

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

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Corps Lake/Project Name:**Philpott Lake**

Handshake Proposal Title:**Twin Ridge Fishing Tournament Central**

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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 purpose of this partnership is to provide an infrastructure that will support boaters, fishing boaters and fishing tournaments of up to 80 boats.

The base project is to provide the needed docks and parking needs identified as the highest priority, with an anticipated physical cost of \$112,000 and \$4,000 of coordination salary, for a total cost of \$116,000. This will meet the basic needs of the fishing tournaments currently using the lake, and the needs of those fishing tournaments that have left Philpott Lake in the absence of these facilities.

However, a vault toilet, picnic shelter and re-activating an existing potable water well have also been identified as future needs. Virginia State DGIF has agreed to consider expanding their contribution to this partnership as funds allow. So, the project may grow with additional partnership dollars to a total physical cost of as much as \$200,000 and \$4,000 of coordination salary.

This agreement will enable partnering with local fishing/boating/tournament associations, sport fishermen, Franklin County Parks and Recreation, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) and the Corps of Engineers to enhance Twin Ridge Park, currently an under-utilized recreation area, to better accommodate boaters, and allow fishing tournaments to use the site as a launch and weigh-in site for. The creation of this infrastructure will allow fishing tournaments to be centered out of Twin Ridge Park, thereby alleviating use conflict issues between tournament fishermen and non participating boaters whenever large fishing tournaments (50 boats or more) are conducted. The goal is to have the best of both worlds by enhancing facilities to better accommodate tournament fishing while assuring all boaters, whether tournament participants or not, do not experience inconveniently long delays launching or retrieving/trailing boats during fishing tournaments. Twin Ridge will remain available to non-tournament boaters during fishing tournaments on a space-available basis.

The local community (Martinsville and Henry County Virginia) is an economically depressed area that has experienced double digit unemployment over the past decade - currently at 19%. Visitation at Philpott Lake averages 650,000 visits per year, bringing \$14.5 Million to the communities within 30 miles of the lake, using the Corps' "Value to the Nation" figure of \$22.15 per visit in local economic impact. Fishing tournaments are a significant part of Philpott Lake's contribution to local tourism and therefore the local economy. However, a few tournaments have already abandoned Philpott Lake, and more tournament directors have indicated that they are looking for other venues, given Philpott Lake's insufficient infrastructure to accommodate them. Efforts to keep tournament directors from looking to host tournaments elsewhere are essential in aligning with local entities to improve the area's economic outlook, and will be fully available at other times.

SUSTAINABILITY: Facilities installed as a result of this collaborative effort will last over 30 years without extensive maintenance. Twin Ridge Park is part of the current Philpott Lake O&M service contract therefore sustainability of this tournament-friendly park will not place substantially greater commitment on financial resources than currently exist.

PARTNERSHIP VALUE: This project will be a collaborative venture between Friends of Philpott Lake, Franklin County Parks and Recreation, Virginia State Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), and

the Corps of Engineers (Philpott Lake), with B.A.S.S. providing consultation. Franklin County Parks and Recreation will provide funds of \$50,000, and coordination salaries of \$1,000. The VA DGIF will contribute \$35,000, plus \$1,000 in coordination salaries, with the possibility of more, should funding be available and this project warrant more attention through the DGIF's prioritization process. Bass Masters will provide valuable consultation to assure the final product will meet the needs of the boaters and fishers. The input from fishermen and various fishing groups in the development of a one-of-a-kind fishing tournament event center on the lake and the potential segue for future partnering ventures with the local fishing community is priceless.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP VALUE: Environmental stewardship practices at Philpott Lake underscore the sound principles to which the Corps of Engineers ascribes. Emphasis is placed on managing and conserving our natural resources while providing quality public outdoor recreation experiences within carrying capacities. Establishing a premier tournament launch and weigh-in site will allow us to better manage heavy boat launching and retrieval activity during tournaments, and minimize adverse impacts to environmental features attributable to overcrowding or excessive use of facilities.

RECREATION BENEFITS: While the primary impetus behind this project is to provide infrastructure to meet the needs of fishing tournaments, it will also be of tremendous value to other boaters and fishers on the lake. A tremendous benefit will be reducing pressure on other ramps around the lake.

VETERAN GROUP INVOLVEMENT: Both the DAV and the VFW have stated that they are anxious to work with us, realizing that better boating access and improved facilities for boating and fishing tournaments are in the best interest of veterans, who fish the lake and enter tournaments regularly. Our VFW contact is Doug Stewart of Bassett, 276-629-1449, and our DAV contact is Marc Thomas of Bassett, 276-629-5935.

Communication and education are paramount in this partnership to assure that tournament participants recognize the convenience and centrality of Twin Ridge Park as the site-of-choice for fishing tournaments. Therefore, input from fishing tournament directors and area fishermen have been, and will continue to be, solicited for every stage of development from conceptual plans to construction. Design ideas will be explored through local fishing organization networks. Lessons learned by other organizations, agencies, or Corps projects involved with a similar undertaking will be applied.

The Corps will:

provide the labor and materials to establish parking for 80 vehicles pulling boat trailers, and to build the abutment bulkheads to anchor handling dock at the ramp and courtesy dock to the east side of the Twin Ridge point with project O&M funds. The Corps will use Handshake Partnership funding to match partner funding to purchase and install all elements of this effort. The staff at Philpott Lake will provide central coordination for the development and execution of this effort.

The Partner(s) will:

provide funding and consultation for the project. The County of Franklin, Virginia has officially offered \$50,000 for the purchase of docks. Virginia DGIF has promised \$35,000, and may be able to come up with more once they go through their application process with new FY dollars. We have also been promised advisory and consultation support by B.A.S.S. through Bassmasters (on our list of national MOU's) and Anglers Choice, a local boat dealership that coordinates fishing tournaments in our area.

Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet
Challenge Partnership Agreement Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Philpott Lake

Work Project Title: Twin Ridge Fishing Tournament Central

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Address: 1058 Philpott Dam Rd City: Bassett State: VA Zip Code: 24055

Telephone: 276-629-4512

Location on Project: Twin Ridge Park, Philpott Lake, Franklin County, Bassett, Va

Partner Organization 1: County of Franklin, Virginia

POC Name: Michael D. Burnette, Director Commerce & Leisure Services

Address: 1255 Franklin St, Suite 112 City: Rocky Mount State: VA Zip Code: 24151

Telephone: 540-483-3030

Partner Organization 2: Commonwealth of Virginia, Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries

POC Name: James Adams

Address: 4010 W Broad St City: Richmond State: VA Zip Code: 23230

Telephone: 804-367-0183

Partner Organization 3: B.A.S.S.

POC Name: Christopher Bowes

Address: City: Orlando State: FL Zip Code:

Telephone: 407-566-2492

Partner Organization 4: VFW

POC Name: Doug Stewart

Address: 1191 Longview Dr City: Bassett State: VA Zip Code: 24055

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Partner Organization 5: DAV

POC Name: Marc Thomas

Address: 250 White Pine Rd City: Bassett State: VA Zip Code: 24055

Telephone: 276-629-5935

Partner Organization 6: Anglers Choice

POC Name: Nick Loganadan

Address: 6771 A.L. Philpott Highway City: Martinsville State: VA Zip Code: 24112

Telephone: 276-632-5600

Proposed start date of work: Coordination has already begun, with work to begin on the ground by February of 2011

Simple description of work to be accomplished through the partnership: The \$25,000 handshake partnership grant will be used toward providing the parking and partially build bulkheads/abutments for dock systems. Funds from the State (\$35,000) and County (\$50,000) Partners will purchase the two dock systems and fund the rest of the bulkheads/abutments. B.A.S.S. and Anglers Choice will provide consultation to assure that the end product meets fishing tournament and boaters needs.

Challenge Partnership Agreement Financial Work Sheet (continued)

Double click on spreadsheet to access data entry fields:

	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Partner 4	Partner 5	Partner 6	Total
Salaries	\$2,000	N/A	\$0	\$1,000	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$4,000
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,000
Equipment Use	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$4,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$36,000	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$116,000
Share of Total Cost	3.4%	21.6%	43.1%	31.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	100%

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Plenty of Room for Parking Boat Trailers



With very little clearing, gravel and field marking, there is room for 80 vehicles with boat trailers.

With the Right Dock to Allow Tying Up for Weigh-in



(Concept Drawing – actual design will be developed in consultation with tournament organizers)