

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 #: **Goal A2.2.**

National Recreation Strategic Plan- <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/strategy.cfm> – Contributes to USACE efforts to accomplish goals and objectives: List objective #: **goal 2.1 and 2.3, .**

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:

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Paint Creek Lake, is partnering with the Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council, Chief Logan District - Troop #5022. Scout member Daniel Mottie is undertaking this project to attain his Eagle Project. He and Troop #5022 will partner with the Corps of Engineers to improve two areas downstream of the Paint Creek Dam for canoe/kayak access points (an input and take out). It should be noted that Paint Creek is very popular with kayakers and canoeists for training exercises, as well as, recreation. Currently, there are no developed access points on Paint Creek in the vicinity below the dam. Each year the Corps of Engineers is requested to have a minimum of six separate days of special releases of 1000-1200 cfs for organized training exercises for kayak/canoe groups traveling from nearby states and major cities within Ohio. These exercises train individuals to assist emergency services in river rescue, train instructors and novice individuals in safe kayaking/canoeing. There is a definite need for the development of launch accesses in this area for a number of reasons: 1) Recently, a state owned and operated stream access site within one mile of Paint Creek Dam was removed and the property returned to the private land owner. 2) Several other downstream state owned and private access sites have also been reported as being closed earlier this year. 3) In 2010-11 the Corps of Engineers at Paint Creek Lake did some stream bank erosion abatement that resulted in placement of large armour rock (rip-rap) in the below dam area. The placement of this rock has resulted in unsafe access for the paddle groups who previously used this area. 4) As reported by the organized paddle groups that coordinate for the special releases, there has been a regional and localized increase in the number of individuals participating in these paddle sport activities. In discussions with these organized paddle groups, it was also noted that many of the individuals taking on this sport in recent years are within the 40-55 age range who may need easier and safer access. The proposed launch points for this project will provide much safer access for these groups, as well as, to the general public for a number of other stream side activities that include fishing and tubing. It should be noted that this area is open and used year round by the public for stream access.

This project will involve excavation to prepare the site and bank stabilization to allow the installation of step downs to the stream. The width will be approximately 4' wide and tranverses to the stream bed approximately 25'. The step downs will be constructed of a combination of steel rails, pressure treated timbers 6x6's (min), stone and concrete.

Sustainability - The term sustainability refers to managing resources in a way so future generations can access the same quality and quantity of that resource as present generations benefit from it. Properly constructed the project should easily last for 15 years. Without this partnership and the proposed improvement, the area will be a safety concern for all users downstream of the dam. River "runners", anglers, and other users will have limited and less safe access to the stream. The design for these access areas will be such that high water releases will not create a problem to the integrity of the banks or enhancements and will require little maintenance. The project will result in much safer facilities thus reducing the possibility of injuries by individuals using the stream for various recreation activities.

Incentive Points Categories: AGO A2.2 Increase and improve recreational access and opportunities. This project supports this action because it brings together a local Boy Scouts of America troop, the specialize "River Runners" organizations, the Corps of Engineers, and local volunteers to increase and improve access to outdoor recreation. The proposal will create a unique and valued service to these partners, as well as, individuals who will use the facilities to access the stream, more safely, for years to come.

National Recreation Strategic Plan: Objectives/goals 2.1 and 2.3 specifies the increase use of paternships (internal, external, state, county, communities, private and non-profit) to provide recreation services to the public. The project will join together a diverse group of individuals to mutually work together to develop unique and much needed stream access facilities. The project will also leverage appropriated dollars through the Challenge Partnership grant and support from the Boy Scouts of America and organized "paddle" groups.

Partnership Value - The proposed partner for this project is the Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council, Chief Logan District - Troop #5022. Scout member Daniel Mottie will be undertaking this effort for his Eagle Project. He will coordinate planning and design, coordination with various kayak/canoe groups for input and any volunteer labor. He and his troop will provide support manpower as well. The development of these sites will encourage additional groups from outside the area to use these facilities thus boosting the local economy. Normally on special release weekends individuals participating will rent cabins at the adjacent state park, local bed and breakfasts and hotels benefit, as well as, local businesses who receive a boost through food and gas sales. This project will also enhance relations between the Corps of Engineers and the varied special use groups that will use these access sites.

Environmental Stewardship Value - The access sites proposed for construction currently have an erosion issue. Large armour stone have been placed along the stream banks to help protect against further eroision. The problem is this is the same area currently used for stream access and does create a safety hazard. Construction of the two proposed access points will stabilize the stream bank, protect against futher erosion, and will provide safe stream access for recreationists.

Communication and Education Value - The Paint Creek Lake downstream area is used year round by a variety of users (ie: rock climbers, kayak/canoers, fishermen, tubers, picnickers, etc). If improvements are made to these sites, it could become a premier training site for beginner and experienced kayak/canoers, training to teach individuals in water rescue and safety, training emergency service rescue groups to use the site for swift water rescue and become a possible site for fishing clinics. These proposed facilities would also provide safe access for the Ohio Division of Wildlife to perform their periodic electro fish shocking and creek sampling.

Recreational Benefit - The Paint Creek Lake downstream recreation site is used extensively by a diverse population. The area became even more popular in 2011 due to the closure of several public and private stream access sites further downstream of the dam. The sport of canoeing and kayaking has increased in recent years and is appealing to individuals of all ages. The locations proposed for the kayak/canoe access points are used heavily by fishermen and special use groups, as well as, the general public. Currently, there are no developed access points for kayaks or canoes to the stream within 24 miles of the dam. The benefit to anglers and other individuals using the proposed access sites would be significant. Even though low stream flows during non release times or drought conditions would prohibit or limit kayaking and canoeing, these access points would still be heavily used by anglers and picnickers wanting to participate in stream activities.

Innovativeness - This project is going to bring together various specialized water sports based groups, the Boy Scouts of America and the Corps of Engineers. Special use groups already travel from West Virginia, Kentucky and from cities 2 hours away within Ohio (Cincinnati, Columbus, Dayton), to participate in the special release weekends. While there are no Corps recorded numbers for participants in these special releases, general observation of participation average 50-150 users just within the 1 mile radius of the area proposed for improvement. Improvements as proposed stand to benefit a vast number of users of Paint Creek within this geographical region, as well as, benefit local businesses due to the influx of "river runner" groups coming from outside the immediate area. This project will also support the Huntington District Water Safety Program by providing safe access to the stream and allow for streamside water safety programs.

The Corps will:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Paint Creek Lake will provide necessary materials, equipment and support labor for the construction and installation of the two access ramps, signage for the ramps and direct oversight of work for safety. They will also provide oversight to assure funds are expended ethically in accordance with said purpose.

The Partner(s) will:

Boy Scout Troop #5022 under direction of Scout Master Tom Mottie and Eagle Scout Daniel Mottie, will provide planning and design, additional equipment and tools as needed, and support volunteer labor for the construction of these two access sites. The prospective Eagle Scout will provide a work plan (with guidance from Corps personnel) and coordinate the construction team for this project. The contingency plan should the grant not be awarded is for the partner to raise funds and seek donations of materials to complete the Eagle Project.

Handshake Application Financial Work Sheet

Partner Organization 1: Boy Scouts of America, Simon Kenton Council, Chief Logan Distr Troop #5022

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	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	SCA	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Total
In-Kind Services	\$3,000	N/A	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$4,500	N/A	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Equipment Use	\$700	\$500	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200
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	\$2,700	\$0	\$0	\$2,700
SCA Intern/Crew	\$0	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$3,500	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,500
Total	\$3,700	\$8,500	\$0	\$4,300	\$0	\$0	\$16,500
Share of Total Cost	22%	52%	0%	26%	0%	0%	100.0%

Explanations: Other includes cost for a contractor to do excavation and assist in installation of the steel beams, treated timbers, concrete work. Partner will be consulting with individuals with expertise on design and providing support volunteer labor, planning, developing and coordinating.

PAINT CREEK CHALLENGE GRANT –Proposed Locations for two access points down stream of the Paint Creek Dam



Proposal for Two Kayak/Canoe Access Points downstream of the Paint Creek Dam

Access #1 input – adjacent to stream gage tower Paint Creek Lake





Access #2 – Take Out (area behind downstream restroom Paint Creek)





