

Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2018 Recipients

1. **Name of Corps Project/Lake:** St. Marys Falls Canal
2. **District / Division of Corps Project/Lake:** Detroit District/LRD
3. **Handshake Project Name:** Brady Park Community Picnic Structure
4. **Amount of Handshake Funds remaining:** \$0
5. **What has been accomplished?** Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:
See attached page

	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	\$20,000
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$37,000
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Sault Area Convention and Visitor Bureau	15,000
2 City Of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan	10,000
3 Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians	\$2,000
4 Bay Mills Indian Community	\$3,125
5 Soo Locks Visitor Center Association	\$2,000
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.

The Handshake Program itself was fantastic and we would not have been able to tackle this project without the boost of the handshake funds to encourage our community to get involved. The BIGGEST challenge and most frustrating aspect was dealing with office of counsel within our district. They were unfamiliar with the program and seemed deeply distrustful of any guidance or templates I was able to provide from the gateway. Our application was hung up with OC for months.

Despite the frustration within the district this was a GREAT program. It created a unique opportunity to work cooperatively with our community. In our area USACE generally operates independently of the community other than a handful of mandatory public meetings. This project allowed them to get involved right from the start, have a real impact on the plan and see the finished result reflect their input. It was also an interesting learning experience for me the ranger to work closely with our two local tribal communities to develop exhibit panels and gain an appreciation of their relationship with the space and goals for the project. USACE, and most of the community, wanted a sheltered place for picnicking and watching ship traffic. Our tribal partners wanted a sheltered place for their elders to be able to sit and commune with ancestors in the prehistoric burial area just across the street.

7. Handshake Summary:

The workshops are INVALUABLE! I doubt I could have written a winning application without participating in the workshops and reviewing the criteria several times. It was also extremely helpful to get feedback from people within the Corps Foundation who were familiar with the program and were able to also provide an objective view of the project.

TV news report: <https://www.9and10news.com/2019/09/26/new-park-pavilion-opens-in-sault-ste-marie/>

Newspaper coverage:

<https://www.sooeveningnews.com/news/20190924/opening-ceremony-thursday-for-brady-park-picnic-shelter>

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/09/new-picnic-area-to-open-on-traditional-meeting-ground-near-soo-locks.html>

<https://www.sturgisjournal.com/news/20190924/opening-ceremony-thursday-for-brady-park-picnic-shelter>



Breaking ground with archeologists monitoring. No cultural resources were found.



Preparing the foundation.



Completed
foundation



Installing the
framing.



City workers
placing
concrete for the
access ramp.



Installing the roof.



Completed structure



Official Dedication