

CHALLENGE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
AND
FRIENDS OF BURNSVILLE LAKE

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this 14th day of June, 2024, by and between the Department of the Army (hereinafter the "Government"), represented by the District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer Huntington District, and Friends of Burnsville Lake, (hereinafter the "Partner"), represented by its President.

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Government manages lands and waters at Burnsville Lake which includes recreational opportunities for the public, and

WHEREAS, the installation of the Falls Mill All Access Paddle Craft Launch Ramp will increase the recreational opportunities for the public, and

WHEREAS the Partner is interested in promoting and assisting the Government in providing this All Access Paddle Craft Launch Ramp, and

WHEREAS, it is mutually beneficial to the Government and the Partner to work cooperatively to make this All Access Paddle Craft Launch Ramp available to the public, and

WHEREAS, the Partner, in order to assist the Government in this project has voluntarily agreed to pay a portion of the cost, provide volunteer labor, and

WHEREAS, Section 225 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, PL 102-580, (Oct 31, 1992), authorizes the Secretary of the Army to accept contributions from the Partner and apply those contributions to the Project, and

WHEREAS, the Government and the Partner have the full authority and capability to perform as hereinafter set forth and intend to cooperate in financing and challenge cost-sharing in accordance with the terms of this agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government and the Partner agree as follows:

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

For purposes of this agreement:

a. The term "Project" shall mean an All Access Paddle Craft Launch Ramp installed in the Falls Mill Recreation Area of Burnsville Lake to include the ADA compliant paddle craft

launch that will be secured with a gangway to a concrete abutment, a concrete walkway to connect the launch ramp to the existing parking lot, rip rap stone for shoreline stabilization in the affected area, new picnic tables and outdoor cookers, solar lighting to be added to the existing waterless restroom facility, interpretive signs, and signage acknowledging the collaboration between the Government and the Partner.

b. The term "total project costs" shall mean all costs incurred by the Government and the Partner directly related to construction of the project.

c. This agreement in no way restricts the Government from participating in similar activities or arrangements with, or accepting contributions from, other public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals.

d. All donated property, facilities and improvements placed on Government land as well as any work accomplished under this agreement shall become the property of the Government.

ARTICLE II - OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

a. The Government, subject to and using funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States (hereinafter the "Congress"), and using funds provided by the Partner, shall expeditiously construct the Project, applying those procedures usually applied to Federal projects, pursuant to Federal laws, regulations, and policies. The award of contracts, modifications or change orders, and performance of all work on the Project (whether the work is performed under contract or by the Government personnel) shall be exclusively within the control of the Government.

b. The Government shall provide space in the Falls Mill Recreation Area at Burnsville Lake for the development of an All Access Paddle Craft Launch Ramp. The Government will procure the materials for the installation of this launch ramp using a supply contract utilizing Handshake Funds, and General Project Funds. The Government will also provide equipment and labor to install the launch ramp and accessible sidewalk.

c. The Partner shall provide concrete for the sidewalk and abutment for the launch ramp installation, rip rap stone for shoreline stabilization, solar lighting for the existing restroom, interpretive signs, and signage acknowledging the collaboration between the Government and the Partner.

d. The Government shall perform a final accounting to determine the contributions provided by all parties to this agreement and to determine whether each has met its obligations under paragraphs b and c of this Article.

e. No Federal funds may be used to meet the Partner's total project costs under this Agreement.

ARTICLE III - METHOD OF PAYMENT

a. The Government shall maintain current records of contributions provided by the Partner and a current projection of total project costs. At least quarterly, the Government shall provide the Partner with a report setting forth all contributions provided to date and the current projection of total project costs, of the components of total project costs, of each party's share of total project costs, and of the Partner's contribution required in accordance with Article II.c. of this Agreement. On the effective date of this Agreement, total project costs are projected to be \$73,058, and the Partner's contribution required under Article II.c. of this Agreement is projected to be \$17,270. Such amounts are estimates subject to adjustment and are not to be construed as the total financial responsibilities of the Government and the Partner.

b. The Partner shall provide the contribution required under Article II.c. of this Agreement in accordance with the following provisions: Partner contributions are the sum value of volunteer hours, materials, and supplies equivalent to the worksheet below. Money will not be required in advance of any construction. In the event the Government determines that the Partner must provide additional "contributions" to meet its obligation, the Government shall notify the Partner of the additional resources required. Within 60 calendar days thereafter, the Partner shall provide the Government with additional contributions, unless the Government agrees to a different time frame in writing.

c. Upon completion of the Project and resolution of all relevant claims and appeals, the Government shall conduct a final accounting and furnish the Partner with the results of the final accounting. The final accounting shall establish total project costs, each party's contribution provided thereto, and each party's required share thereof.

1. In the event the final accounting shows that the total contribution provided by the Partner is less than its required share of total project costs, the Partner shall, no later than 90 calendar days after receipt of written notice, make a payment to the Government of whatever sum is required to meet the Partner's required share of total project costs.

2. In the event the final accounting shows that the total contribution provided by the Partner exceeds its required share of total project costs, the Government shall, subject to the availability of funds, refund the excess to the Partner no later than 90 calendar days after the final accounting is complete. In the event existing funds are not available to refund the excess to the Partner, the Government shall seek such appropriations as are necessary to make the refund.

ARTICLE IV - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

As a condition precedent to a party bringing any suit for breach of this Agreement, that party must first notify the other party in writing of the nature of the purported breach and seek in good faith to resolve the dispute through negotiation. If the parties cannot resolve the dispute through negotiation, they may agree to a mutually acceptable method of non-binding alternative dispute resolution with a qualified third party acceptable to both parties. The parties shall each pay 50 percent of any costs for the services provided by such a third party as such costs are

incurred. The existence of a dispute shall not excuse the parties from performance pursuant to this Agreement.

ARTICLE V - FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS

In exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Government and the Partner agree to comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, Section 601 of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, PL 88-352, and the Department of Defense Directive 5500.11 issued pursuant thereto and published in Part 300 of Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, as well as Army Regulations 600.7, entitled "Non-discrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs and Activities Assisted or Conducted by the Department of the Army."

ARTICLE VI - RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

a. In the exercise of their respective rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Government and the Partner each act in an independent capacity, and neither is to be considered the officer, agent, or employee of the other.

b. In the exercise of its rights and obligations under this Agreement, neither party shall provide, without the consent of the other party, any contractor with a release that waives or purports to waive any rights such other party may have to seek relief or redress against such contractor either pursuant to any cause of action that such other party may have or for violation of any law.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

No member of or delegate to the Congress, or resident commissioner, shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement, or to any benefit that may arise therefrom.

ARTICLE VIII - INDEMNIFICATION

The Partner shall hold and save the Government free from all damages arising from services it performs or provides for the construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the Project, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the Government or its contractors.

ARTICLE IX - TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION

a. If at any time the Partner fails to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, the District Commander shall terminate this Agreement or suspend future performance under this

Agreement unless he/she determines that continuation of work on the Project is in the interest of the United States or is necessary in order to satisfy agreements with any other non-Federal interests in connection with the Project.

b. If the Government fails to receive annual appropriations in amounts sufficient to meet Project expenditures for the then-current or upcoming fiscal year, the Government shall so notify the Partner, and 60 calendar days thereafter either party may elect without penalty to terminate this Agreement or to suspend future performance under this Agreement. In the event that either party elects to suspend future performance under this Agreement pursuant to this paragraph, such suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the Government receives sufficient appropriations or until either the Government or the Partner elects to terminate this Agreement.

c. In the event that either party elects to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Article, both parties shall conclude their activities relating to the Project and proceed to a final accounting in accordance with Article II of this Agreement.

d. Any termination of this Agreement or suspension of future performance under this Agreement in accordance with this Article shall not relieve the parties of liability for any obligation previously incurred. Any delinquent payment shall be charged interest at a rate, to be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, equal to 150 per centum of the average bond equivalent rate of the 13-week Treasury bills auctioned immediately prior to the date on which such payment became delinquent, or auctioned immediately prior to the beginning of each additional 3-month period if the period of delinquency exceeds 3 months.

ARTICLE X - NOTICES

a. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been duly given if in writing and delivered personally or by telegram, or mailed either by first-class, registered, or certified mail, as follows:

If to the Partner: Friends of Burnsville Lake
Attn: President
2550 South Main Street
Burnsville, WV 26335

If to the Government: Burnsville Lake
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
2550 South Main Street
Burnsville, WV 26335

b. A party may change the address to which such communications are to be directed by giving written notice to the other party in the manner provided in this Article.

c. Any notice, request, demand, or other communication made pursuant to this Article shall be deemed to have been received by the addressee at the earlier of such time as it is actually

received or seven calendar days after it is mailed.

ARTICLE XI - CONFIDENTIALITY

To the extent permitted by the laws governing each party, the parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of exchanged information when requested to do so by the providing party. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, which shall become effective upon the date it is signed by the District Commander, U.S. Army Engineer Huntington District,.

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

BY: 

Jayson H. Putnam
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding

DATE: 6/14/2024

FRIENDS OF BURNSVILLE LAKE

BY: 

SHERRY RATLIFF
President

DATE: 06/14/2024

Challenge Partnership Financial Work Sheet

Corps Project Name: Burnsville Lake

Work Project Title: Falls Mill All Access Paddle Craft Launch

POC Name: Brian Carson

Address: 2550 S Main St

City: Burnsville

State: WV Zip Code: 26335

Telephone: 304 - 853 - 2371

Location on Project: Falls Mill Recreation Area

Partner Organization 1: Friends of Burnsville Lake

POC Name: Sherry Ratliff

Address: 2550 S Main St

City: Burnsville

State: WV Zip Code: 26335

Telephone: 304 - 516 - 7234

Proposed start date of work: 10/01/2024

Simple description of work to be accomplished through the partnership: Installation of an All Access Paddle Craft Launch Ramp in the Falls Mill Recreation Area.

Double click on spreadsheet to access data entry fields:

	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	Partner 1	Partner 2	Partner 3	Total
Salaries	\$7,591	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,591
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$31,757	\$15,000	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	\$59,257
Equipment Use	\$1,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440
Funds Contributed	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	\$4,770	\$0	\$0	\$4,770
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$40,788	\$15,000	\$17,270	\$0	\$0	\$73,058
Share of Total Cost	55.8%	20.5%	23.6%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Explanations:

Local Corps Office – The money for this project from the local corps office is \$7,591 for labor 120-man hours at \$63.26 per hour, \$31,757 in materials (ATB funds will be used to purchase materials), \$1,440 for equipment use (our project owns the equipment, but these are local hourly rental rates).

Handshake Funds – The Handshake Funds for this project will be used to assist with the contract to purchasing the ADA Paddle Craft Launch.

Friends of Burnsville Lake – The Friends of Burnsville Lake will be providing \$12,500 to go towards purchasing concrete, stone, interpretive signs, and solar lighting to upgrade existing restroom facility. The Friends of Burnsville Lake will also be providing 150 hours of volunteer service at a value of \$4,770.