

## Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2013 Recipients

**1. Name of Corps Project/Lake:** Clarence Cannon Dam & Mark Twain Lake

**2. Handshake Project Name:** Indian Creek Multi-Use Trail

**3. What has been accomplished?**

The Indian Creek Multi-Use Trail has been constructed, forming a safe and attractive connection between two campgrounds and the Indian Creek Beach. This trail will serve hikers and bicyclists as well as visitors to the special events held in the area.

	<b>Total</b>
<b>Handshake Program Funding Amount</b>	\$21,000
<b>Local Corps Office Funds</b> (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$21,500
<b>Partner's Contributions</b> (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Whitetails Unlimited	\$15,253
2 Western Illinois University	\$4,745.54
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 provides a great alternative funding source to accomplish projects that are in high demand from partners and visitors to USACE recreation facilities.

**B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement:** The flexibility of the program made it possible to accomplish the proposed project through meaningful cooperation with all of the involved parties.

**C. Recommendations:** This program should continue to receive support as it is one of the best ways to secure additional funding for high value projects.

## Indian Creek Multi-Use Trail Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake 2013 Handshake Partnership Program

In an effort to improve the diversity of recreational activities in the Indian Creek Recreation Area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) partnered with Whitetails Unlimited and Western Illinois University (WIU) to develop a new multi-use trail system. The first phase of this project has been completed with a 1.4 mile trail system connecting the East and West campgrounds and the swimming beach located in the Indian Creek area. This trail is open to hiking and biking and provides a safe way to travel between the campgrounds and the beach.



WIU students and faculty provided the initial layout for routing the trail. The selected route was created with considerations to limit maintenance requirements while providing a scenic path. Students also assisted in clearing the way for the trail by removing trees and brush.

Additional clearing was accomplished by Whitetails Unlimited. They were instrumental in making sure the path was clear and free of debris so that USACE employees could begin to smooth the base for the final trail surface material to be applied.



Funding from the Handshake Partnership Program was used to purchase the rock needed to create the solid surface of the trail. A base layer of one inch rock was put in place and then covered with a layer of finely crushed limestone to provide an exemplary surface for bicycling and hiking. The rock was put in place by USACE employees and contractors.

The completed trail enhances recreation in the Indian Creek Area and stands as a testament to the significant contributions of the community surrounding Mark Twain Lake.

### Contributing Partners:



U.S. Army Corps  
Of Engineers

