

Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2014 Recipients

- 1. Name of Corps Project/Lake:** Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake
- 2. District / Division of Corps Project/Lake:** St. Louis District, Mississippi Valley Division
- 3. Handshake Project Name:** Frank Russell Pond Barrier Free Access and Fishing Facility
- 4. What has been accomplished?** Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:
Handshake Partnership Program provided the funds to develop barrier free access and fishing facilities at the Frank Russell Recreation Area Pond, featuring 280' of ADA compliant sidewalks, three paved fishing pads, an aquatic landscape feature, and shoreline armorment. The development supports our community commitment, advances collaborative initiatives, fulfills customer demands, and promotes quality outdoor experiences.

	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	\$25,000.00
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$4,998.35
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Mark Twain Lake FOREST Council	\$14,968.74
2	\$
3	\$
4	\$
5	\$
6	\$

5. 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: This program is a great opportunity for the Corps of Engineers to demonstrate their commitment to the community.

B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement: This is a tremendous resource to strengthen our partnerships, and to create new opportunities. Partners feel they are engaged, and see value in our collaborative efforts.

C. Recommendations: Please continue the program. It provides the projects a mechanism to develop recreational and enviromental assets that normally could not be accomplished.

6. 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.



Frank Russell Pond Barrier Free Fishing Access Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake 2014 Handshake Partnership Program



Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake collaborated with the Mark Twain Lake Friends of Recreation and Environmental Stewardship (FOREST) Council to construct the Frank Russell Pond Barrier Free Access and Fishing Facility.

Recognizing an opportunity to meet the needs of outdoor enthusiasts utilizing the Frank Russell Pond, the FOREST Council supported the development of 280 feet of ADA compliant concrete sidewalk, three paved fishing pads, and an aquatic landscape feature. In addition, the project addressed the remediation of 500 feet of shoreline impacted by wave erosion.

Grant resources received from the Handshake Partnership Program funded construction of the concrete sidewalk, fishing pads, and limestone armorment. The FOREST Council provided materials, equipment and labor to plant 45 trees, establish grade along sidewalk, and construct the aquatic landscape feature. A Challenged Partnership Agreement was enacted January 2014, which formalized the commitment of the Mark Twain Lake FOREST Council to contribute to the community.

The project commenced in August 2014 when Corps of Engineers IDIQ contractors installed a new water control pipe, and began the erosion remediation along the shoreline. September 2014 yielded the completion of the sidewalk and accessible fishing pads by Corps of Engineers IDIQ contractors.



Back Country Horsemen and Hannibal FFA Installing Benches

A massive work effort was coordinated for September 27, 2014, in conjunction with National Public Lands Day to complete the project. Members of the Mark Twain Lake FOREST Council, Show Me Missouri Back Country Horsemen, Hannibal FFA Chapter, and area Boy Scouts converged on Frank Russell to plant 45 trees, construct the aquatic landscape feature, install benches, and perform the backfill and grade work along the sidewalk and fishing pads.

The contributions and involvement of over 100 community partners made it possible for Mark Twain Lake to offer a quality recreational facility, and will enhance the services offered to our visiting public.



Sidewalk and Fishing Pad