

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

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: **Jennings Randolph Lake**

Handshake Proposal Title: **Sunset Trail Pond Accessibility Project**

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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): \$5500

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

The purpose of the Sunset Trail Pond Accessibility Project is to provide universal accessibility to an existing fishing pond located in the Robert W. Craig campground. The spring-fed pond is located adjacent to the Sunset Trail, which starts at the campground's entrance station and loops around to the campground access road (Attachment #1). The pond is stocked by West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Fisheries (WVDNR). The construction of an accessible and youth fishing area is consistent with the 1997-updated master plan, as it fulfills an identified recreational need at the project. There is very limited shoreline access to the lake except at the Howell Run Boat Launch (West Virginia), the Maryland Boat Launch (Maryland), and the Shaw Beach. Remaining shoreline fishing access to the lake is very limited due to the steep topography and lack of cleared shoreline.

The lack of direct lake access for shoreline fishing has created a safety issue and a user conflict between boaters and fishermen at the Howell Run Boat Launch. During the recreation season, visitors, especially adults with young children, use the courtesy dock adjacent to the launch as a fishing platform. This creates conflicts with boaters using the courtesy dock as intended and is a safety concern. The boat launch ramp area is posted, "No Fishing," and visitors are asked to leave the area if they are observed fishing from the dock. The construction of a separate accessible and youth fishing area would eliminate the safety concerns and user conflicts between the boaters and dock fishermen.

The partner will clear a 12 foot wide by 150 foot long path along the south shoreline of the existing fishing pond. The Sunset Trail is not universally accessible, so a 2-vehicle parking area with a path to the pond will also be made accessible. The surfacing material will consist of a compacted fine grade of crushed rock. In addition, the section of roadway from the Entrance Station parking lot to the pond area will be upgraded from a dirt surface to a stone surface to permit two wheel drive vehicles access to the pond parking lot. The partner will supply all equipment, equipment operator, and equipment transport to and from the project. A map of the pond area is shown on page 4.

The Sunset Trail Pond project will meet the following program criteria:

(1) Sustainability - The Jennings Randolph Lake project has worked with the WVDNR since 2003 to stock the pond with appropriate warm water species. The pond will be monitored by both the ranger staff and a West Virginia Fisheries Biologist to maintain a sustainable fish diversity and population into the foreseeable future. The Limnology class from Frostburg University has expressed an interest in the pond once the ecosystem becomes established, as a pond life study area. With annual maintenance, the trail will have a unlimited lifespan of usage.

(2) Partnership Value - Mr. Kalbaugh will provide all of the labor and equipment necessary to clear brush and trees away from the pond's edge, dispose of debris, grade the area, and construct a badly needed universally accessible path and parking area adjacent to the Sunset Trail fishing pond. Mr. Kalbaugh is a local land owner and intimately familiar with the Jennings Randolph Lake area through previous work at the project. His father dug the pond as the former owner of the farm land prior to Corps acquisition.

(3) Environmental Stewardship Value

One of the objectives of the pond project is the elimination of invasive flora and the re-introduction of native species. The project will provide an excellent opportunity to increase public awareness of their environment through descriptive signage and interpretive programs addressing these issues.

(4) Communication and Education Value

Initially, interpretive programs will be conducted by the project staff. Once the pond microcosim becomes more established, Frostburg University will conduct programs centered around pond and shoreline wildlife. They have also expressed an interest in a long term student study of the pond environment.

(5) Recreational Benefit

The fishing pond is a spring-fed pond that is currently stocked by WVDNR. The agencies local fisheries biologist has agreed to maintain a sustainable diversity of fish capable of supporting a "put and take" fishing experience. Since shoreline fishing is at a premium at Jennings Randolph Lake and universal access is non-existent, the pond will fill a significant recreational shortcoming.

(6) Innovativeness

The pond was intially designed to provide a water source for the Robert W. Craig campground. This idea was abandoned in the early stages of construction of the project. The pond area became overgrown with invasive plant species and became inaccessible. The JRL ranger staff began a project to utilize the pond as an additional recreational opportunity for the public. Local Boy Scouts were contacted and a Eagle Scout took the lead in clearing the area to provide access. State fisheries biologist were contacted to begin a sustained stocking program of panfish and bass. A third phase of this project is to provide universal access. There are no universally accessible fishing areas at the Jennings Randolph Lake project or in the local area. This project represents a unique opportunity to provide fishing for persons with disabilities and a fishing location within walking/short driving distance of the campground. Additionally, the project creates safer access for youth fishing at the pond.

The Corps will:

1. Manage the project.
2. Purchase materials and supplies.
3. Continue to maintain the area as a spur to the Sunset Trail and include the spur on the trail brochure/map.
4. Continue to work with the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources to maintain the pond.
5. Conduct interpretive programs at the pond, centered around pond wildlife.
6. Market the accessibilty aspect of the trail on the internet and with our Challenged Hunt partners.

The Partner(s) will:

Mr. Kalbaugh will donate his time and equipment to construct a universally accessible parking area and walkway along the fishing pond.

Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Jennings Randolph Lake

Work Project Title: Sunset Trail Pond Accessibility Project

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Location on Project: Adjacent To The Sunset Trail, Near The Robert Craig Campground

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Proposed start date of work: Nov-08

Simple description of work to be accomplished through the partnership: Handshake funds will be used to purchase materials and supplies necessary to construct a universally accessible trail adjacent to an existing fishing pond and parking spaces for the disabled. Signage, and brochure updates costs will also come from the Handshake Funds.

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	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Total
Salaries	\$1,000	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$400	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,400
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
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	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$1,500		\$0	\$0	\$1,500
Total	\$1,400	\$5,500	\$7,500	\$0	\$0	\$14,400
Share of Total Cost	9.7%	38.2%	52.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

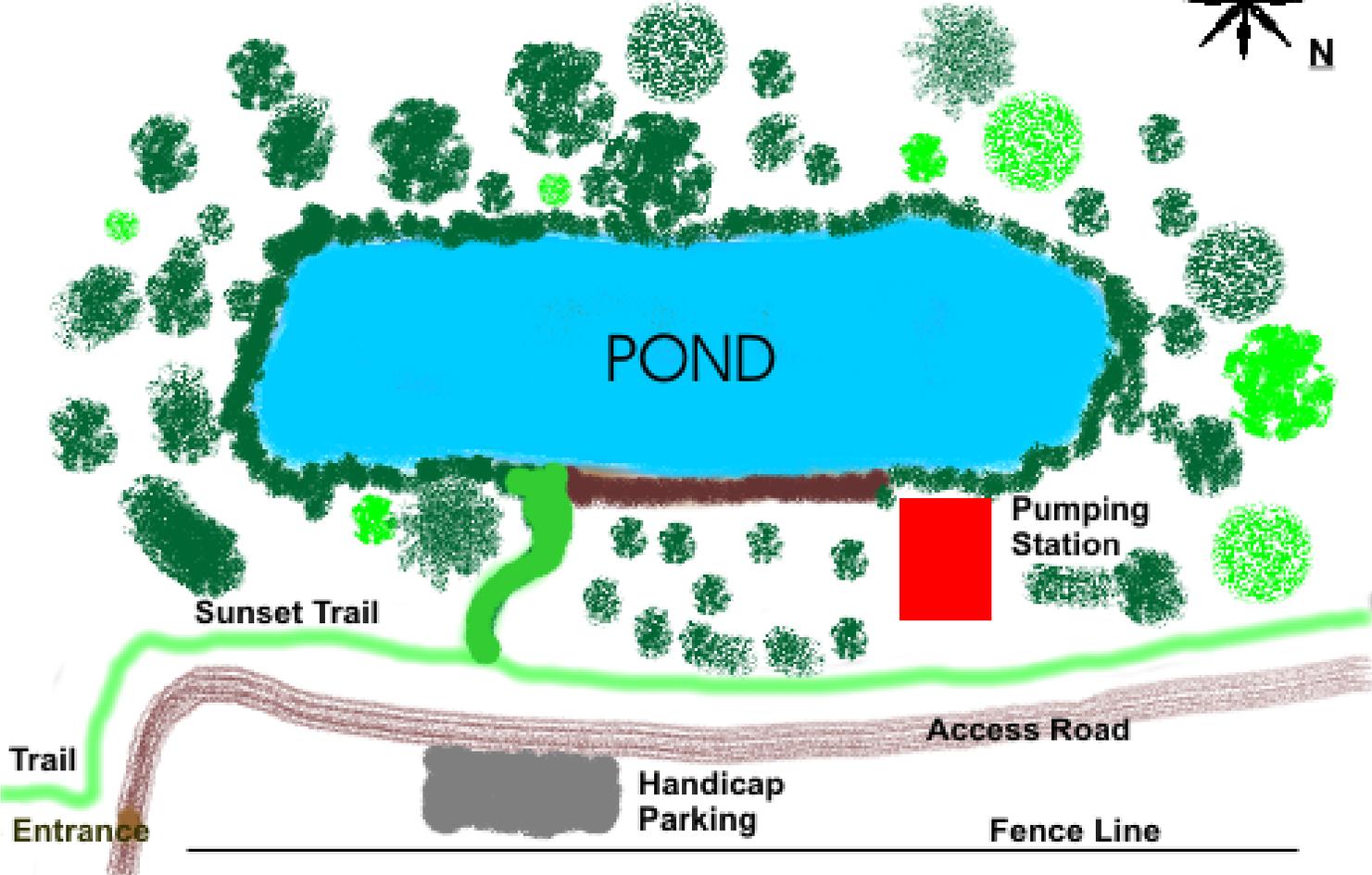
Explanations:

Handshake Funds – Other – signage, brochure updates, printing

APPENDIX D



Campground ↑



Robert W. Craig Campground Hiking Trails

