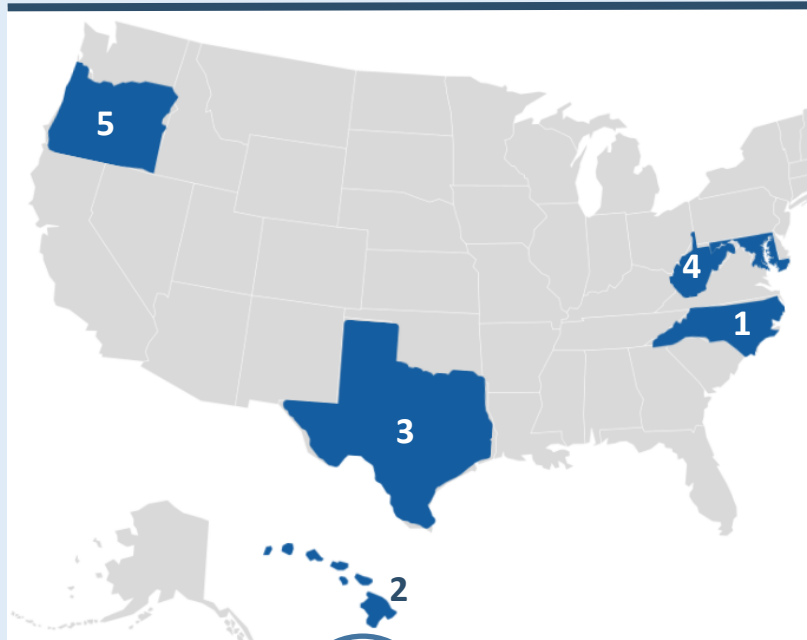


National Public Lands Day—Around USACE

On September 25th the National Environmental Education Foundation hosted National Public Lands Day (NPLD). With precautions in place to ensure the safety of USACE employees, volunteers, and partners, many project were able to host successful events to support public lands and waters. While just a few events are highlighted here, a BIG THANK YOU is in order to all who contributed to a successful National Public Lands Day!



4,000 +
Volunteers



16,000 +
Hours
Served



\$455,000 +
Service
Value



Nearly 600
Trees
Planted



60 Miles
of Trails
Maintained



64 Events Across USACE

(11 Events Cancelled/Impacted due to COVID Precautions or Weather Impacts)



500 +
Acres of Habitat
Improved or Restored

1 Falls Lake - Wilmington District

The Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail (FMST) had 72 volunteers out to celebrate National Public Lands Day (NPLD) on Saturday, September 25th. The volunteers split into two groups to tackle trail building and clearing at several sites along the 60 miles of trail that FMST maintains at Falls Lake. FMST and USACE collaborated in receiving a \$1,000 NEEF grant to support this event.



FMST volunteers hard at work constructing a new section of trail along Panther Creek at Falls Lake.



Ranger Ferrell recognizes FMST Lead Volunteer Jeff Brewer as a finalist for the Corps Foundation's Enduring Service Award.

2 Honolulu District

In recognition of National Public Lands Day Saturday, September 25, 2021, Park Rangers Jill Davis and Stephen Lawlor led the Honolulu District in the cleanup of Ft. DeRussy Beach Park and the surrounding area. With staggered start times and separated target areas to clean, a whopping 82 people were able to participate in the effort while keeping in line with the State and County COVID safety mandates.

MAHALO for the success POH OHANA!



Groups received instructions and did their part in a successful cleanup event.



National Public Lands Day—Around USACE

3 Waco Lake - Ft. Worth District

Keep Waco Beautiful is in Lake Waco.
September 25 at 4:24 PM · 🌐

In honor of national public lands day, we joined forces with [Texas Land Conservancy](#), [Fort Worth District](#), [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) and [Group W Bench Litter Patrol](#) to clean up 3 different locations surrounding Waco Lake. We had a grand total of 48 volunteers, 15 community service members and 5 KWB board members collecting 83 bags, 3 tires, headboard, footboard and 2 signs!! Special thanks to [City of Waco - Public Information](#) for keeping our volunteers safe. #npld2021 #keepwacobeautiful #litterpicking #volunteering #cleanup



4 Jennings Randolph Lake - Baltimore District



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jennings Randolph Lake
September 26 at 10:28 AM · 🌐

Established in 1994 and held annually on the fourth Saturday in September, National Public Lands Day is traditionally the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort. The Jennings Randolph Lake Project celebrated NPLD with the help of Keyser Boy Scout Troop 27 and camp host volunteers.

The scouts assisted in building five catfish spawning boxes that will be placed in the lake this spring. These boxes will provide a safe place for catfish to spawn and protect their eggs in their natural habitat. The Boy Scouts of America troops have been assisting the project since 2006 for NPLD events. We thank you for your dedication to helping us achieve our environmental stewardship goals and protecting our park's natural resources!

Images Above: Many events, such as those held at Waco Lake and Jennings Randolph Lake were shared through various social media platforms.

5 Willamette Valley Project - Portland District

A National Public Lands Day volunteer event was held at Pine Meadows Campground, Cottage Grove Lake. 8 USACE park rangers, 1 USACE botany tech, 4 USACE volunteers, and 35 community volunteers participated in the event. Volunteers planted 18 native trees and 75 native shrubs. The goals of the project were to add shade and visual barriers in the campground, improve aesthetic, and increase habitat for pollinators and wildlife. The value of service provided by the volunteers was about \$3,995.



Photo Left: Park Ranger Alena Kimble demonstrates how to properly plant trees for Boy Scout Troop 60. Photo Right: Park Ranger Jessica Corbett assisted a volunteer with his planting at the NPLD event. Photo Bottom: Group photo of the volunteers and rangers who planted native trees and shrubs.

