

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fiscal Year 2014
Handshake Program Application**

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

Handshake Proposal Title: **Old Mill Multi Use Area - Kids Fishing Area and Trail Development**

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A. Eligibility checklist:

1. Will the Handshake funds be spent on Corps facilities and resources that are being fully maintained by the Corps? * **Yes** **No**

2. Will the Challenge Partnership agreement be with a non-federal public or private entity(ies)? * **Yes** **No**

3. Is the proposed activity within current authorities and contained in the annual or 5-year work plan in the approved lake project OMP? ** **Yes** **No**

**If "No" to any of the above questions the proposal cannot be authorized under the Corps' challenge partnership authority.*

B. Handshake Funding Program Request (maximum \$30,000): \$30,000

C. Cooperative Agreement Bonus: Challenge Partnerships that include a Cooperating Association with which your project/district has 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).

D. Incentive Points Category: Check the box if your application qualifies to receive bonus points on the evaluation score for partnering with three or more partners. A summary of the partners' contribution to the Handshake Project should be included in the financial worksheet below.

- Application includes 3 partners (25 bonus points)
- Application includes 4 partners (40 bonus points)
- Application includes 5 partners (50 bonus points)
- Application includes 9 partners (50 bonus points for the first 5 partners plus 10 points for each additional partner)

E. 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.

Description:

The Stockton Lake Project respectfully requests the funding to establish a 1.0 Mile Multi-Use Educational Trail and 4.5 acre kids fishing/interpretive area . The area will be developed below Stockton Dam and will connect with the recently established Crabtree Cove Trail. The proposed 1.0 mile Trail will be constructed around the kids fishing area and will be of a limestone aggregate surface, 8 feet in width, with educational signs, Kiosks and one maintained trailhead parking lot designed for 15 to 20 vehicles. The kids fishing/interpretive area will be approximately 4.5 acres in size, will contain two handicapped accessible fishing docks, multiple fishing access points and will be stocked with fish by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The area will host approximately 10 - 15 kids fishing events per year with the events being sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Stockton area C.A.S.T. (Catch A Special Thrill) for Kids Organization. In addition, the area 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 several initiatives including, National Get Outdoors Day, The America's Great Outdoors Initiative and the National Recreation Strategic Plan. In addition, this Project would greatly improve synergy and access between the Missouri Department of Conservation, 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 an educational trail system and kids fishing area 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 an area below the Stockton Dam. The area, known as the Old Mill Area, is a 25 acre area that contains a 4.5 acre pond that is part of the old Sac River Channel and would meet these needs. In addition, this area ties in nicely with the recently constructed and popular 3.2 mile Crabtree Cove Trail. Which has become a great foundation to work from to build future partnership projects, such as this. The initial planning amongst the partners for this project and discussion of the Old Mill Multi-Use Area 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 an education trail and kids fishing area 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 educational/interpretive displays, Kiosks and trail distance markers. The Trail Brochures are a renewable resource that can be updated and utilized. The kids fishing area will be self sustaining with its life span being perpetual. The benefits to the Corps are numerous with improved stewardship of fisheries, habitat improvements and improved access to all abilities being at the top of the list.

In addition, this project sustains the Corps mission and helps to meet National Get Outdoors Day, 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, Missouri Department of Conservation and the Stockton Community.

Partnership Value: The estimated project costs include \$20,000 for trail surfacing materials, \$7,500 for Kiosks, Signs and Trail Markers, \$6,750 for parking lot and Fishing Dock Materials, \$2,500 for benches and \$3,250 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 (\$30,000) for Materials and Supplies in the form of Trail Surfacing Materials, Fishing Dock Materials and interpretive/educational panels/Kiosks to educate it's users. Overall, the Stockton Lake Old Mill Multi-Use Area Partners have committed over \$35,000 in materials and supplies, 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 \$75,000.

Recreational Benefit: This project directly creates and supports recreation in a number of ways. The Old Mill Multi-Use Area will not only deliver an opportunity to walk, run, bicycle, etc... around a 4.5 acre kids fishing area, but will also serve as a method to display recreation opportunities on the lake and around the trails. In addition, it will expose children, who may not otherwise get the opportunity, to the sport of fishing and the enjoyment of the outdoors. Also, nature viewing, plant/tree identification and hiking are also additional recreation activities that will be enhanced by the Old Mill Multi-Use Area. 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 Old Mill Multi-Use Area aligns with National Get Outdoors Day, 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 and enjoy those resources. By providing interpretive materials that contain information to further inform visitors about fitness programs, fishing opportunities 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 Old Mill Multi-Use Area is that it will be wheelchair - accessible. By incorporating Universal Design into the trail, fishing docks and utilizing flat terrain when possible the Old Mill Multi-Use Area 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 area 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 fishing area, trails, 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, identify local trees, plants and animals and encourage continued participation in fishing by developing skills in the children along with their parents. Various educational groups, including the Missouri Department of Conservation and C.A.S.T. for Kids will be utilizing the area for kids fishing events. In addition, panels, Kiosks and signs located throughout the area will help in educating visitors about the importance of Stockton Lake, fitness, National Get Outdoors Day, The America's Great Outdoors Initiative and the numerous benefits of utilizing the Old Mill Multi-Use Area.

Innovativeness: The Stockton Lake Old Mill Multi-Use Area will be a key part of the infrastructure of the lake and community. This developed Multi-Use Area will be the first of its kind on Stockton Project Lands and around the Stockton community. It would allow for this trail to be connected to the new Crabtree Cove Trail and the existing City of Stockton trail infrastructure, which is looking to expand its trail system to Stockton Lake. This project would allow Stockton School and their FFA Forestry Chapter to use the trail for training in the identification of trees and plants. This project would also allow visitors and the local community to use the trail for fitness and health purposes. In addition, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Stockton area C.A.S.T. organization would be hosting multiple fishing events throughout the year to expose children to the sport of fishing and the enjoyment of the outdoors. Overall, the Stockton Lake Old Mill Multi-Use Area will add health value to all, and will put the grant funding to innovative use by adding an area 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. The Stockton Lake Project will also provide trail surfacing materials and two ADA Fishing Docks, utilizing Handshake Funds, to construct the Old Mill Multi-Use Area Trail and kids fishing area.

The Partner(s) will:

The Missouri Department of Conservation has committed a contribution of \$1,463 in fish in 2014. In addition, as funding is available, they will be contributing \$1,685 in fish in 2015 and approximately \$841 in fish annually after 2015. The Missouri Department of Conservation will also be putting approximately 15 hours of staff time to sample and evaluate the pond in 2017 to help determine future fish stockings and harvest strategies. This includes sampling of the fishing area and hosting 10 - 15 kids fishing events annually. The Stockton Community Foundation has committed a contribution of \$2,214 in volunteer labor contributions and \$1,000 in materials/supplies. Citizens Memorial Healthcare has pledged \$1,000 to use for materials/supplies. The Stockton R-1 School District (FFA Forestry Team) has pledged a contribution of \$1,500 in volunteer labor for trail construction, tree/plant identification and maintenance. The Stockton American Legion Post # 230 has pledged over \$8,000 in equipment use, equipment operator and volunteer labor for constructing the Trail. C.A.S.T. For Kids, Stockton, will be contributing nearly \$3,500 in organizing Kids fishing events and in fishing supplies for the events. The Stockton Trails Initiative Coalition will be contributing over \$2,214 in volunteer labor for trail construction and maintenance. The Cabins at Stockton Lake will be providing approximately \$5,000 in equipment use, equipment operator and volunteer labor to complete the project. And the A.G.A.P.E. Boys Boarding School has committed over \$3,000 in volunteer labor to construct and maintain the Old Mill Multi-Use Area.

Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Stockton Lake Project

Work Project Title: Old Mill MultiUse Area - Kids Fishing and Trail Development

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Location on Project: Stockton Lake Project- Old Mill Area

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Partner Organization 5: Stockton American Legion Post # 230

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Partner Organization 6: C.A.S.T. For Kids

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Partner Organization 7: Stockton Trails Initiative Coalition

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Partner Organization 8: Cabins at Stockton Lake

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Partner Organization 9: A.G.A.P.E. - Boys Boarding School

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Proposed start date of work: January 1, 2014

Simple description of work to be accomplished through the partnership: If selected for the 2014 Handshake Program, a 1.0 Mile Multi-Use Educational Trail and 4.5 acre kids fishing/interpretive area will be developed . The area will be developed below Stockton Dam and will connect with the recently established Crabtree Cove Trail. The proposed 1.0 mile Trail will be constructed around the kids fishing area and will be of a limestone aggregate surface, 8 feet in width, with educational signs, Kiosks and one maintained trailhead parking lot designed for 15 to 20 vehicles. The kids fishing/interpretive area will be approximately 4.5 acres in size, will contain two handicapped accessible fishing docks, multiple fishing access points and will be stocked with fish by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The area will host approximately 10 - 15 kids fishing events per year with the events sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Stockton area C.A.S.T. (Catch A Special Thrill) for Kids Organization. In addition, ths Project will serve as a multi- functional and attractive visitor draw that will connect both local and regional users with recreational opportunities at Stockton Lake.

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| | Local Corps Office | Handshake Funds | Partner 1 | Partner 2 | Partner 3 | Partner 4 |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Salaries | \$5,000 | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Travel | \$0 | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Materials and Supplies | \$3,000 | \$30,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$0 |
| Equipment Use | \$2,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Funds Contributed | N/A | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Personal Property | N/A | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Volunteer | N/A | N/A | \$0 | \$2,214 | \$0 | \$2,500 |
| In-Kind Services | N/A | N/A | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Other (explain below) | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,989 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total | \$10,000 | \$30,000 | \$3,989 | \$3,214 | \$1,000 | \$2,500 |
| Share of Total Cost | 12.9% | 38.8% | 5.2% | 4.2% | 1.3% | 3.2% |

| | Partner 5 | Partner 6 | Partner 7 | Partner 8 | Partner 9 | Total |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Salaries | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$5,000 |
| Travel | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Materials and Supplies | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$35,000 |
| Equipment Use | \$6,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$7,000 | \$0 | \$15,000 |
| Funds Contributed | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Personal Property | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Volunteer | \$1,000 | \$3,500 | \$2,214 | \$0 | \$4,000 | \$15,428 |
| In-Kind Services | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,000 |
| Other (explain below) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$3,989 |
| Total | \$10,000 | \$3,500 | \$2,214 | \$7,000 | \$4,000 | \$77,417 |
| Share of Total Cost | 12.9% | 4.5% | 2.9% | 9.0% | 5.2% | 100% |

Explanations: The Missouri Department of Conservation will be stocking approximately 450 Hybrid sunfish, 225 Channel Catfish and 1,125 Bluegill in 2014, which comes to a contribution of \$1,462.50 in 2014. In 2015, they will be stocking (as funds are available) approximately \$1,685.00 in fish and annually after 2015, they will be stocking (as funds are available) approximately \$841.25 in fish. In addition, the Missouri Department of Conservation will be putting approximately 15 hours of staff time to sample and evaluate the fishing area in 2017 to help determine future fish stockings and harvest strategies.