

Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2013 Recipients

1. Name of Corps Project/Lake: NWK Rathbun Lake

2. Handshake Project Name: Rathbun Lake North Shore Trail

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

| | Total |
|---|------------------------------|
| Handshake Program Funding Amount | \$30,000 |
| Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)? | \$38,898 |
| Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.) | |
| Partners Name | Total Value of Contributions |
| 1 Iowa Dep. of Natural Resources | \$12,414 |
| 2 Appanoose County Trails | \$14,820 |
| 3 Rathbun Snow Riders | \$10,924 |
| 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: Handshake Program was extremely beneficial in meeting objectives of the Challenge Partnership Agreement.

B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement: C.P.A provide a long term platform for providing long term enduring committed partnering activities/objectives on public lands. They also provide an avenue for mutual achievements/objectives for the Corps and Partner.

C. Recommendations: For all of the reasons stated in A. and B.

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.

Rathbun Lake North Shore Trail



North Shore Trail Dedication April 2012

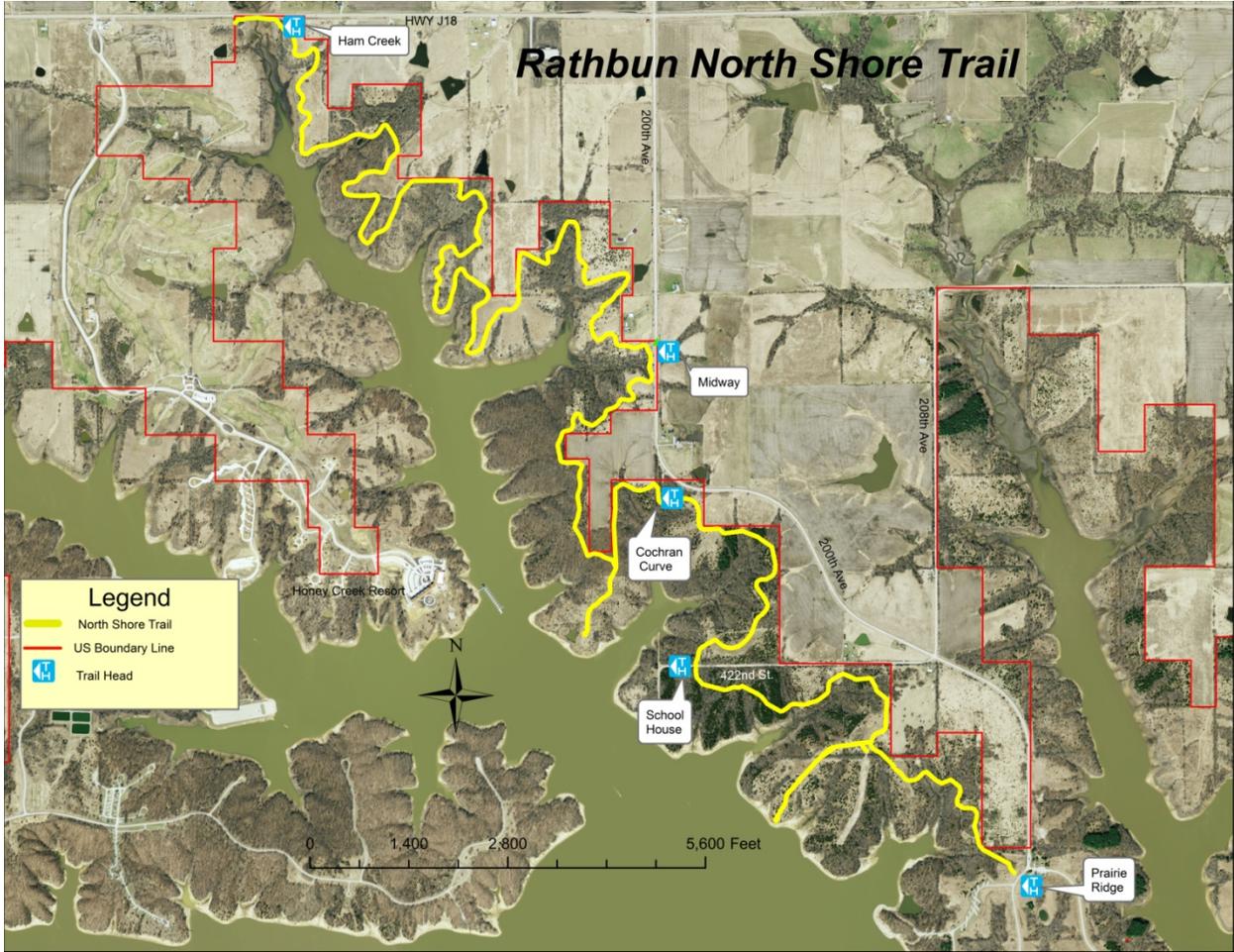
Appanoose County Trails Partner at work



The North Shore Trail is the result of long term dedication and commitment to providing additional outdoor recreational opportunities for the Rathbun Lake Visitor. The Corps of Engineers as the Land Manager have entered into a Partnership Agreement with Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Appanoose County Trails, Inc. and the Rathbun Snow Riders, Inc. The Partnership Agreement includes mowing and trail maintenance in addition to amenities such as informative kiosks, mileage markers, and trail side benches.

The mainspring of the 8 mile Rathbun Lake North Shore Trail is the Challenge Partnership Agreement, signed in November 2011 between the Corps and the following partners, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Appanoose County Trails, Inc, and Rathbun Snow Riders, Inc. The 25 year Challenge Partnership Agreement forges both the long term partnership commitment of maintaining the eight mile multi-use trail for walking, hiking, biking, snowmobiling, birders, wildlife viewing, nature enthusiasts and geocaching and the annual O & M work activities of trail rock purchases, placement of trail rock, mowing trail heads and snowmobile trail, maintenance of trail, signage, trail litter pick up and monitoring, installation of trail amenities including trail benches, kiosks, and trail side interpretive panels. In addition the Partners have continued to promote the multiuse trail through brochure and map development as well as special events on the trail. Additional trail rock was purchased in 2014. The placement of the rock completes the 8 mile trail stretching from Prairie Ridge Park Area to Honey Creek Resort Park.

Four trail heads along the 8 mile rock trail connect at Prairie Ridge Park Area, two boundary access points, a wetland viewing area, and main trail head adjacent to Honey Creek Resort Park. Additional items such as two kiosks will be placed at two trail heads and trail map development for kiosks and distributed to communities, visitors, and groups are being developed. Trail benches have been placed along the trail. Outdoor interpretive panels are planned to showcase wise stewardship of natural resources – wetlands, prairie restoration/relicts, native woodlands, wildlife habitat on these 620 acres of natural resource compartment.



Rathbun North Shore Trail
Handshake Partnership Program
FY13 - Issued
November 2014 Narrative

Partners:

Appanoose County Trails
Rathbun Snow Riders
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

The 8 mile Rathbun Lake North Shore Trail has produced positive results from its three partners. Established by a 25 year Challenge Partnership Agreement and empowered by the Handshake Agreement, the Partners have provided valued routine O & M activities that have provided a great natural resource for outdoor activities in addition to stewardship activities on public lands.

Under the auspice of a 25 year Challenge Partnership Agreement, the Handshake Partnership Program has encouraged and cultivated a positive relationship between the Corps of Engineers and the Partners. The Partners have provided valued Partnership Contributions for routine O & M activities, minor trail maintenance, and development of trail map for placement in four trail head kiosks and for public distribution. The Partners have promoted the use and “development” of the trail at community gatherings and activities, on-trail outdoor activities: bike rides, walk/run events, geo caching, bird watching, snow mobile use, health fitness forums, and community events/celebrations.

Partnership support

In FY14, Iowa Department of Natural Resources provided labor and equipment towards trail maintenance amounting to \$12,414 (17%), Appanoose County Trails provided minor trail maintenance, trail monitoring, brochure/map development, overseeing special trail events, purchasing trail rock, and promoting trail use in many venues amounting to \$14,820 (19%), and Rathbun Snow Riders provided trail maintenance, train mowing, and sign placement amounting to \$10,924 (14%). The Handshake Funding for FY14 enabled the Corps to purchase 1561 ton of Class A rock, concrete pads for trail benches, and an additional trail access kiosk amounting to \$29,974.52 (50%). The remaining four miles of the trail was completed with the purchased Class A rock laid with hired labor. The Rathbun North Shore Trail is completely rocked connecting the Honey Creek Resort Park to Prairie Ridge Park.