

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fiscal Year 2011
Handshake Program Application**

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Corps Lake/Project Name:**Alabama River Lakes Multi-purpose Project**

Handshake Proposal Title:**Silver Creek Park Improvements**

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A. Eligibility checklist:

1. Is the funding going to be spent at Corps facilities and resources that are being maintained at 100% federal expense? * **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: Sept 10)

**If "No" to either question 1 or 2 the proposal cannot be authorized under the Corps' challenge partnership authority.*

*** If "No" to question 3 and the date provided in answer to question 4 would come after the commencement of your proposed challenge partnership your activity can not be authorized.*

B. Handshake Funding Program Request (maximum \$25,000): \$25,000

C. Cooperating Association Agreement Bonus: Challenge Partnerships that include an organization (cooperating associations, friends groups) with which your project/district has recently (after January 1, 2009) entered into a Cooperating Association Agreement are eligible to compete for an additional \$5000. You must include a copy of the signed agreement with your proposal. (Reference Chapter 9 of ER and EP 1130-2-500 for information on cooperating associations).

Date of Cooperating Association Agreement: (must be after January 1, 2009 to be eligible).

D. Incentive Points Categories: Check the box for each category that applies to your Challenge Partnership Agreement and include an explanation in the project description (Section E.). Qualifying applications will receive bonus points on their evaluation score.

Utilizes an existing National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - National Partner MOU's are posted on the NRM Gateway <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partners/list.html>). Local and regional chapters of national partner organizations are eligible. Groups must be an intended signatory to the agreement in order to qualify for the bonus points.

Includes a veterans and/or military family organization. Groups must be an intended signatory to the agreement in order to qualify for the bonus points.

Presidents Challenge - Active Lifestyle Program: Project provides specific opportunities for children and their families to get outdoors and participate in activities in order to receive a Presidents Active Lifestyle Award. http://www.presidentschallenge.org/the_challenge/active_lifestyle.aspx

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. Also address incentive point categories you have identified in Section D.

Description:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, Alabama River Lakes Project operates and maintains public recreation facilities in parks along the Alabama River throughout eight counties. One of the counties along our Project is Clarke County, Alabama. The level of development in parks within Clarke County on the Alabama River is sub-standard as compared with offered recreational opportunities in some other counties along the system. Silver Creek Park in Clarke County offers the suitable land base and location for making improvements that will benefit the recreating public for many years to come. This recreating public comes not only from citizens of Clarke County, but from other locales as well. Many public visitors come to Silver Creek Park annually to fish, camp, launch boats, hike foot trails, etc. There are currently 2.3 miles of paved roads in the park and over one mile of scenic foot trails. These areas provide space for children and adults to walk, ride bicycles, and move about through the picnic sites and boat launching area. Site improvements including a waterborne campers' washhouse/restroom facility and a playground will upgrade the sanitary conditions, visitor experience, and overall recreational enjoyment by the public. The Clarke County Commission is interested in promoting and assisting the Corps of Engineers in planning and bringing these facilities to fruition in Clarke County, Alabama. These partners, the Corps and Clarke County, have voluntarily agreed to provide financial resources, labor resources, and materials to make these site improvements. There is currently neither electrical service nor public water service within Silver Creek Park. The only restroom facility is a small chemical flush toilet that must be pumped out a minimum of once monthly. This partnership project involves bringing public water service into the park from the adjacent county road. Then, a modern pre-fabricated restroom/showerhouse building will be placed on a prepared site. Adjacent to the restroom building a playground will be constructed/assembled. These facilities will not only increase the level of enjoyment of the out-of-doors for current park visitors, they will attract additional visitors. Clarke County has three cities and broad rural areas nearby. Riverfront park facilities that include these amenities are not available to the citizens at the current time. When the partners promote the park improvements, we are confident that these improvements will support the President's Challenge-Active Lifestyle Program. There will be increased opportunities for children and their families to get outdoors and participate in activities in order to receive a Presidents Active Lifestyle Award. Activities will include fitness walking, cross-country hiking, walking pets, biking, etc. We believe students and adults alike will bring friends to the park for these and other activities in support of the Presidents Challenge.

(1) SUSTAINABILITY: The waterborne restroom/showerhouse and playground are expected to be serviceable for the visiting public for the next 25 years. This park was constructed by the Corps in 1972, and minimal improvements to the park have been done since this time. The new facilities will provide increased opportunities for outdoor recreation enjoyment by families.

(2) PARTNERSHIP VALUE: The partner is the local county government dedicated to improved recreational opportunities for its citizens and visitors. Through grant funds, Clarke County Commission will provide facilities along the Corps lake that have long been needed. Corps routine O&M funds have not allowed for this level of improvements to Silver Creek Park since dam, lake, and park construction. The partner's contributions, through grants, will be \$280,000.

(3) ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP VALUE: Currently, only a chemical flush toilet is available as sanitary facilities within the park. In this day and age, a waterborne toilet is what is expected by families when visiting a public use area, especially to stay for any length of time. The new restroom building improves the environmental conditions.

(4) RECREATIONAL BENEFIT: This partnership project has significant recreational benefit for the visiting public. The improved sanitary conditions provided by the waterborne restroom will be 100% more inviting to users who like to camp, hike, boat, etc. at Silver Creek Park. This facility alone will encourage the public to desire to visit the area again and again. Also, with the provided playground, families will be encouraged to use the outdoor park for family recreation outings for the enjoyment of the natural resources and the significant "happy child" factor because of the modern playground. This project will provide improved opportunities for all age groups. There are ample natural and developed areas within the park for all to enjoy.

(5) COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION VALUE: Project park rangers regularly visit area school classrooms for water safety and other interpretive programs. Rangers will have many opportunities to relay to children about the new facilities in the local park on the Alabama River, especially for Clarke County and surrounding area schools. Children/youth will be encouraged to accept the President's Challenge for leading an active lifestyle. The beautiful natural trails and ample paved spaces within the park will be communicated to the public's education about the availability of our resources.

(6) INNOVATIVENESS: The Corps Site Office has been in discussions with Clarke County Commission for ten years seeking ways to make improvements for public recreation along the Claiborne Lake parks. The budget limitations of the Corps for new construction has been minimal; thus our partner has sought out grants. The partner is confident of the ability to obtain these sources of funding. By planning and working together, the partners are committed to the improvements.

The Corps will:

1. In accordance with ADA standards, prepare specifications and design for waterborne restroom/showerhouse building and playground.
2. Arrange with the local electric utility provider to serve the park with electrical service.
3. Arrange with the local public water provider for a meter at the county road where park road intersects.
4. Purchase and install the waterline into the park.
5. Provide guidance and oversight to the partner in preparing site for the restroom/showerhouse and guidance for assembling the playground.
6. Maintain all facilities within Silver Creek Park.

The Partner(s) will:

1. Provide funds for the prefabricated waterborne restroom/showerhouse building, its sanitary facilities, foundation, its placement on site, and provide funds for playground.
2. Utilize information provided by the Corps to purchase restroom/showerhouse building and playground.
3. Provide labor for playground assembly.

Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Alabama River Lakes Multi-Purpose Project

Work Project Title: Silver Creek Park Improvements

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Location on Project:

Partner Organization 1: Clarke County Commission

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Partner Organization 2:

POC Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone:

Partner Organization 3:

POC Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone:

Proposed start date of work: Feb-11

Simple description of work to be accomplished through the partnership: Improvements to Silver Creek Park, including water and electrical service, a showerhouse/restroom building, and a playground.

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	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Total
Salaries	\$11,911	N/A	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$31,911
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Equipment Use	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$7,500	\$260,000	\$0	\$0	\$267,500
Total	\$11,911	\$25,000	\$280,000	\$0	\$0	\$316,911
Share of Total Cost	3.8%	7.9%	88.4%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Explanations: The "Other" for Handshake Funds will be used for O&M contract labor for waterline installation and guidance to our partner on other facilities to be constructed. The "Other" for the Partner is broken down as showerhouse/restroom pre-fabricated building-\$170,000; playground-\$60,000; sanitary facilities & foundation for restroom building-\$30,000.