

## Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2019 Recipients

1. **Name of Corps Project/Lake:** Saylorville Lake  
 2. **District / Division of Corps Project/Lake:** Rock Island District/ Mississippi Valley Division  
 3. **Handshake Project Name:** Saylorville Lake Archery Range  
 4. **Amount of Handshake Funds remaining:** \$9.76  
 5. **What has been accomplished?** Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:  
Completion Date: Spring 2021

	Total
<b>Handshake Program Funding Amount</b>	\$20,000
<b>Local Corps Office Funds</b> (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$15840
<b>Partner's Contributions</b> (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Carpenters Union – Local 106	\$8520
2 Boy Scouts of America – Troop 202	\$3500
3 Leachman Lumber	\$1600
4 Manatts	\$1200
5 Martin Marietta	\$600
6 Sportsman Warehouse	\$500
7 Bass Pro	\$500
8 NWTF	\$250
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 was Saylorville Lake's first time being a recipient for the USACE Handshake Program. We were extremely honored to have been chosen for the endeavor to provide a community-built archery range. This project will provide lasting impact on the local area for years to come.

### **Pros**

- 1) Opening and Strengthen Partnerships
  - The handshake program is a great way to open doorways to partnerships within the community; especially when those partners get to contribute funding/supplies or labor to build it and/or make it happen.
- 2) Funding
  - It was extremely generous to have the funding that was provided to buy the necessary supplies for this project. The money we received was a good amount.
- 3) Paperwork
  - The guidelines for required paperwork (reporting) is well laid out and easy to follow. Thank you, Heath, for doing a great job for letting us know what you need on your end right from the get-go.

### **Cons**

- 1) Slow Funding
  - It took way too long to receive project funding. This funding is two-year money, but when you receive it late it can slow enthusiasm with partnerships in place and gives projects less time to spend.
- 2) Wrong funding accounts
  - Upon receiving the handshake funds, they were sent to our district under a different P2 project line item; which operations did not have access to. Not sure where the ball was dropped, but it was an extreme inconvenient on our end to get that money switched around.
- 3) Follow-up communications
  - This is a great program, however, follow up communication by phone or email would a great addition to this program. This would be an opportunity for the POC at the project to ask questions or just say it's going well/poorly with the coordinator for the Handshake Program.

## **7. Handshake Summary: Saylorville Lake Archery Range**

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In FY 19, Saylorville Lake was a selected recipient of the USACE Handshake Program. Saylorville Lake is located on the Des Moines River in central Iowa, just north of the city of Des Moines. Partnerships and funding from the Handshake program have supported the development of an archery range in the Bob Shetler Recreation Area. The range will serve as a public space for archery practice, as well as an area for youth/adult archery programs with focused curriculum that teaches proper use and techniques of archery and other related outdoor recreation.

The Saylorville Lake Archery Range will feature a vault restroom, handicap accessible walkways, a small pavilion, nine ground level shooting stations and a three station elevated shooting structure. Located at the end of each shooting station are covered target structures which will be ranged at 10/20/30/40/50 yards. The construction of the range would not have been possible without the ongoing support of local partners who are dedicated to assisting us with providing this new outdoor recreation amenity. Several of our partners, such as the Carpenters Union – Local 106 and Boy Scouts of America – Troop 202, donated in-kind services to construct the elevated shooting and wooden target structures. Manatt's Inc. and Martin Marietta, both building material companies, donated rock, concrete and other materials. Sportsman's Warehouse, Bass Pro, and the National Wildlife Turkey Federation donated archery supplies (bows, arrows, and targets) to support programming at the range.

Saylorville Lake is committed to providing quality outdoor experiences and recreation opportunities for all park visitors. The development of this newly constructed Archery Range is expected to be completed the Summer of 2020. This project supports the Saylorville Lake Master Plan vision and the newly signed Greater Des Moines Urban Wildlife Conservation Partnership MOA; which will engage a diverse urban community to nurture and instill an appreciation of wildlife conservation as well as provide the delivery of environmental education, interpretation and outreach programs. Ultimately, the archery range is just the beginning of what can be accomplished when partners work together. USACE continues show unwavering commitment towards environmental education as well as providing safe, fun and engaging recreation opportunities for park visitors in the surrounding Des Moines metropolitan area.







