

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fiscal Year 2015
Handshake Program Application**

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Corps Lake/Project Name:**Allatoona Lake**

Handshake Proposal Title:**Riverside Disc Golf Course at Riverside Park Day Use Area**

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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 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. A copy of that agreement is not needed with this application, but may be requested if not already provided to the Partnership Team. (Reference Chapter 9 of ER and EP 1130-2-500 for information on cooperating associations).

This application wishes to compete for the Cooperative Agreement Bonus funding.

This application does NOT qualify for the bonus funding.

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 7 partners (50 bonus points for the first 5 partners plus 10 points for each additional partner). Total bonus points:70.

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.

Summary Statement of Handshake Project:

Allatoona Lake proposes to use Handshake Program funding for several items to assist with the construction of an 18-hole disc golf course. The Corps is offering the land for the course, maintenance for the course, and any other assistance which may be needed. The partners are offering a wide variety of services including marking the course, professional course design, baskets for the 18 holes, and to date, they have already logged over 245 volunteer hours. Also, Allatoona Lake OPMO volunteers are participating in the site preparation.

Disc golf is one of the fastest growing recreation trends in the country, growing at a rate of 10-20 percent yearly. While Allatoona Lake has a multitude of recreational opportunities, it does not offer any opportunities in the field of disc golf. Also, there are very few disc golf opportunities in the surrounding area. Handshake funds will be used to renovate a bridge at a trailhead that will be utilized by golfers, installation of benches, bulletin boards, a split rail fence, interpretive and golf course signs, tee pads, and three additional baskets.

Individuals from a disc golf club approached the Allatoona Lake Operations Project Management Office (OPMO) about a possible partnership. Allatoona staff had been discussing the possibility of a disc golf course if the right partner(s) were to ever present itself. After early discussions, and a better understanding by Allatoona staff of how a disc golf course works, it was decided that the most suitable location for the course would be at Riverside Park Day Use Area in Cartersville, GA. Further discussions with interested parties resulted in the addition of several more partners to the project. .

Sustainability description:

This project was reviewed by a District landscape architect to assist with sustainability concerns and issues. As opposed to other recreational opportunities at Allatoona Lake, the sustainability of this project will be easily managed. The majority of the course is located in wooded areas and other than an occasional downed tree there should be few maintenance problems. With limited maintenance this course should be sustainable well into the future. Parking for the course will utilize preexisting lots already being maintained in Riverside Park Day Use Area. The heavy duty baskets are durable with an estimated life-span of 15 - 20 years or more. The interpretive signs have a sustainability life of 12-15 years.

Partnership Value:

Allatoona Lake would not have been able to engage in this project alone. Professional expertise provided by these partners in marking and designing the course and providing the baskets provided the majority of the start-up efforts for the disc golf course. These partners have made significant contributions to the disc golf project in volunteer hours, materials, and in-kind services. They want to spread the word of their sport as much as Allatoona Lake wants to offer new recreational opportunities to the public. Allatoona Lake has never before entered into a partnership with so many partners. The disc golf clubs alone boast more than 100+ members.

Recreational Benefit:

This disc golf course is one of the first in the Mobile District. This disc golf course is being designed as "top of the line" which will attract experts as well as novice players. Currently, Riverside Park Day Use Area offers shelters, trails, picnic areas and a boat launching ramp. Disc golf will introduce visitors to the park to a new recreational experience without impeding current recreation activities. When the course is completed it will be used for tournaments which will bring in a range of players from other areas. Yearly tournament participation is estimated at 10,000 annually. One of the most impressive aspects of this course is the historical and geological

features offered in the park and along the course introducing the visitor to new areas in the park that otherwise they might not experience.

Environmental Stewardship Benefit:

The course will contribute to the control of invasive species. For example, the course construction has led to the removal of 4- 5 acres of Chinese Privet which would have eventually spread into other parts of the park. As visitation increases and the recreation facilities receive more use, more privet will be removed for better visibility of natural landscapes, the Etowah River, and the Allatoona Dam. Areas opened during the course development will be used to create a wildflower meadow in the large open spaces, partnering with Master Gardeners for perpetual care. These areas will also be managed as a demonstration area for xeriscaping. Areas of the course will follow along a canyon which holds several eras of historical significance including the United States Civil War, 19th century iron mining, and the late-1940's construction of Allatoona Dam. Interpretive signs will explain the cultural and environmental significance of the area.

Communication & Education Value:

Interpretive signs located around the course will provide educational, cultural, environmental and historical significance; flora and fauna; stream ecology; unique geological features at Riverside Park Day Use Area; and promote water safety. One of the most impressive aspects of this course is the historical and geological features offered in the park and along the course introducing the visitor to new areas in the park that otherwise they might not experience. Future partnerships include Kennesaw State University where the professors are currently negotiating an agreement to partner with the Corps regarding Forest regeneration study and interpretation of areas cleared in this area due to significant storm damage.

Areas of the course will follow along a canyon which holds several eras of historical significance including the United States Civil War, 19th century iron mining, and the late-1940's construction of Allatoona Dam. Additional signs with rules of the course and "how to play" will also be purchased.

Information on the disc golf course will be updated on the Allatoona webpage and Facebook page and will also communicate the Corps' mission.

Innovativeness:

Reduced budgets throughout the Corps necessitate the need for new innovative partnerships. This partnership will utilize common goals to help build stronger recreation and educational opportunities, benefiting all parties. The partnership will develop a recreation activity that is currently not present on Allatoona Lake and is lacking in the surrounding area. Allatoona Lake struggles to offer enough recreational opportunities to a growing population. With that in mind, Allatoona Lake's annual 6.5 million visitation could drastically increase soon with the addition of a multimillion dollar sporting facility just three miles from this park. We need to find ways to keep up with the growing population. Partnerships such as the disc golf course contribute greatly toward utilizing Corps property and expanding new recreational opportunities.

Concluding statement:

Allatoona Lake has a long history of successful partnership projects. Currently, Allatoona Lake has four successful partnerships that were former Handshake recipients. With this new opportunity, Allatoona Lake feels that it can further its reputation as a top partner and the public's overall views of the Corps and our mission. This partnership will further enhance the Corps' reputation as the leading provider of outdoor recreational opportunities in the area.

Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Allatoona Lake

Work Project Title: Riverside Disc Golf At Riverside Park

POC Name: Chris Purvis

Address: 1138 GA Highway 20 Spur

City: Cartersville

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Telephone: 678 - 721 - 6725 x

Location of Project: Riverside Park

Partner Organization 1: Etowah Disc Golf

POC Name: Walter Black

Address: 5097 Vixen Ct

City: Acworth

State: GA Zip Code: 30101

Telephone: 678 - 221 - 8678 x

Partner Organization 2: Cobb County Disc Golf Club

POC Name: Mike Eldridge

Address: 1135 Castell Rd

City: Powder Springs

State: GA Zip Code: 30127

Telephone: 678 - 699 - 1233 x

Partner Organization 3: Deer Lick Disc Golf

POC Name: Tim Bell

Address: 332 Sterling Trail

City: Powder Springs

State: GA Zip Code: 30127

Telephone: 770 - 853 - 5714 x

Partner Organization 4: Decksourse

POC Name: Craig Dickerson

Address: 4461 Bretton Ct., Suite 300

City: Acworth

State: GA Zip Code: 30101

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Partner Organization 5: Sam Barfield

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City: Acworth

State: GA Zip Code: 30101

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Partner Organization 6: John Ritger

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City: Atlanta

State: GA Zip Code: 30312

Telephone: 678 - 641 - 9768 x

Partner Organization 7: Hawks Grove

POC Name: Athan Hutchins

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Partner Organization 8:

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State:

Zip Code:

Partner Organization 9:

POC Name:

Address:

Telephone: - - x

City:

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Zip Code:

Partner Organization 10:

POC Name:

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Partner Organization 11:

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Partner Organization 13:

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Partner Organization 14:

POC Name:

Address:

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City:

State:

Zip Code:

Partner Organization 15:

POC Name:

Address:

Telephone: - - x

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Double click on spreadsheet to access data entry fields and to enter Partner names:

	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Partner 4
Salaries	\$10,000	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$1,852	\$1,500	\$725	\$652
Equipment Use	\$10,000	\$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	\$1,015	\$564	\$564	\$0
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$2,867	\$2,064	\$1,289	\$652
Share of Total Cost	41.0%	41.0%	3.9%	2.8%	1.8%	0.9%

	Partner 5	Partner 6	Partner 7	Partner 8	Partner 9	Partner 10
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Contributed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	\$3,383	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind Services	\$0	\$475	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$3,883	\$475	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Share of Total Cost	5.3%	0.6%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0

	Partner 11	Partner 12	Partner 13	Partner 14	Partner 15	Total
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,229
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000
Funds Contributed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,526
In-Kind Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$475
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$73,230
Share of Total Cost	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Explanations: