

Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2011 Recipients

1. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Black Warrior & Tombigbee/Alabama-Coosa Project

2. Handshake Project Name: West Alabama Birding Trail

3. What has been accomplished? Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:

	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	\$25,000
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$8439.75
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries	\$2,300.00
2 Alabama Tourism Department	\$43,641.00
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 Program enables rangers and managers to complete projects, which our normal budgets will not allow, that will benefit the public as well as our natural surroundings. It also allows us to teach the importance of caring for your environment and teaching others to do the same.

B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement: This Agreement allowed us to form a relationship, as well as, a Partnership with other local organizations and people. This relationship will allow us to be a part of many new projects in the future as well as teaching the public more about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the opportunities we can provide for recreational purposes.

C. Recommendations: This is a great benefit to the public as well as to all organizations. It is a tool that should continue to be provided for the improvement of our resources.



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List of expenses for Challenge Partnership Agreement for the West Alabama Birding Trail

McMaster Carr	\$84.37
Materials for metal brochure boxes	
Sabel Steel Service, Inc.	\$719.80
Materials for metal brochure boxes	
Lowe's	\$838.00
Materials for trail entrance fencing	
Dozier Hardware	\$2,899.20
Material for kiosks	
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Material for benches and kiosks	
Helena Chemical Co.	\$2,496.50
Materials for spraying trails	
Tractor Supply Co.	\$159.92
Materials for trail maintenance	
Belson Outdoors, Inc.	\$1,387.00
Prefabricated benches for trail	
Fleming Photography	\$1,344.00
Historical Photograph's for trail	
Total:	12,828.37



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**REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF**

Anne Cross
Demopolis Site Office
384 Resource Management Drive
Demopolis, Alabama 36732

Anne,

Your sign order for your interpretative trail signs was placed and funds received in the amount of \$12,151.

We appreciate your business and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Scott Rice
Kansas City District
Sign Program Manager

Date	Activity	Staff & Duration
4.28.2010	Planning meeting with Pam Swanner of Ghostwriters Communications, Inc.	Chip & Diane (1.5 hrs)
1.11.2011	Grant Awarded	
2.8.2011	Worked on Challenge Partnership Agreement (CAP)	Diane (3 hrs)
2.11.2011	Meeting with new organizers Nissa & Joe with University of Alabama, Economics Department	Chip, Brandon & Diane (1 hr)
3.29.2011	Planning meeting	Chip, Brandon & Diane (1 hr)
4.12.2011	Worked on CAP	Diane (2 hrs)
5.2.2011	Submitted CAP to OC, spoke with Joe Givhan who had minimal changes	Diane (30 min)
5.9.2011	Spoke with Partners & put Agreement in mail to ADCNR	Diane (30 min)
5.18.2011	Spoke with M. Sasser and made Requested changes	Diane (1 hr)
7.19.2011	Spoke with K. Teaque (ATD) and made suggested changes	Diane (30 min)
8.22.2011	Made additional changes to CAP as requested by OC – J. Givhan	Diane (1 hr)
9.28.2011	Received copy of signed Agreement from District, forwarded to M. Hosey	
12.2.2011	Tour of Demopolis parks involved with WABT	Ben, Chip & Brandon (6hrs) Diane (5 hrs)
12.14.2011	Meeting on UA campus	Chip, Brandon, Ben & I (1.5 hrs)
2.3.2012	Meeting at The University Club.	Ben & I (1.5 hrs)
2.15.2012	Meeting at Demopolis to discuss signage	Diane, Ben, Chip & Anne (1.5 hrs)
3.20.2012	Meeting at Lake Lurleen State Park	Chip, Ben & Diane (2 hrs)

5.8.2012	Meeting at the Tom Beville Center	Diane, Ben, Chip & Brandon (1.5 hrs)
7.10.2012	Meeting at the University Club	Diane, Ben & Chip (1.5 hrs)

Corps Salaries = \$8439.75

Site Supervisor Larry E. Dixon worked approximately 16 hours at \$61.38 per hour = \$982.08

Assistant Supervisor Brandon Smith worked approximately 11 hours at \$61.38 per hour = \$675.18

Park Ranger Diane Gruman worked approximately 53 hours at \$61.38 per hour = \$3,253.14

Park Ranger Ben Sherrod worked approximately 15.5 hours at \$61.38 per hour = \$951.39

Park Ranger Anne Cross worked approximately 42 hours at \$61.38 per hour = \$2577.96

Travel

Travel by Corps staff to 10 meetings with 2 vehicles needed to travel to each meeting, vehicle value \$9.23 per day for a total of \$184.60

Travel for Demopolis vehicle is approximately 1,300 miles traveled at \$.20/mile = \$260.00

Travel for Holt vehicle is approximately 350 miles traveled at \$.20/mile = \$70.00

Total of \$514.60 for Corps employees for travel

Eastern Wild Turkey – *Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*

The wild turkey has made a remarkable comeback in North America from what many considered the road to extinction. Due to restoration efforts by state game agencies and many other entities, wild turkeys now number over 5.4 million. Viable populations exist in every state, except Alaska. Alabama boast one of the largest populations in the country with an estimated number of 500,000 birds.





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West Alabama Birding Trail

Spillway Falls Park



Belted Kingfisher



Carolina Chickadee



Osprey



Painted Bunting



Tufted Titmouse



Red-Tailed Hawk



Eastern Bluebird



Double-Crested Cormorant



Great Blue Heron



Red-Shouldered Hawk



Wood Stork



Northern Cardinal



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Forkland Park



Blue Jay



Wood Duck



Carolina Chickadee



Tufted Titmouse



Eastern Bluebird



Northern Cardinal



Red-Headed Woodpecker



Painted Bunting



Belted Kingfisher



Barred Owl



Red-Winged Blackbird



Wilson's Warbler