

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

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Corps Lake/River Project Name: **Stockton Lake**

District / Division: **Kansas City / NWD**

Handshake Proposal Title: **Old Mill Outdoor Educational and Multi Use Area**

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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): \$30,000

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 Stockton Lake Project is a 24,700 surface acre project that is located on the western portion of the Missouri Ozarks and annually hosts a visitation of approximately 1.3 million visitors. The Project Office and Dam is located less than one mile from the City of Stockton. In 2014, the project received Handshake Funds to construct a 4.5 acre Kids Fishing Pond and 1.0 mile Nature Trail in the Old Mill area below the Stockton Dam. This area, known as the Old Mill Multi Use Area, has become extremely popular with school groups, underprivileged youth and visitors. The local school and our visitors have now expressed great interest in further developing this area to help further outdoor education to our youth. Further development includes a Shelter house for instructors/teachers to teach youth about the outdoors through interpretive programs and special events. In addition, the shelter house would be used by naturalists from the Missouri Department of Conservation to host programs on teaching the basics of fishing to under privileged youth during our annual Catch A Special Thrill (CAST) event. To go along with the shelter house, a larger parking lot for the increased use we have been receiving at the area would be constructed and an existing vault toilet for our users will also be installed.

This area also holds a baseball field that allows local teams, families and church groups to play baseball or softball. Due to the community not having an area with these opportunities, the Old Mill area has generated great excitement, interest and momentum within the community. A number of partners have become interested in joining in on the efforts to develop an outdoor educational area that would help ensure the health and recreational vitality of the community and visitors for generations to come.

Longevity / Sustainability description:

Once completed, the outdoor education Shelter house and associated area will be operated and maintained by Corps of Engineers volunteers from the Stockton School, the Stockton Community Foundation and the Stockton American Legion. This project will not only promote and support the Every Kid in a Park initiative, but it will also support the major goals of the Americas Great Outdoors Initiative. The estimated life expectancy of the shelter house, parking lot and vault toilet will adhere to all guidelines using sustainable principles with their estimated life expectancy being 30 years.

The educational area will be self sustaining with its life span being perpetual. This area will be of great benefit to the Corps by teaching improved environmental stewardship skills to our youth. It will also introduce them to the outdoors, the sport of fishing and how to make habitat improvements to our lands. The improvements in the area will be ADA compliant and provide access to all abilities.

In addition, this project sustains the Corps mission, helps to meet our recent Every Kid in a Park initiative, and includes a Veteran's Organization (Stockton American Legion Post 230) to leverage resources that would benefit the Corps, the Stockton School and ultimately - the Stockton Community.

Partnership Value:

This partnership is an important link that will finalize the Old Mill area. It takes aim on giving the youth the opportunity to learn, get involved, explore the outdoors and teaching them lifelong skills. It will give each interested youth the opportunity to learn from teachers, interpreters, naturalists and fishing experts in a setting that will allow them hands on experience at the existing kids fishing pond area and nature trail. The Corps of Engineers has successfully collaborated with these Partners in the past on major projects, including the Crabtree

Cove Multi Use Trail and the Old Mill Kids Fishing Pond and Nature Trail. All partnerships and partners have been extremely positive, built great momentum and provided great benefit to the Corps and to the Stockton Community. Currently, partners on this project have committed over \$65,000 in supplies and materials, which include concrete, fill dirt, base rock, grass seed and mulch, over 700 hours of volunteer labor hours to complete this project and to maintain this project. The estimated costs for this project include \$55,000 for supplies and materials for the outdoor education shelter, \$31,000 for supplies and materials to expand the existing parking lot and \$9,000 for the placement of an existing CXT Vault Toilet that will be removed from a campground that was recently closed under the National Recreation Adjustment Plan (NRAP). If selected for the Handshake Funds, Stockton Lake would use the money (\$30,000) for Materials and Supplies for the Outdoor Educational Shelter, fencing and Interpretive Signage to help educate its users. Overall, the Stockton Lake Old Mill Outdoor Educational Area Partners have committed over \$65,000 in materials and supplies, over 700 hours of volunteer labor, \$6,000 in equipment use and over \$7,000 of in kind-services. Therefore, if selected for the Handshake Funds the grant funding would provide a total project value of over \$106,000!

Recreational Benefit:

This project directly creates and supports recreation in a number of ways. The Old Mill Outdoor Education Area will not only enable the youth to learn about the environment and the outdoors, but also allow them to get involved, explore the outdoors and teach them lifelong skills. It will give each interested youth the chance to learn from teachers, interpreters, naturalists and fishing experts in a setting that will allow them hands on experience at the existing kids fishing pond area and nature trail. It will also serve as a method to display recreational opportunities on the lake and around the trails. In addition, it will expose children, who may not otherwise get the opportunity, to the sport of fishing, hiking, biking, camping and the enjoyment of the outdoors. Ultimately, more recreational opportunities and improved access to this area will mean higher visitation. Additional visitors create a positive economic impact, strengthening recreational growth and benefit to all.

Environmental Stewardship Benefit:

This project will provide youth, the visiting public, the local community and the local schools opportunities to go to an area that will support learning to increase our youth's awareness and respect for our environmental stewardship responsibilities and goals. In addition, it will provide the foundation for increasing youth, school and community involvement in the stewardship of Stockton Lake.

Communication & Education Value:

Communication and Education enhancement are key components of this project. The project can be considered a vehicle to encourage youth, the local community and schools to get outdoors and will bridge the growing disconnect between the next generation and the outdoors by creating valuable opportunities to learn, play and explore what the outdoors have to offer. The Outdoor Educational area will also provide its users the opportunity to not only, learn about the outdoors, but better view nature, identify local trees, plants and animals and encourage participation in sports by developing skills in the youth along with their parents. Various educational groups, including the Missouri Department of Conservation, Stockton R-1 Schools, and Catch A Special Thrill (C.A.S.T.) for Kids will be utilizing the area for youth events, such as the annual C.A.S.T event, annual Stockton Lake Great Outdoors Day and the annual Stockton Lake Earth Day – just to name a few. In addition, panels, Kiosks and signs located throughout the area will help in educating visitors about the importance of Stockton Lake, fitness, National Get Outdoors Day, The America's Great Outdoors Initiative, Every Kid in a Park and the numerous benefits of utilizing the Old Mill Area.

Innovativeness:

The Stockton Lake Old Mill Outdoor Education and Multi-Use Area will be a key part of the infrastructure of the lake and community. This developed Outdoor Education and Multi-Use Area will be the first of its kind on Stockton Project Lands and around the Stockton community. This project would allow Stockton Schools and their FFA Forestry Chapter to use the area for training in indentifying trees and plants. This project would also allow visitors and the local community to use the Outdoor Education and Multi-Use Area for fitness and health purposes. In addition, the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Stockton area C.A.S.T. organization would be hosting multiple fishing events throughout the year to expose children to the sport of fishing and the enjoyment of the outdoors. Overall, the Stockton Lake Old Mill Outdoor Education and Multi-Use Area will add health value to all, and will put the grant funding to innovative use by creating an area that will effectively help ensure the health and recreational vitality of our community and users for generations to come.

Concluding statement:

The Stockton Lake Project has been successful and grateful in receiving Handshake seed money in the past. This seed money has provided great momentum to complete some very important projects and to build relationships not only with partners, but also the community. If selected for the 2016 Handshake seed money it will allow us to complete the final complimentary phase to the Old Mill Area, which will also allow us to continue to build and foster the partnership relationships that we have developed with key partners and stakeholders. In addition, it will allow us to work with key educators to bridge the growing disconnect between our youth and the great outdoors by helping our educators and interpreters have a location and shelter to teach our youth.

The proposed shelter is a 30'x30' covered wooden structure similar to the one pictured below. The outdoor educational shelter will allow teachers, interpreters and youth a place to safely gather to learn and allow them hands on experience at the nearby kids fishing pond and nature trail.



Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Stockton Lake Project

Work Project Title: The Old Mill Outdoor Educational Area

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Location of Project: Stockton Lake Project – Old Mill Area

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Partner Organization 2: Stockton Community Foundation

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Partner Organization 3: Stockton Park Board

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Partner Organization 4: Stockton Lions Club

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Partner Organization 5: Stockton Summer Youth Foundation

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Partner Organization 6: Sac Osage Electric Cooperative

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Partner Organization 7: Ewing Concrete

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Partner Organization 10: Friends of RB (FORB)

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Partner Organization 11: Stockton R-1 Schools

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Partner Organization 12: Stockton Trails Initiative Coalition

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Partner Organization 13: Gene Brown – Retired Area Educator

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Partner Organization 14:

POC Name:

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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	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Partner 4
Salaries	\$5,000	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$500	\$0
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$2,307	\$1,107	\$0	\$1,000
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$5,000	\$30,000	\$3,307	\$5,107	\$500	\$1,000
Share of Total Cost	4.7%	28.2%	3.1%	4.8%	0.5%	0.9%

	Partner 5	Partner 6	Partner 7	Partner 8	Partner 9	Partner 10
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$1,000	\$0	\$21,500	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Contributed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	\$2,350	\$0	\$3,461	\$2,350	\$0	\$2,500
In-Kind Services	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$3,350	\$5,000	\$30,961	\$2,350	\$2,000	\$2,500
Share of Total Cost	3.2%	4.7%	29.1%	2.2%	1.9%	2%

	Partner 11	Partner 12	Partner 13	Partner 14	Partner 15	Total
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$66,000
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
Funds Contributed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Personal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	\$2,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,825
In-Kind Services	\$0	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,500
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$2,750	\$2,500	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$106,325
Share of Total Cost	2.6%	2.4%	9.4%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Explanations: Ewing concrete will be providing all concrete, concrete forms, labor to install the concrete and equipment use for this project. In addition, a number of other partners will be volunteering their labor to help

construct the educational shelter and parking lot. This project is the final step in complimenting an area that adds educational and health value to our community and users for generations to come.