

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

Please review instructions before completing application!

Corps Lake/Project Name: **Stockton Lake/Stockton Lake Project**

Handshake Proposal Title: **Crabtree Cove Multi-User Trail**

Corps POC Name: **Brian Wright**

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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: (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 #: **3.1b - partnering with cedar county memorial hospital exercise center would demonstrate and promote the health benefits of parks and outdoor spaces, as well as build support for creating and protecting this type of trail. 3.2b - partnering with stockton school district will help in expanding connections to public schools through field trips that encourage education in wildlife, tree and plant identifications..**

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 and 1.8a - By listening to our local and regional visitors we have discovered a huge demand at stockton lake for a developed trail system. Funding for the trail system would increase recreational opportunities and promote the safe and healthy outdoor opportunities on the Stockton Lake Project to the public .**

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 Stockton Lake Project respectfully requests the funding to establish a 1.6 Mile Multi-User Trail. The trail will be developed near Stockton Dam and run towards Crabtree Cove Campground. The proposed 1.6 mile Trail will be of a limestone aggregate surface, 8 feet in width, with directional signs, Kiosks and three maintained trailhead parking lots designed for 10 to 15 vehicles. It will serve as a multi- functional and attractive visitor draw that will connect both local and regional users with recreational opportunities at Stockton Lake. It will also support both The America's Great Outdoors Initiative and the National Recreation Strategic Plan. In addition, this Trail Project would greatly improve synergy and access between the City of Stockton and the Corps of Engineers. It will provide visitors with recreational opportunities, interpretive and educational information, innovative fitness opportunities and improved access for all ages, regardless of ability.

Background: The Stockton Lake Project is a 24,700 surface acre project that is located on the western portion of the Missouri Ozarks and annually hosts a visitation of approximately 1.3 million visitors. The Project Office and Dam is located less than one mile from the City of Stockton. Recently the City of Stockton, surrounding communities, schools and regional visitors have become interested in developing a trail system that would link the City of Stockton to Stockton Lake to help showcase the recreational opportunities on the lower portion of the project. In an attempt to meet these requests, the Stockton Project Office has identified a 1.6 mile section of Corps Property that would meet these needs. A volunteer group consisting of the A.G.A.P.E.- boys boarding school

recently donated over 120 hours to assist in clearing of the trail. This initial work and discussion of the Crabtree Cove Multi-User Trail has generated great excitement, interest and momentum amongst the community. A number of partners have become interested in joining in on the efforts to develop a trail system that would help ensure the health and recreational vitality of the community and visitors for generations to come.

Sustainability: Trail design and construction will adhere to all guidelines using sustainable principles. Estimated lifespans include 30 years for the trail itself and 15 years for the interpretive displays, Kiosks and distance markers. The Trail Brochures are a renewable resource that can be updated and utilized.

In addition, this project sustains the Corps mission and helps to meet both the America's Great Outdoors Initiative, The Recreation Strategic Plan and includes a Veteran's Organization (Stockton American Legion Post 230) to leverage resources that would benefit both the Corps and the Stockton Community.

Partnership Value: The estimated project cost include \$35,000 for trail surfacing material, \$10,500 for Trail Kiosks, Signs and Trail Markers,, \$6,750 for parking lot materials, \$2,500 for benches and \$5,250 for Trail brochure design and printing. The Stockton Lake Project would be responsible for \$5,000 in labor and \$10,000 in materials. If selected for the Handshake Funds, Stockton Lake would use that money (\$25,000) for Materials and Supplies in the form of Trail Surfacing Materials and interpretive/educational panels/Kiosks to educate it's users. Overall, the Stockton Lake Crabtree Cove Multi-User Trail Partners have committed over \$60,000 in materials, volunteer labor, equipment use and in kind-services. Therefore, if selected for the Handshake Funds the grant funding would provide a total project value of over \$100,000.

Recreational Benefit: This project directly creates and supports recreation in a number of ways. The Crabtree Cove Multi-User Trail will not only deliver an opportunity to walk, run, bicycle, etc... but will also serve as a method to display recreation opportunities on the lake and around the trails. Nature viewing, plant/tree identification and hiking are also additional recreation activities that will be enhanced by the Crabtree Cove Trail. More recreation opportunities and improved access will mean higher visitation with additional visitors creating a positive economic impact strengthening recreational growth and benefit to all.

Additionally, the fitness opportunities promoted and provided by the Crabtree Cove Trail align with America's Great Outdoors Initiative and our Recreation Strategic Plan. This project will help in promoting the benefits of fitness and urging American's to utilize our outdoor opportunities to get fit. By providing interpretive materials that contain information to further inform visitors about fitness programs and by providing an excellent opportunity for activities such as walking, running, biking and key interpretive checkpoints to educate users concerning fitness will help us achieve this shared vision.

One additional key recreational benefit of the Crabtree Cove Trail is that it will be wheelchair - accessible. By incorporating Universal Design into the trail and utilizing flat terrain when possible the Crabtree Cove Trail will provide great opportunities and enhanced access for all users - regardless of ability.

Environmental Stewardship Benefit: This project will provide the visiting public, the local community and the local schools opportunities to view, study and develop an appreciation for environmental diversity. The low impact design will ensure the trail has minimal footprint to the surrounding land, wildlife and vegetation. In

addition, the project will enhance the users experience and encourage further usage, also resulting in increased accessibility and improved safety for visitors. Overall, this project will enhance the users experience by creating and improving their connection between the lake and the environment increasing awareness and respect for our environmental stewardship responsibilities and goals.

Communication and Education Value: Communication and Education enhancement are key components of this project. The project can be considered a vehicle to connect visitors, the local community and schools to get outdoors to exercise, better view nature and identify local trees, plants and animals. Various educational panels, Kiosks and signs located throughout the trail will help in educating visitors about the importance of Stockton Lake, fitness, The America's Great Outdoors Initiative and the numerous benefits of utilizing the Crabtree Cove Trail.

Innovativeness: The Stockton Lake Crabtree Cove Multi-User Trail will be a key part of the infrastructure of the lake and community. This developed Multi-User Trail will be the first of it's kind on Stockton Project Lands and would allow for this trail to be connected to the existing City of Stockton trail infrastructure, which is looking to expand it's small trail system to Stockton Lake. In addition, this project would allow Stockton School and the student athletes to utilize the trail for Cross Country Training and Events and the Stockton School FFA Forestry Chapter to use the trail for training in the indentification of trees and plants. This project would also allow medical patients/members from the Cedar County Memorial Hospital and Exercise Center to use the trail for fitness and health purposes. Overall, the Stockton Lake Crabtree Multi-User Trail will add health value to all, and will put the grant funding to innovative use by adding a trail system that will effectively help ensure the health and recreational vitality of our community and users for generations to come.

The Corps will:

The Stockton Lake Project will provide equipment in the form of a skid steer loader, front-end loader, tractor with box blade, grader and labor of equipment operator. In addition, the Stockton Lake Project will provide trail surfacing materials utilizing Project Funds and Handshake Funds to construct the Crabtree Cove Multi-User Trail.

The Partner(s) will:

The Stockton Community Foundation has committed a contribution of \$ 4,272 in volunteer labor contributions and \$1,000 in materials/supplies, The Stockton R-1 School District (Cross Country Team and FFA Forestry Team) has pledged a contribution of \$4,272 in volunteer labor for trail construction and maintenance. The Cedar County Memorial Hospital and Exercise Center has committed \$1,282 in brochure design and \$5,000 in Brochure materials/printing. The Stockton American Legion Post # 230 has pledged over \$20,000 in Equipment Use, Operator of Equipment and Volunteer Labor for constructing the Trail. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources have committed \$4,500 of In-Kind services for trail design and construction. Boy Scout Groups #78 and #2858 have pledged over \$5,000 in volunteer labor for trail construction and maintenance. Mike Holtzknecht Law Office and Office of Cedar County Prosecuting Attorney have committed over \$8,000 of In-Kind Services, Materials and volunteer Labor for Trail Design/Surveying, Construction and Maintenance. And the A.G.A.P.E. Boys Boarding School has committed over \$6,000 in volunteer labor to construct and maintain the Crabtree Cove Multi-User Trail.

Handshake Application Financial Work Sheet

Partner Organization 1: Stockton Community Foundation

POC Name: Ginger Hendrickson/Kathy Reider

Address: P.O. Box 410 City: Stockton State: MO Zip Code: 65785

Telephone: 816-582-6903

Partner Organization 2: Stockton R-1 School District

POC Name: T.J. Sanderson

Address: 906 South St. City: Stockton State: MO Zip Code: 65785

Telephone: 417-276-5143

Partner Organization 3: Cedar County Memorial Hospital and Exercise Center

POC Name: Kelly Wren

Address: 807 Owen Mill Road City: Stockton State: MO Zip Code: 65785

Telephone: 417-276-7762

Partner Organization 4: Stockton American Legion Post # 230

POC Name: Chuck Schroder

Address: 13170 S. 1775 Rd. City: Stockton State: MO Zip Code: 65785

Telephone: 417-276-2036

Partner Organization 5: Missouri Department of Natural Resources

POC Name: Justin Adams

Address: 19100 S. Highway 215 City: Dadeville State: MO Zip Code: 65635

Telephone: 417-276-4259

Partner Organization 6: Boy Scout Group 78 and Troop 2858

POC Name: Rick Pohlsander/Charles Delaney

Address: 12 Public Square City: Stockton State: MO Zip Code: 65785

Telephone: 417-276-2425

Partner Organization 7: Mike Holzknecht Law Office and Office of Cedar County Prosecuting Attorney

POC Name: Mike Holzknecht

Address: P.O. Box 299 City: Stockton State: MO Zip Code: 65785

Telephone: 417-276-6250

Partner Organization 8: A.G.A.P.E. - Boys Boarding School

POC Name: Frank Trainer

Address: 12998 E. 1400 Rd. City: Stockton State: MO Zip Code: 65785

Telephone: 417-276-7218

Double click on spreadsheet to access data entry fields:

| | Local Corps Office | Handshake Funds | SCA | Partner 1 | Partner 2 | Partner 3 | Partner 4 | Partner 5 | Partner 6 | Partner 7 | Partner 8 | Total |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| In-Kind Services | \$5,000 | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,000 | \$4,500 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$18,500 |
| Travel | \$0 | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Materials and Supplies | \$10,000 | \$25,000 | N/A | \$1,000 | \$0 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$500 | \$0 | \$41,500 |
| Equipment Use | \$0 | \$0 | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$15,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$15,000 |
| Funds Contributed | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Personal Property | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Volunteer | N/A | N/A | \$0 | \$4,272 | \$4,272 | \$1,282 | \$1,068 | \$0 | \$5,126 | \$2,777 | \$6,408 | \$25,205 |
| 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 | \$15,000 | \$25,000 | \$0 | \$5,272 | \$4,272 | \$6,282 | \$20,068 | \$4,500 | \$5,126 | \$8,277 | \$6,408 | \$100,205 |
| Share of Total Cost | 15% | 25% | 0% | 5% | 4% | 6% | 20% | 4% | 5% | 8%# | 6% | 100.0% |

Explanations:

Crabtree Cove Trail





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September 30, 2011

Mr. Brian Wright & Mr. Rodney Hendricks
Corps of Engineers
Stockton Office

Sirs:

It is with great enthusiasm that the Stockton Community Foundation partners with the Corps of Engineers for the Handshake Program and trail development around Lake Stockton, Missouri.

The Stockton Community Foundation (SCF) has been supporting efforts to develop trails of many varieties. We have formed a subcommittee, Stockton Trails Initiative Coalition (STIC) made up of representatives from the city, State Park, the Corps of Engineers, high school students other groups and interested citizens.

The SCF initiated a Stockton Lake Conservation Fund devoted to the preservation of the lake and surrounding area. As this fund continues to grow, more monies will be available to assist with related projects such as trail development, maintenance and improvement, enhancing wildlife habitat, supporting conservation efforts, etc.

SCF is sponsoring a 10K and 5K run and a mile fun run/walk on April 12, 2012. This event will take place across the Lake Stockton dam and along Corps of Engineers trails. This will allow all ages to get outside and exercise and to help raise additional funds and awareness for the Lake Conservation Fund and trail development.

SCF and STIC can provide 200 hours of volunteer work and at this time at least \$1000.00. Monies raised at the April 2012 walk/ run will be added to this amount as will continuing fund efforts.

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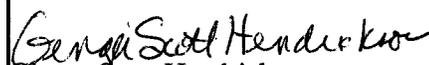
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TRIAL PRACTICE

October 3, 2011

Mr. Brian Wright, Natural Resource Manager
United States Corps of Engineers
Stockton Lake Project
Stockton, Missouri

HAND-DELIVERED

RE: Handshake Grant Program Application for Stockton Lake Trails System -Trail Partners

Dear Brian:

First, thank you and the Corps of Engineers for all of your hard work and commitment to our Stockton Lake trail system, particularly the Cedar Gap Trail and the further development of the Crabtree Cove Trail. Just last week my wife and I utilized the future Crabtree Cove Trail route on a bike trip from south of Stockton, through Corps park land, across the dam, and along the future trail all the way to the Corps' Crabtree Cove campground (photo enclosed). What a wonderful and healthful addition the completed Crabtree Cove Trail will make to our Stockton community, particularly for the disabled and the elderly who need such a well located, manageable, accessible trail.

Per our conversations at the meeting last week, please accept the following as Partners with the Corps of Engineers in your application for the \$25,000 "Handshake Program" grant:

1. Stockton Area Chamber of Commerce - 40 volunteer hours (trail construction/maintenance/public relations) Contact person(s): Ms. Charlotte Haden, Executive Director and CEO 417-276-5213 or Chamber of Commerce member Mike Holzknicht 417-276-1022;
2. Boy Scout Troop 78/Cub Scout Pack 78/Boy Scout Varsity Team 78/Boy Scout Venture Crew 78 - 160 total volunteer hours (trail construction/maintenance); Contact person: Scout Master Rick Pohlsander 417-955-1449;
3. Mike Holzknicht, Attorney at Law and B.S.C.E. – 40 labor volunteer hours; 40 engineering, design, surveying, supervision volunteer hours; 10 legal advice/safety consulting volunteer hours; \$500 cash donation for materials or services if \$25,000 grant awarded. Contact person: Mike Holzknicht Attorney at Law 417-276-1022;
4. Office of the Cedar County Prosecuting Attorney Rick Pohlsander – 40 volunteer labor hours. Contact person: Hon. Rick Pohlsander, Cedar County Prosecuting Attorney 417-276-6700, ext. 7;

5. Boy Scout Troop 2858/Cub Scout Pack 2858 – 80 volunteer labor hours (trail construction/maintenance). Contact person: Scout Master Charles Delaney 417-276-4496.

With regard to figuring the value of my personal volunteer hours for legal/safety consulting services (as opposed to labor), please note that I have practiced law for over 25 years, including several years as the Hickory County Prosecuting Attorney. In addition to providing pro bono legal services to those who could not afford them over the years, I have also tried many cases to substantial jury verdict, and have successfully handled appeals to our Missouri Courts of Appeal and even the Missouri Supreme Court. Our firm has also handled cases in many other states around the country. Therefore, I believe that the fair market value of my legal services would range between \$250/hour and \$300/hour, particularly since almost all of the cases I have handled over the years have involved the safety of premises and products. I have enclosed one of my law firm brochures for your information.

With regard to the value of my personal volunteer hours for engineering, design, surveying and supervision of construction and maintenance of the trails, the Corps might take into account that I hold a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis (1980). I have engineering work experience as a Project Engineer/Construction Manager with the Kansas Dept. of Transportation; the former Missouri Pacific Railroad; and Hercules Construction (St. Louis). Although I am not aware of the current, going rate for such services I would expect that it would exceed \$100/hour.

Brian, on behalf of our Stockton community, thank you so much for all of your and the Corps' hard work on the Stockton Lake Trails System. Our entire community looks forward to the grant application being well received by the Corps of Engineers. Being awarded the grant will help ensure the health and recreational vitality of our community for generations to come. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Holzknacht". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end.

Mike Holzknacht

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