



**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 #: **3.1b and 3.2b**.

National Recreation Strategic Plan- <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/strategy.cfm> – Contributes to USACE efforts to accomplish goals and objectives: List objective #: **1.8 and 3.3**.

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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:**

In November 2010, the Friends of Rough River Lake, Inc. approached the Rough River Lake Project Office concerning the possibility of converting an existing building, located on government lands, from a storage building into a Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center. The purpose once completed will be to provide a central location to promote outdoor recreation opportunities, water safety, environmental stewardship, community involvement, Corps history, area history, natural history and project mission. This facility will be a location that school groups, youth groups and colleges will want to utilize as a place to obtain a hands on learning experience. Hands on learning experience will be accomplished through the use of programs, special events, trails, natural geological formations, volunteer specialized knowledge and exhibits. The Friends of Rough River Lake, Inc. will provide volunteer hours for staffing the facility, landscaping, conducting interpretive programs, coordination/conducting special events, training volunteers, remodeling the inside of the building, trail construction/maintenance, and facility janitorial. As part of this project a .2 mile section of trail will be constructed this will connect the Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center to the existing .9 mile Heritage Trail. (See Attached Area Layout)

**Sustainability.** Once completed, the Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center and associated trail will be operated and maintained by volunteers from the Friends of Rough River Lake, Inc. With our current Cooperative Agreement in place the facility and trail system will be maintained long term. This project will promote and support all three major goals of the America's Great Outdoors Initiative, community-level efforts to educate the public on how to conserve outdoor spaces, importance of getting involved in their community and serve as a means for reconnecting youth to the outdoors through a hands on outdoor learning experience.

**Partnership Value.** This partnership is the largest partnership project undertaken at Rough River Lake. The Friends of Rough River lake will provide volunteer labor hours that will include: 480 hours annually to operate the Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center, 40 hours to develop the additional .2 miles of trail, 240 hours annually to

coordinate special events, 320 hours to remodel the interior of the proposed Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center and approximately 390 hours assisting with organization and coordination of outdoor learning programs.

**Recreation Benefits.** This partnership will enable the Corps with the help of volunteers to promote and engage members of the community, military, and public to participate in healthy outdoor activities on Corps lands and waters. With its close proximity to Louisville, Ky and the Fort Knox Military Base, Rough River Lake attracts visitors from urban areas as well as military families. Once complete the Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center will provide a central location for visitors to the area to become aware of all the recreational opportunities that await them at Rough River Lake, within the surrounding community and at other Corps projects.

**Environmental Stewardship Benefits.** With well over 80% of the visitors to Rough River Lake coming from the urban areas surrounding Louisville, KY, the Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center will provide a central location for visitors to learn about both the natural and manmade systems at Corps projects. This partnership will enable the Corps with the help of our volunteers to better encourage an environmental ethic among visitors through natural geological formations, knowledgeable volunteers, interpretive displays, and hands on interpretive programs and special events. This partnership provides the foundation for increasing the community involvement in the stewardship of Rough River Lake.

**Communication and Education Value.** This partnership is enabling the Corps to provide a staffed location where schools, youth groups, colleges and members of the public can visit and obtain hands on skills and knowledge about outdoor recreation opportunities, water safety, community involvement, Corps history, volunteering and project mission through the use of programs, 1.1 mile nature/interpretive trail, natural geological formations, exhibits and displays.

**The Corps will:**

Rough River Lake will administer the funds provided through the Handshake Program, provide labor to facilitate the construction of additional trail, provide assistance during construction of the additional trail, provide contract labor to complete the exterior remodeling of the facility, and promote the outdoor learning opportunities at local schools, youth groups, churches and colleges. The Corps will also facilitate the environmental and cultural clearances required for this project. Rough River Lake will oversee the entire project, ensuring communication between all partners, proper trail design, conduct interpretive training, special event and program coordination, and sustainability.

**The Partner(s) will:**

Friends of Rough River Lake, Inc. will utilize volunteers from within their organization (approximately 1,470 hours) to remodel the existing building, operate the Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center May through September, assist with the trail construction, provide regular trail maintenance, and assist in the coordination of special events and programs.

**Handshake Application Financial Work Sheet**

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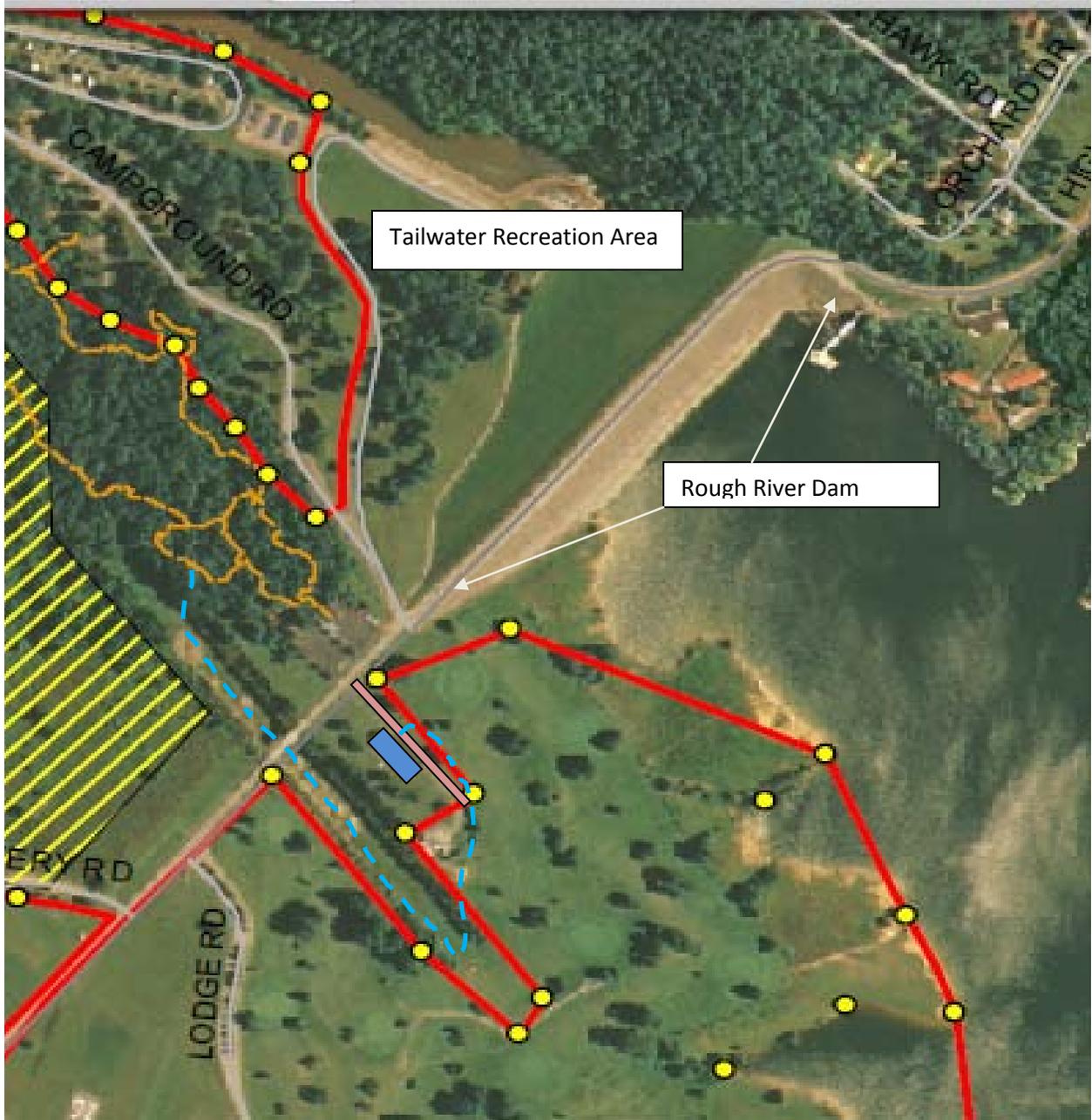
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	<b>Local Corps Office</b>	<b>Handshake Funds</b>	<b>Friends of Rough River Lake, Inc.</b>	<b>Total</b>
In-Kind Services	\$5,000	N/A	\$0	\$5,000
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$3,000	\$37,000
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$150.00	\$150.00
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$31,399	\$31,399
Other (explain below)				
<b>Total</b>	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$35,049	\$74,549
<b>Share of Total Cost</b>	20%	33%	47%	100%

Explanations: Volunteer amount is based on the estimated 1,470 hours that will be spent completing this project times value of volunteer hours in FY11. Handshake funds will be utilized to provide interactive displays and trail construction.

# Rough River Lake Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center



-  Future site of Visitor/Outdoor Learning Center
-  Connection Trail
-  Existing Heritage Trail
-  State Park Boundary of Leased area
-  State Park Owned Lands