

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
2009 Handshake Program Application**

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**Eligibility checklist to qualify per ER 1130-2-500, Chapter 12.**

1. Is the seed money going to be spent at Corps facilities and resources that are being maintained by the Corps at 100% expense on the day the agreement is signed?  **Yes**  **No**
2. Is the agreement 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 OMP?  **Yes**  **No**
4. If no, when will the OMP be updated and approved? (example: Feb 09)

**If the answer to either question 1 or 2 is No, the proposal cannot be authorized under the Corps Challenge Partnership program. If the answered to question 3 is No, and the date provided in the answer to question 4 would come after the commencement of the proposed challenge partnership, the activity cannot be considered under this program. Reference application instructions for further clarification.**

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Corps Lake/Project Name: **Dale HollowLake**

Handshake Proposal Title: **Gum Grove Launching Ramp**

Corps POC Name: **Mark Willis**

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Partner Organization 2:

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Partner Organization 3:

Partner Authorized Official:

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Categorize Use: (may check more than one)

Interpretation/Environmental Education

Water Safety

Trails

Natural Resources Management

Special Event

Recreation Facilities

Visitor Center

Accessibility Other/ Miscellaneous

Handshake Funding Amount Requested (\$10,000 Limit): \$9500

**Description of the Handshake partnership and the project to be accomplished:**

A concrete boat ramp, gravel parking lot and bank stabilization will be constructed at Gum Grove Access on Dale Hollow Lake. This unimproved access has been utilized for years by the local community. This launching ramp will be accessible at winter and summer pools, providing a much safer access for the diverse users which include sightseers, jet skiers, anglers, interpretive program participants, volunteers, etc. The current access at this site is unsafe and accessible only to smaller watercraft.

**Sustainability** -- Without the proposed improvements by this partnership, this area will continue to be a safety concern for recreational users. Left unimproved, the area will likely continue to deteriorate further becoming more unsafe. After improvements are made, little maintenance will be required to sustain a much safer area for the recreating public.

**Partnership Value** -- The proposed partner for this project, Pickett County Highway Department is willing to provide over 2/3 of the project cost in equipment, salaries, materials and travel. According to the Recreation Economic Assessment System, direct sales to tourism related in over 35 million dollars being spent last year by visitors of Dale Hollow Lake. Improving Gum Grove access would be in the best interest for the Corps, Pickett County and the visiting public.

**Environmental Stewardship Value** -- Due to the extensive use of this area by various users, the shoreline is rapidly deteriorating. The erosion process has accelerated due to high use. The erosion problem can be alleviated by pouring a concrete ramp instead of the existing dirt ramp, graveling the area currently used for parking, and stabilizing the shoreline with rip-rap. This will not only improve the area but also make it much safer for the lakes users.

**Communication and Education Value** -- The Gum Grove site on Dale Hollow is used year round by a variety of users. If improvements are made to this area it could be a future site for interpretive programs. The site provides the starting point for possible future trails. The Gum Grove Access could serve as an additional area for volunteers to access the lake assisting with the National Public Lands Day annual shoreline cleanup event.

**Recreational Benefit** -- The Gum Grove access site is extensively used by members of the public and provides a primary access point for surrounding communities of Pickett, Overton and Clay Counties. The nearest other access is over twenty-five miles from this area. The benefit to other users sightseers, anglers, hikers, bird & wildlife watchers and lake users would be significant. Due to ongoing seepage work at Wolf Creek Dam, Dale Hollow has been maintaining an unusually low winter pool with launching access being severely limited lakewide. This proposed project will provide an additional safe access during this period of unprecedented low lake levels.

**Innovativeness** -- Local boaters routinely travel up to twenty miles from surrounding communities to utilize the Gum Grove Site. Improvements as proposed at Gum Grove Access on Dale Hollow Lake stand to benefit a vast group of users within the three county region (Clay, Overton, and Pickett).

Based upon the popularity and observed use of the site as described above, representatives of Dale Hollow Lake and the Pickett County Highway Department believe the improvements at Gum Grove will provide a much needed and safer access. This partnership will not only benefit

the two agency partners, but would ultimately provide the greatest benefits for the frequent recreational users of this site.

**The Corps will:**

Provide all necessary materials, design and labor for the construction and installation of the concrete launching ramp.

**The Partner(s) will:**

The Pickett County Tennessee Highway Department will provide all equipment, materials, and labor necessary for the construction of the initial unimproved (rock surface) parking lot and road access with possible paving of these facilities in the future. In addition, the partner will also provide all equipment necessary for the Corps' construction of the concrete ramp as proposed.

## Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Dale Hollow Lake

Work Project Title: Gum Grove/ Launching Ramp

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Telephone: 931-243-3136

Location on Project: Gum Grove, Pickett County Tn

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Partner Organization 1: Pickett County Highway Department

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Partner Organization 2:

POC Name:

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Telephone:

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Partner Organization 3:

POC Name:

Address:                      City:                      State:                      Zip Code:

Telephone:

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Proposed start date of work: March 2009

Simple description of work to be accomplished through the partnership: A concrete boat ramp, gravel parking lot and bank stabilization will be constructed at Gum Grove Access on Dale Hollow Lake. This unimproved access has been used for years by the local community. This launching ramp will be accessible at winter and summer pools, providing a much safer access for the varied users that include sight seers, jet skiers, anglers, interpretive program participants, volunteers, etc. The current access at this site is unsafe and only accessible to smaller watercraft. This ramp and parking area will also provide an additional launch access during a period of unusually high numbers of unusable launch sites resulting from routine and increased lake drawdowns due to ongoing seepage repair activities at Wolf Creek Dam.

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	<b>Local Corps Office</b>	<b>Handshake Funds</b>	<b>Partner 1</b>	<b>Partner 2</b>	<b>Partner 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salaries	\$1,600	N/A	\$0	\$6,400	\$0	\$8,000
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$4,100	\$0	\$11,000	\$0	\$15,100
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,800	\$0	\$4,800
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer Efforts	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)		\$5,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>	<b>\$9,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$34,300</b>
<b>Share of Total Cost</b>	4.7%	27.7%	0.0%	67.6%	0.0%	100%

Explanations: Contract cost of ramp construction

