

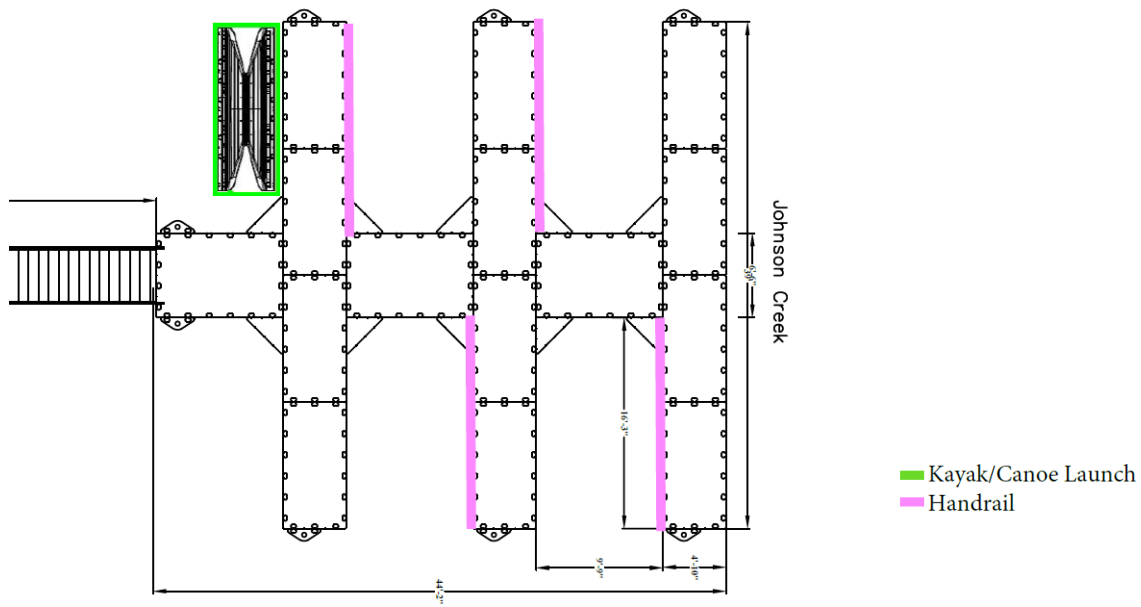
Handshake Partnership Program Final Project Close-Out Report

1. Fiscal Year Selected as Winning Project: FY23
2. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Lake O' the Pines (Ferrells Bridge Dam)
3. District / Division of Corps Project/Lake: SWF/SWD
4. Handshake Project Name: Dock Kayak/Canoe Launches and Safety Railing
5. Amount of Handshake Funds remaining: \$0.00
6. What has been accomplished? Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:

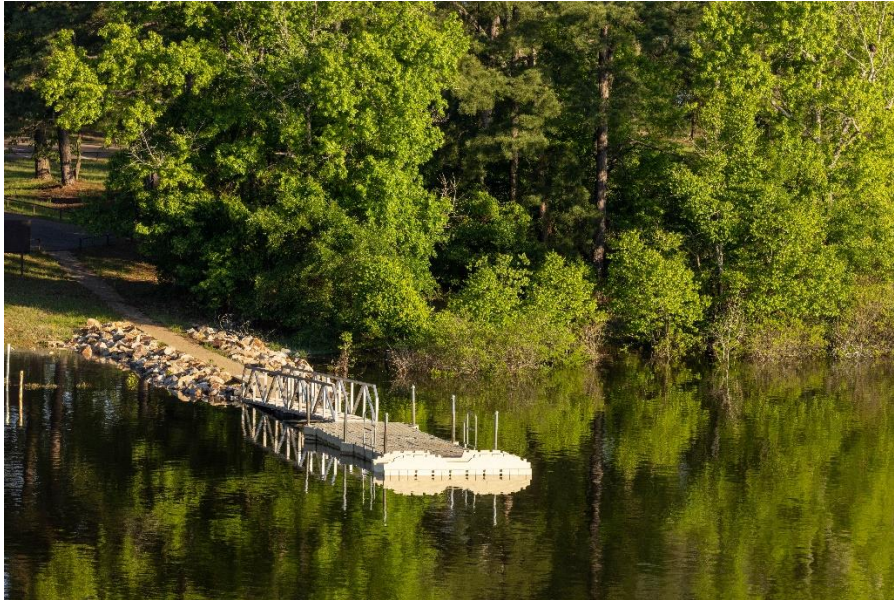


Johnson Creek courtesy dock with added safety handrail and kayak/canoe launch.

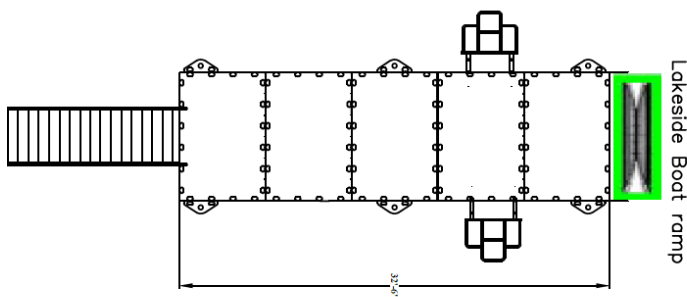
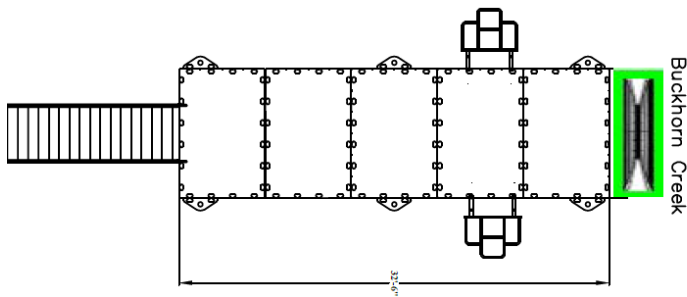
Lake O' the Pines maintains and operates 4 courtesy EZDock (dock) systems on the reservoir, strategically located at recreational facilities to maximize ease of use to its 650K annual visitors. All docks were previously open floating platforms with minimal safety railing, in which this project retrofit the already existing dock at Johnson Creek Day Use with safety railing while still allowing utilization as a courtesy dock. In addition, a kayak/canoe launch platform was added to Johnson Creek Day Use. Two other kayak/canoe launches were added at Buckhorn Creek Campground and at Lakeside Day Use. Installation was performed in conjunction with the lake's friends' group, Friends of Lake O' the Pines.



This opportunity allowed both USACE and the partner to work together to complete a needed project for the community, as no kayak/canoe launches existed on the lake prior. Working together continued the relationships and introduced new members to each other in a healthy, physical environment to accomplish a goal orientated mission.



Lakeside Day Use



Not a single courtesy dock on Lake O' the Pines had a kayak/canoe launch or assistance device prior to the completion of this project. Lake O' the Pines consistently ranks in the top half of camping visitation and day use out of the entire District, ranking 8th out of 25 lakes for overnight stays in FY21. The lake regularly experiences windy conditions making the docks potentially hazardous at any given time during the year. The railing placement was designed to have rails within reach at all times while still allowing access for the courtesy dock to serve its primary function. A recreator does not have to have a mobility impairment to reap the rewards of the railing system as it has made the dock safer for anyone to use. This includes using the dock for boat access, launching a kayak, or simply walking out to enjoy the view. The kayak/canoe launching feature provides a safer launching environment than the traditional shore. As recreation trends are transitioning from large, expensive vessels to smaller vessels; kayaks are becoming increasingly popular.







	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	\$18,014
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$1,410
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Friends of Lake O' the Pines	\$8,386
2	\$
3	\$
4	\$
5	\$
6	\$
7	\$
8	\$
9	\$
10	\$

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.

This project increased safety and ease of use for all users and encourages proper use while protecting the public's assets. With this new opportunity, Lake O' the Pines is able to further its reputation as a top partner and the public's overall view of the Corps and the mission. This partnership has further enhanced the Corps' reputation as the leading provider of outdoor recreational opportunities in the area, as well as will help Friends of Lake O' the Pines recruit additional projects through a proven track record.

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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Dock Kayak/Canoe Launches and Safety Railing Lake O' the Pines (Ferrells Bridge Dam) Handshake Agreement (2023 – 2024)

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