall promptly notify the other parties in writing of the determination and reasons for the termination, together with the effective date.
- I. This MOU may be temporarily suspended by either the respective members of the Council or the Corps if one party determines that corrective action by another party needs to meet the provisions of this MOU. Further, either the Corps or the members of the Council may suspend this MOU when it is evident that a termination is pending.
- J. By signing this MOU, members of the Council and the Corps state that the program or activities provided for under this MOU will be conducted in compliance with all applicable Federal civil rights laws, rules, regulations and policies.
- K. This MOU may be revised as necessary, by mutual consent of all parties, by the execution of a written amendment signed and dated by an authorized representative of each party.
- L. Specific projects or activities to be conducted under this MOU, and the methods of their implementation will be defined on a case-by-case basis by the Corps and the respective members of the Council after the parties consider the merit of the proposed activity, existing commitments, projected schedules, available funding and personnel resources.

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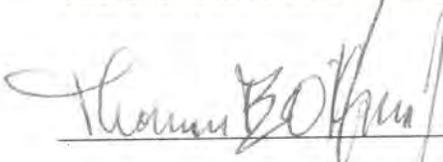
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Colonel Thomas E. O'Hara, Jr.  
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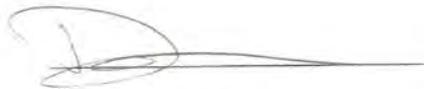
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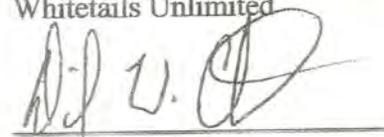
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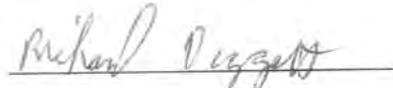
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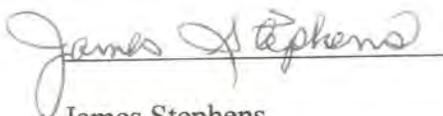
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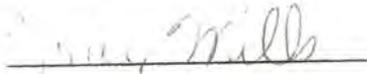
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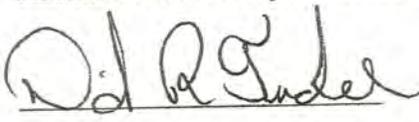
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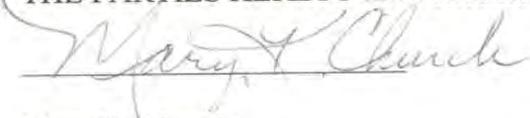
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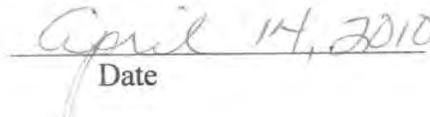
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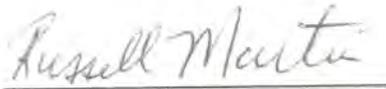
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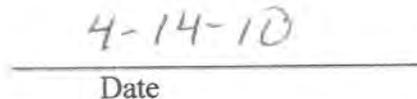


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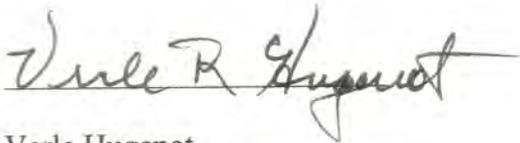
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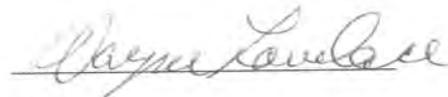
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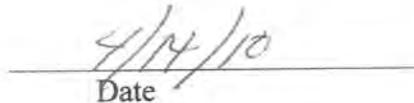
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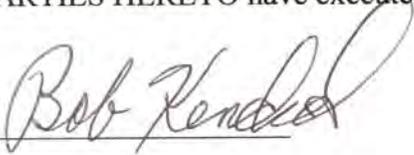
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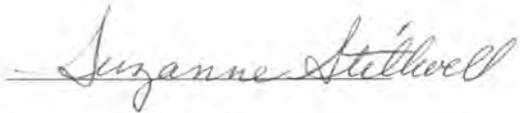
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