

## Handshake Partnership Program Final Project Close-Out Report

**1. Fiscal Year Selected as Winning Project:** 2021

**2. Name of Corps Project/Lake:** Philpott

**3. District / Division of Corps Project/Lake:** SAW

**4. Handshake Project Name:** Philpott Dam River Access Improvements

**5. Amount of Handshake Funds remaining:** \$1063.03

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

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	<b>Total</b>
<b>Handshake Program Funding Amount</b>	\$8,029
<b>Local Corps Office Funds</b> (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$3,200
<b>Partner's Contributions</b> (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
<b>Partners Name</b>	<b>Total Value of Contributions</b>
1 Dan River Basin Association	\$2,650
2	\$
3	\$
4	\$
5	\$
6	\$
7	\$
8	\$
9	\$
10	\$

### 6. Handshake Program Recipient Feedback

The Philpott tailrace improvements is already benefiting the current recreational users and is attracting new users as the improvements are assisting paddlers who previously were not physically able to utilize the current put in due to the steep incline and trail condition. Paddling on the Smith River has increased significantly the last few years. Fishing from drift boats for trout has grown tremendously and has added recreational users on the Smith River. As this location is the 1<sup>st</sup> put in on the river it gets high use on the weekends. The work with partners like the Dan

River Basin Association and this handshake agreement will help greatly to promote this special area.

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