

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 #: **1.3b,2.2a,3.1a,3.1b,3.2a,3.3a,** .

National Recreation Strategic Plan- <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/strategy.cfm> – Contributes to USACE efforts to accomplish goals and objectives: List objective #: **1.1b,1.8f, 1.8g,2.1g,,2.3b,3.2a.**

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:

F. Describe your partnership and the proposed project:

The multi-use trail system located on the north shore of Rathbun Lake was completed in September 2011. This included design/construction of eight miles of trail with four miles of trail surfacing completed. The Challenge Partnership Agreement between the Corps of Engineers and partners, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Appanoose County Trails, Inc. and Rathbun Snow Riders is under signature to cooperatively make this multi-use hiking/bicycling/snowmobile trail available to the public. Both the Corps of Engineers and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources have agreed to provide limited funding and staff for designated annual and projected long term Operations & Maintenance work items. Additional valued partners to the Challenge Partnership Agreement include, Appanoose County Trails, Inc and the Rathbun Snow Riders who have agreed to provide in kind services and grant funding application for annual and projected long term Operations & Maintenance work items on the trail system. The work item for this application would be used for purchase of supplemental trail surface rock with placement by Iowa DNR and the Corps. In addition to the rock, additional grass seed would be purchased for reestablishment along the trail corridor with partner assistance from IDNR, Appanoose County Trails, Inc., and Rathbun Snow Riders. With award of \$25,000 from Handshake Application, the breakout for Corps/Partnership contributions would be 61%/39% for supplemental trail surface rock and native grass seeding. Without award of \$25,000 from Handshake Application, the breakout of Corps/Partnership contributions would be 43%/56 % and no supplemental rock and grass seeding.

Sustainability

The concept of this multi-use trail system in southern Iowa evolved from state wide conducted public meetings attended by citizens, communities, and Iowa trail advocates in the late 1990's. It came to local fruition by a coalition of the Corps of Engineers, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, both state and local trail advocates, and the recognition of the growing interest for trails by the public. The trail connection between two highly visited park areas, Honey Creek State Resort Park and the Corps of Engineers Prairie Ridge Park will assure long term stability and sustainability; as well as the shared commitment of partners affirmed by Challenge Partnership Agreement. AGO: action items: 1.3b, 2.2a,. NRSP objectives: 1.1b, 3.2a.

Partnership Value

The Partner's contributions are determined on an annual basis which specify construction, trail maintenance, in kind services and contributions of each partner as documented on the Financial Work Sheet of the CPA. Due to the high regional profile of the Rathbun Lake North Shore Trail, all partner's contributions will provide both short and long term trail amenities, trail monitoring, routine O & M work items, and shared community, state, and federal goals for the public. The not for profit partners, Appanoose County Trails and Rathbun Snow Riders completion of annual O & M work items (trail maintenance, trail mowing, trail monitoring, litter pickup, signs) will result in \$12,500 of labor with additional \$500 towards grant applications. Iowa DNR has agreed to provide labor and equipment towards trail maintenance amounting to \$17,600. It is anticipated that similar in kind contributions from all three partners in the amount of \$30,000 would occur on an annual basis. The Corps would provide annually nearly \$25,000 for supplemental trail rock/trail maintenance materials and equipment, and for coordination of land stewardship projects with local community college, area schools, and interested groups. AGO action items: 1.3b, 2.2a,. NRSP objectives: 2.3a, 2.3b.

Environmental Stewardship Value

Yes, the trail heads will provide needed access points for NRM staff and assistance from Land Stewardship students to meet natural resource management objectives such as controlled burns for maintaining native grassland establishment and restoration of prairie relicts. The access points and the trail will avail itself for wildlife viewing/ year round birding opportunities, plus serve as a local/regional educational tool by schools and organizations for resource stewardship programs. The Corps is currently engaging with an area community college in curriculum development and special study projects of the land stewardship and biological curriculum on the natural resource management compartments under a Memorandum of Understanding. The M.O.U. will provide a learning platform for students interested in resource management and/or land stewardship careers. The Resource Management Compartments will serve as best management practices in timber management, native grassland establishment, prairie relict inventory and restoration, siltation management, water quality, and shoreline protection as part of the lake's OMP. The Corps anticipates further partnership ventures to meet these environmental stewardship objectives. AGO action items: 1.3b, 8.1b,. NRSP objectives: 2.1g, 3.2a.

Recreation Benefits

The North Shore Trail will provide additional opportunities for access on public lands for land based recreational activities. Diverse outdoor opportunities will include health/awareness activities of walking, running, biking to

specific natural resource activities of birding/wildlife viewing/habitat diversity to the seasonal activities of snowmobile riding; all of which will connect Americans & Visitors to the America Great Outdoors. Yes, more diverse land based recreational activities will occur on a portion of 33,000 acres of public land available at Rathbun Lake with a growing awareness to visitors of the intrinsic value of public lands and provide additional Corps identification with land based recreation/resource activities . Rathbun Lake's Master Plan included the development of this trail in these resource management compartments that encompass the trail.

AGO action items: 1.3b, 3.1a, 3.3a. NRSP objectives: 1.8a,1.8f, 1.8g.

Communication and Education Value

The Rathbun North Shore Trail will effectively promote understanding and awareness of the role of the Corps mission for providing quality, sustainable, and diverse recreation opportunities on public lands, and the Corps mission in providing sound wise land stewardship practices and environmental concepts to the recreation and natural resource public while balancing the flood events inherent in a flood control lake/river system. Yes, this will be done through public information available at the trail heads kiosks, local news media, establishing partnering opportunities with local groups, agencies, and the area's schools for outdoor learning experiences, community colleges, and continuing dialogue with both state and federal land managers. The Corps is currently engaging with an area community college in curriculum development and special study projects of the land stewardship and biological curriculum on the natural resource management compartments under a Memorandum of Understanding. The M.O.U. will provide a learning platform for students interested in resource management and/or land stewardship careers. AGO action items: 1.3b, 3.2a,. NRSP objectives: 2.1g.

Innovativeness

The Rathbun Lake North Shore Trail makes use of an existing natural resource area (two Resource Management Compartments), responds to a growing need for trails by the public voiced in regional public forums, combines the resources of the Corps of Engineers, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and two local trail groups, Appanoose County Trails, Inc. and Rathbun Snow Riders under a Challenge Partnership Agreement. The North Shore Trail will provide bikers, walkers, and wildlife enthusiasts and snowmobile users a connecting link between a Corps of Engineers Park and an Iowa Department of Natural Resources State Resort Park. Trail heads located adjacent to public roads provide additional trail access for visitors to the Corps of Engineers managed public lands. Snowmobilers will be able to continue on an additional twenty miles of established trail on Corps managed land. The trail and its adjoining resource compartments will provide a platform for engaging land stewardship curriculum/program at local community college under a Memorandum of Understanding. AGO action items: 3.1b NRSP objectives: 1.1b

The Corps will:

The funding supplied by the Handshake Partnership Application would be the Corps's match in the Challenge Partnership Agreement. The funding will be used for purchase of supplemental trail surface rock with placement by Iowa DNR and the Corps. In addition to the rock, additional grass seed would be purchased for reestablishment along the trail corridor with partner assistance from IDNR, Appanoose County Trails, Inc., and Rathbun Snow Riders. All government funds and funds received by the Corps as contributions will be spent in accordance with FAR,DFR, and AFAR contracting laws and regulations. The funds will not be given to the partners but the partners will provide in kind service by placing of the rock and/or planting grass seed. The Corps

will maintain overall responsibility/direction/coordination/oversight of management, monitoring, and promotion/communication of the trail within the scope of the Challenge Partnership Agreement. All materials and supplies will become the property of the Government and will be used on the trail.

The Partner(s) will:

Currently, the partners of the Challenge Partnership Agreement have not made application for grant funding during the period of the Handshake Program. Should additional grant funding become available either at the state or federal level and/or private sources , all three partners will certainly make application for those funds to be used in achieving both short and long term O & M work items including amenities to the trail as part of their in kind services. The Handshake funds will not be given to the Partners but the partners will provide in kind service completing the placement of rock and/or planting grass seed. The partners will utilize their equipment (tractors, skid loaders and planters) along with handwork necessary to complete the surfacing of the trail seeding of the grass.

Handshake Application Financial Work Sheet

Partner Organization 1: Iowa Department of Natural Resources

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Partner Organization 3: Rathbun Snow Riders

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	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	SCA	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Total
In-Kind Services	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$4,000	\$11,843	\$834	\$16,677
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$25,000	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$440	\$25,440
Equipment Use	\$15,000	\$0	N/A	\$13,600	\$0	\$0	\$28,600
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)	\$9,000	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
Total	\$24,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$17,600	\$11,843	\$1,274	\$79,717
Share of Total Cost	30%	31%	0%	22%	15%	2%	100.0%

Explanations: \$9,000 labor/oversight

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