

Carlyle Lake Multi-User Trail Improvements Partnership

Carlyle Lake Project

In 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Carlyle partnered to make improvements to an existing multi-use trail system through interpretive displays, safety signs, trail markings, and the development of a brochure to market and promote this unique 17 mile round trip trail system. This partnership focused on enhancing environmental stewardship, education, recreation, safety, and health opportunities for all age groups visiting the Carlyle Lake Project.



The Carlyle Lake Project is unique because its close proximity to the City of Carlyle. The Carlyle Lake Project and the City of Carlyle through past partnership agreements have been able to link the City and the lake through the multi-use trail system. This multi use trail runs through the City of Carlyle and connects to the Dam West Day Use Area. The trail provides recreation enthusiasts the opportunity to bike, jog, or walk along the multi use trail. The entire 70 mile trail encompasses Carlyle Lake and provides scenic views of the lake and recreation areas. This trail system offers visitors and the citizens of Carlyle recreational opportunities to get outdoors, get fit, and learn about landmarks surrounding Carlyle Lake. Visitor spending and economic development from the trail has benefitted the local community and its economy.



Photo Above: Carlyle City Administer Bill Gruen and Park Ranger Kim Hammel erect signage to help guide bikers along the multi-use trail system .

The 2009 handshake agreement made it possible to enhance the trail system by marking the entire multi-use trail with signage and interpretive displays bringing awareness of the trail to lake and city visitors. Along with signage a Carlyle Lake Bike Trail Brochure was developed to provide visitors with a printed copy of the established bike route



Photo Above: Bicyclist stop to view the newly installed interpretive display to find biking opportunities on the Carlyle Lake Multi-use Trail System.

along with safety, fitness, and tourism information. This brochure is distributed through the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center, Project Office, and interpretive displays along the trail system. In the past year it has been evident that this handshake agreement has made a difference in the success of the trail. There has been a significant increase in the use of the trail by bicyclists, walkers, and joggers. Through this partnership the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Carlyle have made tremendous progress in the development in creating a multi-use trail system to benefit trail users through education and fitness for generations to come.

This partnership received funding from the Corps Handshake Program in 2009. For more information on the project contact Park Ranger Kim Hammel at 618-594-2484.



Photo Above: New Carlyle Lake Bike Trail Map Brochure showing the established bike trail, recreation tips, and legend. Small inset to the right The cover of the brochure.

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1. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Carlyle Lake / Kaskaski Navigation Project

2. Handshake Project Name: Carlyle Lake Multi-User Trail Improvements

3. What has been accomplished? Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:
(See Appendix A)

	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	\$10,000
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$7,300
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 City of Carlyle	\$7,500
2	\$
3	\$
4	\$
5	\$
6	\$

4. Handshake Program Recipient Feedback

Please take this opportunity to provide feedback on all aspects of the Handshake Program and the Challenge Partnership Agreement authority. Your productive comments are important to the ongoing improvement of the program. Make sure to let us know how the Handshake funds have benefited your efforts to initiate and/or strengthen your partnerships.

A. Comments About Handshake Program: During this time of budget constraints, the Handshake Program is a valuable tool in developing partnerships with the community to find new opportunities for economic and social development. This agreement set the stage for a strong relationship between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Carlyle. This program has allowed for increase recreational opportunities for visitors to the lake and citizen of Carlyle.

B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement: During the past several years, the Carlyle Lake Project and the City of Carlyle have been involved in numerous partnerships. The Challenge Partnership Agreement is a valuable tool in creating opportunities for Carlyle Lake recreational users. While working with these partnerships and completing these projects, the economic impact to the community has increased. This agreement focused on increasing fitness

related recreational opportunities, the importance of fitness, and the well being of people of all ages.

C. Recommendations: We highly recommend that the funding for this program continue. At Carlyle Lake, receiving handshake agreements has led to improved partnership opportunities with the City of Carlyle and has resulted in the development and improvement of an 18 mile round trip trail system. This trail system has linked the City of Carlyle and the Carlyle Lake Project, drawing increased tourism and economic benefits to the area, and connecting visitors with recreational opportunities, interpretive and historical information, and has developed a interest in fitness.

Appendix A

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Before



Multi-use trail with old guide markers in the Dam West Day Use Area.



Bicyclist ride along main road in the Dam West Day use before multi use trail was constructed.



Saddle Dam II road before multi use trail lane was added.

During



The placement and installation of trail markers along multi-use trail.



The installment of an interpretive display panel on Saddle Dam II.



The placement and installation of trail markers along multi-use trail.



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Interpretive Display at Saddle Dam III



Entrance at Saddle Dam III. Trail guide marker and interpretive display.



Bicyclists enjoy a scenic view of Carlyle Lake while utilizing the multi-user trail across the Main Dam.