

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fiscal Year 2016
Handshake Program Application**

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Corps Lake/River Project Name: **Perry Lake Project**
District / Division: **Kansas City (NWK), Northwest (NWD)**
Handshake Proposal Title: **Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond**
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A. Checklist:

1. Will the Handshake funds be spent on Corps facilities and resources that are being fully maintained by the Corps? Yes No
 2. Will the Challenge Partnership agreement be 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 lake project OMP? Yes No
 4. Have all of the NEPA requirements been considered for this project? Yes No
 5. Did you participate in a Handshake Webinar in 2015 or review a 2015 Handshake Webinar on the Gateway? Yes No
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B. Handshake Funding Request (maximum \$30,000): \$19,000

C. Cooperating Association Agreement Bonus: Challenge Partnerships that include a Cooperating Association with which your project/district has entered into a Cooperating Association Agreement are eligible to compete for an additional \$5000. Do NOT include a copy of that agreement with this application. A copy may be requested if not already provided to the Partnership Team. (Reference Chapter 9 of ER and EP 1130-2-500 for information on cooperating associations).

This application qualifies for the Cooperating Association Bonus funding.

D. Incentive Points Category: Check the appropriate box if your application qualifies to receive bonus points on the evaluation score. The first category is for the partner contribution meeting or exceeding 70% of total project costs. A summary of the partners' contribution to the Handshake Project should be included in the financial worksheet below. The second category is for Lake or River Projects that have never been chosen as Handshake recipients.

Partner contribution total is 70% or greater (100 points).

This Lake/River Project has never received Handshake funding (100 points).

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.

Summary Statement of Handshake Project:

The Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond is a project to reconstruct an existing pond located below Perry Lake to create a 1.5 acre kids fishing/interpretive area. The existing pond predates Perry Lake, does not hold enough water to sustain a viable ecosystem, has become overgrown with woody plants, and is in dire need of the water control structure being replaced. Work to reconstruct the pond will consist of removing overgrown trees and brush, removing and replacing the outlet water control structure, and removing sediment from the pond. Additional work on the pond will include walking trail construction, fish habitat construction, tree planting, ADA accessible dock construction, lifejacket loaner board, and interpretive trail signs. A number of partners have become interested in joining in on the efforts to develop the kids fishing area that would help ensure the recreational vitality of the community and visitors for generations to come.

Longevity / Sustainability description:

Restructuring the water control structure of the Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond, along with removing sedimentation will create the size and depth of water necessary to sustain a healthy fishery. Fish will be stocked and monitored under KDWP&T fishery biologists to sustain a viable fish population. The pond is surrounded by mature hay fields that will prevent any erosion and sedimentation into the pond. The pond reconstruction will have a minimum lifespan of 50 years. The dock structure will be set on concrete pillars keeping the dock decking out of the water, creating a minimum lifespan of 25 years. A quarter mile trail around the pond will be tied into the existing two mile Delaware Marsh Trail that is already maintained by volunteers. Additional small maintenance work would be facilitated by our partners and volunteers.

Partnership Value:

A majority of the project partners are located in and around the county. Their investment solidifies their commitment in the local community. Numerous partners will be able to use the Outlet Park Kid's Fishing Pond for youth fishing derbies and other educational fishing and water safety events. The value of the project to the partners will perpetuate with the continued investment they will have in the Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond. The following is a list of partner contributions:

- The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism local fisheries biologist will initially stock the pond for fish and periodically as needed.
- King's Construction will do the survey and engineer work required to determine the scope of work necessary to reconstruct the pond.
- Safe Kid's of Topeka, KS will be funding a life jacket loaner board with water safety information.
- Delaware Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) will be funding interpretive signs for the walking trail.
- KS Trails Council will be surveying and volunteering in trail construction.
- Hamm's Quarry will be contributing aggregate for fish habitat as well as rock for parking areas, trail, and other areas as needed.
- Westar Energy Green Team will be contributing all supplies and materials for a dock, volunteering time to construct the dock, and equipment use for removal of woody brush and trees from around the pond.
- Agri Drain will be contributing the water control structure and drain pipe necessary for the pond dam.
- Flint Hills Bass Association (FHBA) will be contributing fish habitat structures as well as the volunteer work required for installation.
- Cabelas will be contributing fishing give-aways for the grand opening fishing derby as well as advertising for the Outlet Park Kid's Fishing Pond and event.
- Fishings Future will be volunteering time to organize and run the grand opening fishing derby.

Recreational Benefit:

The Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond will provide universal access to introductory opportunities for kids to experience the sport of fishing and have a successful trip. Memories will be created here with family members, which will strike a love and bond with the outdoors, fostering young minds to a feeling of caring and stewardship for the land. In addition, the area will serve as a multi-functional and attractive visitor draw that will connect both local and regional users with recreational opportunities at Perry Lake. The project would create recreation opportunities for local schools, youth groups, hikers, bikers, and nature viewers, as this will tie into the already popular Delaware Marsh and trail system. The project will also be a venue for water safety, Every Kid in a Park, National Get Outdoors Day, National Public Lands Day events.

Environmental Stewardship Benefit:

The Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond will create a sustainable year-round body of water that is beneficial not only to the fish population, but all surrounding wildlife. The pond area will provide optimum feeding area for a variety of waterfowl. Constructed habitat boxes will create a home for Wood Ducks and Tree Swallows. Interpretive panels describing the ecosystem and animals involved will portray the Corps environmental stewardship mission. This project will provide the visiting public, the local community and the local schools opportunities to view study and develop an appreciation for environmental diversity. The low impact design will ensure the area has minimal footprint to the surrounding land, wildlife and vegetation. Overall, this project will enhance the users experience by creating and improving their connection between the fishing area, trails, lake and the environment increasing awareness and respect for our environmental stewardship responsibilities and goals.

Communication & Education Value:

At the Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond, kids will be actively engaged and educated on the Corps missions of Environmental Stewardship and Recreation. The tools utilized for communicating our missions will be through interpretive signage, water safety events, and special events held by our partners.

Cabelas, FHBA, Fishings Future will host educational demonstrations and seminars at the pond geared towards youth fishing. These partners have also pledged to provide exposure and advertisement for events we will hold at the pond. Delaware WRAPS will be providing interpretive signs for the trail illustrating the benefit of watershed management, fisheries management, and the different types of wildlife that can be found in the area. Safe Kids of Kansas will be providing a sign illustrating water safety, which will incorporate a lifejacket loaner board. The project can be considered a vehicle to connect visitors, the local community and schools to get outdoors to exercise, better view nature, identify local trees, plants and animals and encourage continued participation in fishing by developing skills in the children along with their parents.

Innovativeness:

The Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond will be the only resource of its kind in the local area offering universal access to fishing opportunities managed strictly for kids. The project offers new partnerships for Perry Lake with King's Construction, Westar Energy Green Team, Agri Drain, Flint Hills Bass Association, and Fishings Future. The project repurposes an existing feature at the lake by enhancing the pond and creating recreation, environmental and partnership benefits. The Perry Lake Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond will be a key part of the infrastructure of the lake and community. This developed Multi-Use Area will be the first of it's kind on Perry Project Lands and around the surrounding community.

Concluding statement:

The Outlet Park Kids Fishing Pond project will expand on the Perry Lake Corps of Engineer's relationship with the local community. We will create new partnerships as well as expand and build on existing partnerships. The project will offer an opportunity that currently does not exist locally, but has an expressed interest. Finally, the opportunities created by the construction of the project will fulfill both our natural resource and recreation missions.

Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Perry Lake Project

Work Project Title: Outlet Kids Fishing Pond

POC Name: Kyle Ruona, Natural Resource Specialist

Address: 10419 Perry Park Dr City: Perry State: KS Zip Code: 66073

Telephone: 816 - 389 - 3839 x

Location of Project: Outlet Park, Perry Lake

Partner Organization 1: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism

POC Name: Kirk Tjelmeland

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Telephone: 785 - 246 - 3449 x

Partner Organization 2: King's Construction

POC Name: Kent King

Address: 205 Walnut St City: Oskaloosa State: KS Zip Code: 66066

Telephone: 785 - 863 - 2534 x

Partner Organization 3: Safe Kids, Kansas

POC Name: Cherie Sage

Address: 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 230 City: Topeka State: KS Zip Code: 66612

Telephone: 785 - 296 - 1223 x

Partner Organization 4: Delaware WRAPS

POC Name: Melissa Arthur

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Telephone: 785 - 945 - 6292 x

Partner Organization 5: Kansas Trails Council

POC Name: Kevin Otterman

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Telephone: 913 - 240 - 0438 x

Partner Organization 6: Hamm's Quarry

POC Name: Ramón Gonzalez

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Partner Organization 7: Westar Green Team

POC Name: Ben Postlewait

Address: City: State: KS Zip Code:

Telephone: 785 - 221 - 5297 x

Partner Organization 8: Jefferson County Conservation District

POC Name: Cheli Lopez

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City: Oskaloosa

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Partner Organization 9: Agri Drain

POC Name: Brian Bauerkemper

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City: Adair

State: IA

Zip Code: 50020

Telephone: 641 - 742 - 5211 x

Partner Organization 10: Flint Hills Bass Association

POC Name: Larry Brumley

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City: Topeka

State: KS

Zip Code: 66605

Telephone: 785 - 249 - 3900 x

Partner Organization 11: Cabelas

POC Name: Larry Boswell

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City: Kansas City

State: KS

Zip Code: 66111

Telephone: 913 - 328 - 3108 x

Partner Organization 12: Boys Scout of America Troop 80

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City: Meriden

State: KS

Zip Code: 66512

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Partner Organization 13: Fishings Future

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Partner Organization 14:

POC Name:

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State:

Zip Code:

Telephone: - - x

Partner Organization 15:

POC Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Telephone: - - x

Double click on spreadsheet to access data entry fields and to enter Partner names:

	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	KDWP&T	King's	Safe Kids	Delaware WRAPS
Salaries	\$1,632	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$1,200	\$7,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$500
Equipment Use	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$2,832	\$19,000	\$5,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$500
Share of Total Cost	4.3%	28.7%	7.6%	3.0%	3.0%	0.8%

	KS Trails	Hamm's	Westar	JCCD	Agri Drain	FHBA
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,575
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Contributed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	\$369	\$0	\$3,000	\$1,107	\$0	\$369
In-Kind Services	\$369	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$738	\$8,000	\$18,000	\$1,107	\$1,000	\$1,944
Share of Total Cost	1.1%	12.1%	27.2%	1.7%	1.5%	3%

	Cabelas	BSA	Fishings Futures	Partner 14	Partner 15	Total
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,632
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$36,275
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,000
Funds Contributed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	\$0	\$2,215	\$554	\$0	\$0	\$7,614
In-Kind Services	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,569
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,200	\$2,215	\$554	\$0	\$0	\$66,090
Share of Total Cost	1.8%	3.4%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Explanations:

Map



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4

