Handshake Partnership Program Final Project Close-Out Report

- 1. Fiscal Year Selected as Winning Project: FY22
- 2. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Wright Patman Lake
- 3. District / Division of Corps Project/Lake: SWF/SWD
- **4. Handshake Project Name**: Piney Point Disc Golf Course (Formerly: Caddo Ridge Disc Golf Course)
- 5. Amount of Handshake Funds remaining: \$0.00
- 6. What has been accomplished? Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:



Hole # 16 on the edge of the levee

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Site layout testing

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Concrete pad development



Eagle Scout foot bridge





Course construction process





Hole 15, before and after

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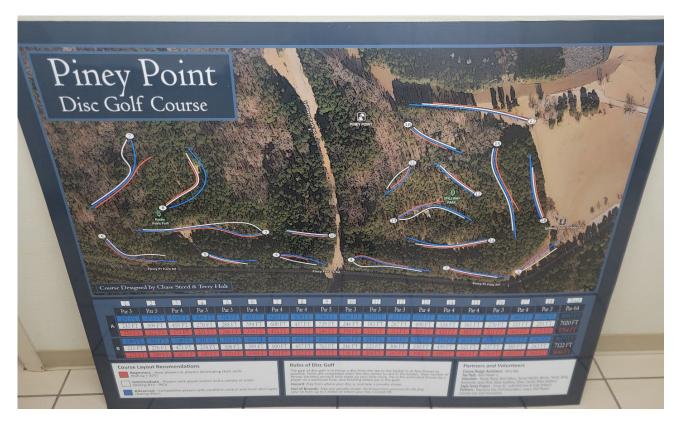
Hole 12, before and after



Fairway clearing



Catch bucket



Sign delivery!



Late evening play

	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	\$25,000
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$21,457.04
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Texarkana Disc Golf Course	\$84,371.30
2 Holt Repair	\$24,926.42
3 Shreveport-Bossier Disc Golf Union	\$301.41
4 Lowes	\$250.00
5 Dynamic Discs NW Arkansas	\$234.43
6 Longview Disc Golf Association	\$468.86

7 Camden Disc Golf Association	\$167.45
8 Big Jakes BBQ	\$150.00
9 Turner Landscaping	\$234.43
10 Troop 30 Eagle Scouts Luke McEntire and Cody Roberts	\$803.76

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.

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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.



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