

## Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2012 Recipients

1. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Paint Creek Lake

2. Handshake Project Name: Kayak/Canoe Access

3. What has been accomplished? Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:

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	Total
<b>Handshake Program Funding Amount</b>	\$8500
<b>Local Corps Office Funds</b> (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$4442.70
<b>Partner's Contributions</b> (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
<b>Partners Name</b>	<b>Total Value of Contributions</b>
1 Down to Earth Contracting - actual cost	\$6300
2 Signs	\$243.60
3 Materials	\$1956.40
4	\$
5 Boyscout Troop 5022 - volunteer value	\$5535.00
6	\$

#### 4. 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.*

**A. Comments About Handshake Program:** This is an outstanding program that allows a project site to get special projects done that might not ordinarily be able to be accomplished due to funding and manpower shortages.

**B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement:** A great program that enables groups in the community to partner on projects/activities with the Corps. It opens doors to new opportunities to partner and fosters improved relations with the community and visitor.

**C. Recommendations:** Continue the program. Some of the process was a bit unclear and uncertain at times; perhaps tweek the instructions on forms and have "best" examples on the instruction section so person doesn't have to go look up previous examples.

**5. Handshake Summary:**

Please also include a separate one-page 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.

## **HANDSHAKE PARTNERSHIP 2012-2013**

The Corps of Engineers at Paint Creek Lake partnered with the Boys Scouts of America Chapter 5022 to take on the project of coordinating and developing creek access at the downstream recreation area at Paint Creek Dam. Due to recent placement of large armor rock, access to Paint Creek had become difficult. Therefore, this project was developed to provide safe access to the creek for kayakers and canoeists. The project was awarded a Challenge Handshake Grant of \$8500 to undertake the project. Two separate areas were chosen, an upper area to allow access just above a riffle area that is used in rescue training exercises and a lower area that could be used for takeout from the above access or as a put in area to access further downstream. The project has also been a benefit to the angler as the two stepped areas enables easier access to the creek for fishing.

The Handshake funds were used in the purchase of materials, signage and to hire a contractor to operate equipment to prep the area and to install the two step access areas to the river. The boy scouts undertook the project as an Eagle badge effort and developed the design for the access and then assisted in placement of stone once the steps were in place and planted grass seed in the area of the accesses.

### **Project Value**

- Handshake Funds Awarded = \$8500

#### **BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURES/CONTRIBUTIONS**

- Local Corps Effort = \$4442.70
- Volunteer Effort = \$5535
- Materials and contractor = \$8500
- Total Project Value = \$18,477.70



Access #1 before:

Very rough access to the stream



Contractor Work starts on #1



concrete pour to Access #1

Formed steps ready for





Concrete begins to flow for steps at access #1



Access #1 First concrete pour, contractor at work leveling





Second section of Access #1, the last concrete pour



Railing to Access #1





Scouts placing stone at #1 to prevent erosion







Final product Access #1 – visitor using access



Access #1 grass seeded





Access #2 before start of work, another rough area



Contractor Prep Work begins on #2 to prep for steps





Finishing Concrete Work on Access #2



Contractor installing hand railing on Access #2





2<sup>nd</sup> access before final stone placement



Scout Troop 5022 at Access #2 – finished product



Recognition sign