

Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2010 Recipients

1. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Waco Lake, Texas

2. Handshake Project Name: Reynolds Creek Equestrian Camp and Trailhead.

3. What has been accomplished? Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:
Texas Equestrian and Trail Riders Association (TETRA) was able to obtain a reimbursable grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for \$78, 135 to construct an Equestrian Campground at Reynolds Creek Park. The campground consists of a 200' X 200' gravel parking area, Ten 50 amp camperservice pedestals with water faucets, a water trough, horse washing stand, ten individual horse pens, 30'x30' pavilion with electricity and map kiosk. A trail was constructed from the campground to connect to the existing Lacy Point Trail system via a low water crossing, also cosntructed by TETRA. TETRA is responsible for cleaning and upkeep of the facility. The lake office portion of the agreement was to clear the area of flood debris and install meter base, serice main and all underground electric lines and the camper service pedestals. All campsites are currently available for use and accesible on NRRS. TETRA is allowed exclusive use of the facility twice a year for fund raising activities. They have recently received another \$44,000 grant from TPWD to build w waterbourne restroom/shower building complete with a septic system. This is being accomplished using a Challenge Partenrhship Agreement at no cost to the Waco Lake Office.

The major problem that was encountered in the project was coordinating USACE's contractor's activities with TETRA's work. This came about because USACE's part was the initial clearing of the site and TETRA could not start their work until that was completed. The Lake Office initially had to wait on the funding to arrive. Then it had to wait on the contracting process to work through its chain. This process alone took almost 60 days. Since the TPWD grant was reimbursable, TETRA was ready to start work upon notification that the project was selected for funding. Once the area was cleared, they only other delay was waiting on the power company to hook up the service main and install the electric meter.

Again, the problem was scheduling USACE contract work caused by the neccesity of being required to use USACE contracting system for the Lake Office portion of the work.

	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	\$25,000
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$2,000
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Texas Equestrian and Trail Riders Association	\$78,135
2 Waco Bicycle Club (Volunteer hours included in total)	\$
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: The Handshake Funds have allowed the Waco Lake Office provide a high quality equestrian campground to the general public that we would not have been able to with out th ehelp of our partners and the Handshake program. The program planted a seed that continues to grow as described in the narative.

B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement: The Challenge Partnership Agreement is functional but does include language that can be somewhat intimidating to partners.

C. Recommendations: . The ability to provide funds to partners or the ability to use their contractors would allow for the handshake funds to be stretched even further. Our contracting cost are very high compared to what is available on the local market. Some contractors will do work at cost but the local lake office is unable to utilize this due to USACE contracting restrictions.

**Progress at Reynolds Creek
Equestrian Campground
(Adjoining LACY POINT TRAILS)**

Work is progressing nicely on the Reynolds Creek Equestrian Campground. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the workday on Feb 26, at 9:00am

We will also be installing the horse pens that day. The pavillion should be in place by that day as well.

I would like to personally thank Blanford Perry and Vernon Leuschner for all their expertise and hard work on this project. It is going to be wonderful.

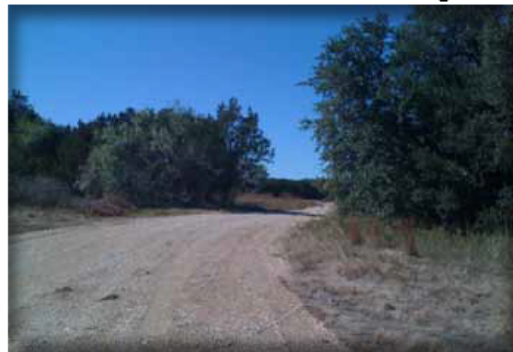
Sara McMillan- Project Manager



*Horse pens have been delivered
and will soon be in place.*



Parking Lot



Entrance road to park.



*Concrete was poured
for pavillion and horse wash yesterday.*



New Electrical & Water Hookups



Reynolds Creek Equestrian Campground and Trail Head. Reynolds Creek Park, Waco Lake, Texas