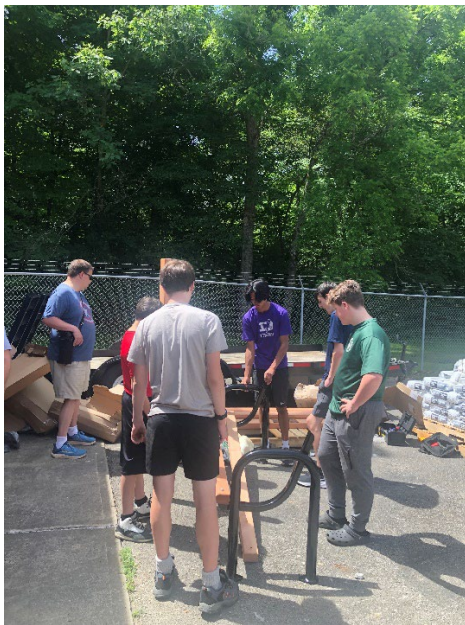


# Handshake Partnership Program Final Project Close-Out Report

1. Fiscal Year Selected as Winning Project: 2023
2. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Alum Creek Lake
3. District / Division of Corps Project/Lake: Huntington
4. Handshake Project Name: A Trail for All
5. Amount of Handshake Funds remaining: \$0
6. What has been accomplished?

The trail was regraded to provide an accessible path, a top layer of fine crushed aggregate was added and compacted to provide a suitable surface for various mobility levels, accessible shaded benches were installed, and new interpretive signs featuring tactile features and an audio tour were installed.







Lieutenant Dan earned his Bark Ranger and enjoyed the improvements to the trail.

	Total
<b>Handshake Program Funding Amount</b>	\$15,000
<b>Local Corps Office Funds</b> (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$47,730
<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 Boy Scouts of America Troop 64	\$10,549.35
2 Girl Scouts Troop 6488	\$1,674.5
3 Scioto Area Corps Cooperating Association	\$4,142.98
4 Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities	\$4,000.00
5 Center for Disability Empowerment	\$3,699

## 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.

It would be beneficial to have more than one POC to improve continuity/communication, in the event that one person leaves during the project.

## 7. Handshake Summary:



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## Alum Creek: White Tail Run-A Trail for All Handshake Agreement FY23

The Whitetail Run trail at Alum Creek Lake is a 3/4 mile interpretive loop trail located in Delaware County, Ohio. It is a popular trail, that is frequented by many local runners, day hikers, school groups, and scout groups. Rangers at the Alum Creek Lake Project often lead educational programs along the trail. The White Tail Run-A Trail for All project was part of Alum Creek's Accessibility Improvement Plan to create spaces at the park that encourage and improve accessibility and inclusivity. The project consisted of renovating the existing Whitetail Run trail to make it more accessible and inclusive by updating interpretive panels, adjusting grading, re-routing the trail and shaded installing benches. The interpretive panels have tactile features and an audio tour option that can easily be accessed with anyone's cell phone. The benches were placed in shaded areas along the trail for rest spots and will meet ADA standards. Lastly, gravel was added and rolled in uneven spots and grading improved near the bridge and stream crossing, including and new crossing point.



Partners with the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities and The Center for Disability Empowerment were brought in to assist and advise on the design and plan for the trail. The Scioto Area Corps Cooperating Association partnered on the project by contributing funding and seeking additional revenue to fund the two benches and interpretive signs. Through the tremendous help of several local Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, the trail was re-routed, an additional creek crossing was installed, concrete pads were poured for the benches, and the benches and signs were assembled and installed along the trail.





The White Tail Run- A Trail for All project will have long-term benefits including increasing recreation use due to improved safety and accessibility, and addresses a need in the community where there are limited ADA trails. Through this partnership and grant opportunity, Alum Creek has been able to address a recreational need in the community, accomplish backlogged trail maintenance, and provide a unique recreation experience for ALL to enjoy.

