

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Fiscal Year 2022
Handshake Program Application**

Please review instructions before completing application!

Corps Lake/River Project Name: **Perry Lake Project**
District / Division: **Kansas City (NWK), Northwest (NWD)**
Handshake Proposal Title: **Universally Accessible Fishing Dock and Fish Habitat**
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A. Checklist:

1. Will the Handshake funds be spent on Corps facilities and resources that are being fully maintained by the Corps? (not in outgranted parks) Yes No
 2. Will the Challenge Partnership agreement be with a non-federal public or private entity(ies)? Yes No
 3. Is the proposed activity within current authorities and contained in the annual or 5-year work plan in the approved lake project OMP? Yes No
 4. Have all of the NEPA requirements been considered for this project? Yes No
 5. I am aware the Challenge Partnership Agreement must be reviewed and approved by District Office of Counsel before sending to HQUSACE. Yes No
 6. If the full funding amount requested is not available, could a portion of this Handshake Project be completed with partial funding? Yes No
 7. I am aware that all government funds must be spent in accordance with FAR, DFAR and AFAR contracting laws and regulations, and that Handshake funds cannot be provided to the partner(s). Yes No
 8. Did you participate in a Handshake webinar in 2021 or review a 2020 Handshake webinar on the Gateway? Yes No
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B. Handshake Funding Request (maximum \$25,000): \$24,545

C. Corps Foundation Bonus: (maximum \$5,000):

Separate bonus funding provided by the Corps Foundation for a selected Handshake Project.

D. Incentive Points Category: Check the appropriate box if your application qualifies to receive bonus points on the evaluation score.

This project will be support youth participation in natural resources and outdoor recreation. (100 points).

This project will support diversity, equity and inclusion goals to increase access to a quality recreation experience which includes a safe and healthful environment for a diverse population. This project will help the

Corps conserve natural resources and provide recreation opportunities that contribute to the quality of American life. (100 points).

E. Describe your partnership and the proposed Handshake Partnership Project:

Project applications will be evaluated on the categories below. Please complete each section as appropriate.

Summary Statement:

The proposed project is a Universally Accessible (UA) fishing dock at Perry Lake. Located in Northeast Kansas, this U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project has over 11,000 acres of water surface and 160 miles of shoreline. Being in close proximity to three of the four metropolitan areas of Kansas; Topeka, Lawrence, and Kansas City, Perry Lake has seen a steady increase in visitation over the past several years. With this increase in visitation, comes an increased demand for UA opportunities for all visitors to participate in recreation activities. The new T-shaped dock would be placed adjacent to the Rock Creek Park boat ramp and includes the installation of an ADA compliant sidewalk accessible from the existing parking lot. Currently, there are no ADA compliant fishing docks on Corps managed property, only on outgranted areas where fees are collected. This fishing platform is the first of its kind at the lake. Each year, Rangers receive multiple comments about shoreline accessibility issues and the lack of accessible fishing areas around the lake. A recent site visit from Kansas Commission on Disability Concerns showed we performed poorly overall on accessibility. Also included in the project is the placement of a fish feeder and fish habitat to encourage fish population where the dock would be located. It is our hope that this UA platform will provide opportunity for every member of the recreating public to enjoy the public lands provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Handshake Funding Cost Break Down:

Handshake funding will be designated for the purchase of the concrete for the ADA sidewalk from the parking lot to the dock, a fish feeder, and the dock itself.

-Dock: \$20,565

-Concrete: \$3,080

-Fish Feeder: \$900

-Total: \$24,545

Longevity / O&M description:

The longevity of the dock would be approximately 50 years per the warranty information provided by various industry standard dock manufacturers. The polyethylene composition combined with a UV inhibitor makes this dock resistant to environmental breakdown. The overall design allows for maximum adaptability to weather conditions and the fluctuation in water levels. Perry Lake water levels fluctuate throughout the year but the selected placement of the dock in a protected cove mixed with the gradual slope of the shoreline will lessen any potential damage due to large fluctuations in pool level. While the dock will not significantly reduce O&M costs, there will be a slight reduction in patrolling the existing courtesy docks at boat ramps meant only for loading and unloading boats, not fishing. The design, composition, and location of the dock will little to no increase in O&M costs to Perry Lake.

Partnership Value:

This project would not be possible without the passion, vision and values shared with the Corps and the partners listed herein. Increasing recreational opportunities to everyone is the core belief cementing this project together. With the installation of this dock comes the opportunity to strengthen existing bonds with partners, and the chance to form new relationships with partners. Both existing and new partnerships give the opportunity to work together in the future to continue to add value to the recreating community.

C.A.S.T. for Kids: An organization with a national MOU and an honorable mission, C.A.S.T. would be contributing everything needed for a Grand Opening event located at the dock. C.A.S.T. would promote the event and invite children with special needs from around the community to a day of fishing, providing rods and reels, tackleboxes, instruction, and an awards ceremony. Building this relationship with C.A.S.T. also opens the door to holding more kids' fishing events in the future.

Bass Pro: Another organization with a national MOU with the Corps, the Bass Pro has a strong shared value with the Corps regarding conservation and access to the outdoors. Bass Pro is able to provide the installation and delivery fee associated with the dock purchase, and their Olathe, KS location will provide rods and reels for the Grand Opening event put on by C.A.S.T..

KDWP&T: The Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism is a well-established partner with the Perry Lake Project. Perry State Park is located on the West side of the lake and is interested in strengthening this relationship by supporting the UA dock installation. The fisheries biologist with the state of Kansas will contribute several fish habitat structures.

Kansas Crappie Club: The KCC shares the Corps' vision of increasing access to and interest in fishing. This is the first time Perry Lake has partnered with KCC, and through this project can have a continued partnership for hosting future events. KCC will contribute a group of volunteers to help construct the concrete forms for the ADA sidewalk.

Backcountry Hunters and Anglers: BHA has a mission to preserve the heritage of fishing and hunting in a natural setting and has worked with the Perry Lake Project staff before by providing volunteer hours on various outdoor access projects. In this instance, BHA will contribute some educational signage and the volunteer hours to install the signs.

Recreational Benefit:

The UA dock and fish habitat will provide recreation opportunities to multiple user groups. Not only will the UA dock provide increased fishing opportunity for those with permanent or temporary limited mobility, but for children and general multi-purpose use. With the help of our partners, the enjoyment of recreating will increase with educational signage displaying information on water safety, basic biology of fish and habitat, and basic fishing techniques. Perry Lake has a large number of bird watching enthusiasts, this dock creates an excellent viewing point for shoreline birds and close encounters with waterfowl. Additionally, the recreating public will have the opportunity to enjoy a wider variety of interpretive experiences with Park Rangers.

Environmental Stewardship Value:

The UA dock will aid in increasing the value of Perry Lake's natural resources by housing new fish habitat and fish feeder provided by our handshake partners. This allows the Corps to actively maintain a healthy aquatic ecosystem in the area. It will also allow the recreating public to have a greater ease of access to their public land. This will aid in protecting our natural resources by decreasing the amount of traffic driving off the roadway and along the shoreline just to gain better access to fishing opportunities.

Communication & Education Value:

Through this project, the general public would continue to see the Corps as stewards of the land and its natural resources, deliverers of public service, and visitor assistance professionals. The platform will be used to post water safety messages via signs, as well as provide opportunity for Park Rangers to house interpretive events. With our partner, C.A.S.T. for Kids, we would be able to add educational value not only through a Grand Opening event, but through potential regular and recurring events educating children about fishing and introducing new populations of kids to the outdoors. A UA fishing dock allows the Corps mission to reach every member of the recreating public, regardless of age, ability, or experience in the outdoors. A fish feeder and habitat will provide ample opportunity for all members of the public to learn about basic fishing skills and etiquette. Signage provided by our handshake partners will aid in educating the public on natural resources and recreation safety.

Innovativeness:

The UA fishing dock would be the first of its kind on the Perry Lake Project. This dock would be the only Corps of Engineers owned UA fishing dock on the Project and the nearest UA fishing opportunity is located over 30 miles from Perry Lake. In 2014, the staff at Perry Lake were able to complete the compliance process for a DOJ claim from 2006 regarding accessibility at the project. With the direction of new leadership, Perry Lake staff have not only resolved previous ADA concerns but remain committed to exceeding existing access guidance, building a UA dock at Perry Lake demonstrates this commitment. This will provide a focal point for recreation on our

project and become a functional attraction for those who have not previously had equal access to our outdoor recreational sites. Additionally, with the placement of the new fish habitat structures, this will be the first time in over five years that fish habitat has been introduced to Perry Lake.

Corps Foundation Bonus:

Conclusion:

The Universally Accessible fishing dock with fish feeder and habitat will provide a multi-use recreation experience for every member of the public, as well as increase the value of Perry Lake's natural resources. It is the belief of the Corps of Engineers and this project office that we have a legal and moral obligation to provide Universal Accessibility to all recreation activities. With the help of this Handshake project we will take strides towards fulfilling, and exceeding, this ideal.

Double click on spreadsheet to access data entry fields and to enter Partner names.

You MUST enter partner names into the spreadsheet:

	Local Corps Office	Handshake Funds	C.A.S.T. for Kids	Bass Pro	KDWP&T	Kansas Crappie Club
Salaries	\$1,320	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$24,545	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0
Equipment Use	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,264
In-Kind Services	N/A	N/A	\$3,500	\$6,400	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,320	\$24,545	\$3,500	\$6,400	\$200	\$3,264
Share of Total Cost	3.3%	61.2%	8.7%	16.0%	0.5%	8.1%
	64.5%					

	Backcountry Hunters and Anglers	Partner 6	Partner 7	Partner 8	Partner 9	Partner 10
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$600		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment Use	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Contributed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	\$272	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
In-Kind Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$872	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Share of Total Cost	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0

	Partner 11	Partner 12	Partner 13	Partner 14	Partner 15	Total
Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,320
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,345
Equipment Use	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funds Contributed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personal Property	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Volunteer	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,536
In-Kind Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,900
Other (explain below)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,101
Share of Total Cost	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100%

Explanations:







