

Handshake Partnership Program Report - FY 2013 Recipients

1. Name of Corps Project/Lake: Tionesta Lake

2. Handshake Project Name: Multi-Purpose Pavilion

3. What has been accomplished? Please provide photographs; before, during, and after!:
Erect a 24' by 36' Pavilion with a concrete pad and electric service.

	Total
Handshake Program Funding Amount	\$19,000.00
Local Corps Office Funds (total expended on labor, materials, contracts, etc.)?	\$2,500.00
Partner's Contributions (total value of funds, goods, services, volunteer hours, etc.)	
Partners Name	Total Value of Contributions
1 Trout Unlimited Iron Furnace Chapter	\$24,000.00
2 Forest County School District	\$200.00
3	\$
4	\$
5	\$
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: The Handshake Program is an excellent opportunity to fund many types of great projects in a time of fiscal uncertainty for many Corps projects and programs. The program encourages and fosters great partnerships between local, state and national organizations that work together to accomplish similar goals.

B. Comments About Challenge Partnership Agreement: The more partners do not necessarily mean a better partnership. It is more important to have a smaller group of active partners with open communications between all parties.

C. Recommendations: If possible I would recommend the grant funding be channelled through a non-profit or friends group. The government procurement process for executing the

grant funding is very rigid and should be relaxed to some extent to expedite the spending process.

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.



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Tionesta Lake Handshake Partnership a Complete Success.

Tionesta Lake, Kellettsville PA– A multipurpose pavilion located in the Kellettsville Campground is open for business. This project was made possible by a Handshake Partnership Grant between USACE Tionesta Lake, Trout Unlimited (Iron Furnace Chapter) and The Forest Area School District.

The main purpose for the pavilion was to create a venue for school programs and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) educational opportunities. It is also available to the general public for use. The pavilion has hosted multiple programs including Conservation Days where thirty-five, 5th grade students from East and West Forest Schools learned about stream health and habitat. Other programs include the PA Firefly Festival which is hosted annually at this location.

Kellettsville is a well-known regional destination for year-round outdoor enthusiasts to camp, fish, hunt, hike and paddle. The pavilion provides a meeting point and shelter in a geographically centralized location in the county along the scenic Tionesta Creek.

If interested in using the pavilion please contact the Tionesta Lake Project Office at 814-755-3512. The pavilion is equipped with grills and picnic tables for the customers. Access to electric is also available upon request.







