

## Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2012 Recipients

**1. Name of Corps Project/Lake:** Stockton Lake

**2. Handshake Project Name:** Crabtree Cove Multi-Use Trail

**3. What has been accomplished?** Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:  
A 3.1 mile multi-use trail open to hikers, bikers, walkers, runners and nature lovers within the 168 acre Crabtree Cove Recreation Area. The trail was designed, mapped and constructed through an effort between Corps personnel and volunteers from the Missouri State Parks, Stockton Community Foundation and other local volunteers. Corps personnel hosted several volunteer trail work days where volunteers from multiple groups assisted in corridor clearing, hazard limb/tree removal and flagging of the future trail. Actual trail construction was conducted by Corps personnel and volunteers from the Stockton American Legion. Once the trail was roughed in, volunteers from multiple groups and Corps personnel worked together over a period of two work weeks to complete surfacing work, install gates, benches, mile markers and kiosks throughout the trail system. The trail officially opened to the public, including an additional two loops, in the Spring of 2013. All trail material, signage, benches and kiosks was funded through handshake funds.

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Handshake Program Funding Amount</b>	\$25,000
<b>Local Corps Office Funds</b> (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$22,000
<b>Partner's Contributions</b> (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
<b>Partners Name</b>	<b>Total Value of Contributions</b>
1 Stockton Community Foundation	\$4,300.00
2 Stockton R-1 School	\$1,700.00
3 Stockton American Legion Post # 230	\$19,300.00
4 Missouri State Parks (Stockton)	\$2,000.00
5 Agape' Boarding School	\$6,000.00
6 Boy Scout Troop 78 and 2858	\$2,500.00
7 Student Teen Empowerment Project	\$1,000.00
8 Citizens Memorial Healthcare	\$2,500.00
9 Mike Holzknacht Law Office	\$5,000.00
10 Office of the Cedar County Prosecuting Attorney	\$1000.00
11 Cedar County Memorial Hospital Exercise Center	\$500.00
12 Stockton Area Chamber of Commerce	\$500.00
13 Cedar County Republican Newspaper	\$1,500.00
14 Joes Cabins at Stockton Lake	\$1,000.00

#### **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 is an excellent way to foster partnerships and help to grow partnerships with other agencies and organizations both within and outside the community. The Crabtree Cove Multi-Use Trail would not have been possible without the Handshake Program seed money from Headquarters. Since the addition of the trail we have seen our visitation grow by 20% in the area. Not only is it a great way to help showcase our lake project, but also demonstrates what can be accomplished when groups work together towards a goal within the community.

**B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement:** Working with large groups to complete a project can sometimes be a challenge. However, the Crabtree Cove Multi-Use Trail project was not the case. Multiple groups and volunteers came together to work on this project and it is truly a great success story within the Stockton Lake Community and in the Kansas City District.

**C. Recommendations:** No recommendations - keep up the great work with the Handshake Program.

#### **5. Handshake Summary:**

Please also include a separate one-page newspaper type article describing the project and the benefit to the Corps of Engineers and to the public as a result of this partnership project. Examples can be found on the gateway under Handshake Success Stories.

## Crabtree Cove Multi – Use Trail – Stockton Lake

Thanks to a Handshake Partnership agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District – Stockton Lake, and multiple organizations and groups, Stockton Lake is now home to a 3.1 Mile Multi-Use Trail.

Located between Crabtree Cove Campground and The Stockton Dam, the Crabtree Cove Trail was officially opened to the public in the spring of 2013. Since its opening it has been a huge hit with bikers, hikers, walkers, runners and nature lovers. The trail is nestled within the Crabtree Cove 145 – acre recreation area, which is owned and operated by the Corps.



### It's a Team Effort

The Stockton Lake office partnered with multiple groups and agencies including the following, Stockton Community Foundation, Stockton R-1 School District, Stockton American Legion Post # 230, Missouri State Parks, Agape' Boarding School, Boy Scout Troop 2858, Student Teen Empowerment Project, Citizens Memorial Healthcare, Mike Holzknecht Law Office, Office of the Cedar County Prosecuting Attorney, The Cedar County Memorial Hospital Exercise Center, Stockton Area Chamber of Commerce, The Cedar County Republican and Joe's Cabins to design and construct the trail and to apply for the Handshake Partnership funding.

USACE- Headquarters rated the applications based on several key factors including: Recreational Benefit, Partnership Value, Communication and Educational Value, Sustainability, Innovativeness and Environmental Stewardship Value. The proposed Multi-Use Trail exceeded all of the criteria. In May 2012, the Corps Headquarters awarded Stockton Lake \$25,000 in federal funds as a source of seed money to complete the trail. The partnering groups and agencies matched the grant by donating an additional \$27,000 in volunteer efforts and an additional \$7,000 in materials and supplies toward the project.



Volunteers like Kathie Rieder, President of the Stockton Community Foundation and Stockton area resident, helped with the design and construction of the trail. Rieder said “The Corps has been outstanding to work with and did a great job in coordinating the project. It was wonderful to be part of such an exciting partnership that will benefit the entire community and lake.”

Other Volunteers like Mike Holzknecht, Mike Holzknecht Law Office and Stockton Trail User, helped in getting the initiative off the ground. Holzknecht said “The trail will play a vital role in the community and the lake to ensure the health and recreational vitality of our community for generations to follow.”

Before:



During:



After:

