

## Handshake Partnership Program Final Project Close-Out Report

1. Fiscal Year Selected as Winning Project: 2018
2. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Tuttle Creek Lake
3. District / Division of Corps Project/Lake: NWD/ Kansas City District/ Tuttle Creek Lake
4. Handshake Project Name: Tuttle Creek Lake: ORV Area Enhancement Project
5. Amount of Handshake Funds remaining: \$0
6. What has been accomplished?

The FY18 Handshake Partnership grant received by Tuttle Creek Lake was used to make user amenity improvements to the ORV riding area. The partnership grant allowed the project to install two picnic sites with new tables and grills and a concrete pad for a shelter. Design and purchase new information signs. Additionally, a 20x30 shelter and a kiosk have been purchased and will be installed at a workday in the spring.

	Total
<b>Handshake Program Funding Amount</b>	\$20,000
<b>Local Corps Office Funds</b> (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$9907
<b>Partner's Contributions</b> (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Fort Riley Jeep Club	\$1767
2 Midwest Krawlers	\$1000
3 Flint Hills Jeep Club	\$3755
4 Briggs Automotive	\$3638
5 Film at Eleven	\$1000
6 Wichita 4X4- Volunteer	\$610
7 Just Jeeps Omaha Volunteer	\$610
8 All clubs mixed workdays	\$9053
9 Eager Beaver- In Kind	\$750
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### 6. 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.

- The program provided a great infusion of funds to an area that would be unlikely to be funded through normal budgeting.

- Improved the working relationship with our existing partners. It gave an opportunity to really work together on a project. I believe it demonstrated to our partners that we have a real interest in making improvements to the area.
- Working with partners was challenging in getting some aspects of the projects completed in a timely manner.

## 7. Handshake Summary:

Please also include a separate 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](#).

## Tuttle Creek ORV area Enhancement Project- Making a difference together!



In FY18, Tuttle Creek Lake was selected for the USACE Handshake Program. The Handshake program was used to strengthen existing partnerships with regional ORV riding groups and helped to make improvements at the Tuttle Creek ORV area. It opened the door to create new partnerships and united existing partners to work together for the common good of the area.

For years regional off-road vehicles riding groups have volunteered hundreds of hours every year to make sure the trails at the Tuttle Creek ORV riding area are maintained. They do everything from creating maps of the trails and putting up signs to clearing downed trees and trash. This project has demonstrated the Corps of Engineers commitment to the area.

With the recent increased interest in off road riding the area often has over a hundred users at a time. Prior to the improvements the riding area had no grills and only a few dated picnic tables in the parking area. The area was in bad need of established picnic areas. With the partnership

two picnic areas with tables and grills were added giving users a safe place to take a break from riding and enjoy a meal.



One of the other areas tackled during the collaboration was the limited amount of information available at the park. With all the new users not everyone was familiar with riding etiquette or the layout of the trails. Prior to the handshake agreement the park had one bulletin board located at the restrooms.

With the project large information signs including a map were designed and purchased along with a kiosk to provide users general park rules and information about the area and being a responsible user. This provides is a quick way for new users to learn some basic riding etiquette so they can stay out of trouble on the trails.

# TUTTLE CREEK LAKE ORV AREA GUIDELINES

Thank you for visiting the Tuttle Creek Off Road vehicle area. You will find 310 acres of riding opportunities sprinkled between the rock ledges and trees. Trails are not maintained and can be very challenging, use the area at your own risk. We hope you will enjoy your time in the area and leave it a better place than you find it.

## Rules

### Know the rules before you roll out.

- Wheeling and alcohol don't mix. Alcohol is prohibited.
- Protect your brain you may need it. D.O.T approved helmets required for all ATVs, cycles and any vehicle without a roll-bar.
- Open access is respected access. No vehicles within 100 yards of the lake shore.

A full list of rules is posted on the bulletin board.

### Trail Etiquette - Be Nice

- Give Right of way to up-hill traffic
- Pack it in- Pack more out- Help keep trails litter free
- Follow at a safe distance
- Be mindful of your dust- don't spin tires or drive fast in staging area

For more tips see the bulletin board.

### Good Judgment - It can save your life and your wallet.

Poor judgment is dangerous for you and others. Ride in a group and make sure you have the right equipment and skills for the trails. Wheel responsibly.

The park is free but towing, damage and fines can add up fast. Know the area and know your limits.



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# TUTTLE CREEK LAKE ORV AREA Respected Access Is Open Access



## THANK YOU SPONSORS!

Trail maintenance, picnic areas, pavilion and kiosk are provided with the support of the following partners.





Working side by side Corps of Engineers staff and volunteers made this project come



Still to come in the spring of 2022 is the instillation of a 20x30 shelter that was purchased with Handshake funds. The instillation of the concrete pad for the shelter is complete and was provided by one of our partner Briggs Automotive.

This Handshake project has resulted in lasting partnerships that should benefit the ORV area for years to come.