



Excellence in Partnerships Award Nomination Criteria

Purpose of the Award – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Excellence in Partnerships Award was created to recognize outstanding contributions of any partner organization which has participated in the Corps recreation or environmental stewardship activities and/or projects.

Eligibility – Corps partners who have provided substantial support to operations in the recreation and/or environmental stewardship arena. If your project won this award in the previous year, you must wait a full year before submitting another nomination package.

Definition – A Partner is any group or organization whose partnership with the Corps results in the enhancement of and contributions to the Corps mission, particularly in-regard to natural resources management. A formal agreement (such as an MOU, challenge partnership agreement, Economy Act, cooperative agreement, or cooperating association agreement) is not required to compete for this award.

Nomination Package – The nomination package will include the following:

- Corps project name
- Corps point of contact
- Partner's name
- Partner's point of contact
- Corps project mailing address
- Corps project phone number
- Introduction
- A narrative describing the nominee's accomplishments:
 - Should be a concise description of the nominee's project(s) or efforts that shows why the partner should be recognized.
 - Must address the criteria described below to enable the review committee to easily compare nomination packages.
- A citation that provides a summary of achievements which may be read at the award ceremony.
- Application requirements:
 - a maximum of four pages of narrative
 - up to four additional pages of support material, including photographs or news articles may be attached.
 - Please include one slide that briefly describes the partner's efforts and accomplishments and includes photographs of the partnership in action (example attached).
- One nomination package per MSC will be submitted electronically by the MSC Rec/ES business line managers to the award POC, Francis Ferrell, at francis.e.ferrell@usace.army.mil

Nomination Criteria – Nominations will be judged on the following criteria:

(1) Accomplishment of Management Objectives - Accomplishing management goals and objectives and has assisted the Corps in accomplishing work items that could not have been accomplished without the partnership.

(2) Creativity and Originality - The nominee has shown creativity and originality in serving the public and assisting the Corps in meeting the needs of its customers.

(3) Improvement in Public Awareness/Education - Enhancing the public's awareness of the Corps Recreation and/or Environmental Stewardship missions. Providing members of the public with significant opportunities to acquire the knowledge, values and attitudes related to Corps projects and public lands in general.

(4) Involving Other Partners - The partnership has increased community involvement and understanding of the Corps role in serving the Nation.

(5) Serving a Diverse Public - The partnership has strengthened and improved the Corps' ability to provide good customer service by developing programs that are accessible and sensitive to the needs of diverse user groups. Diversity may include but is not limited to ethnicity, people with disabilities, various socioeconomic backgrounds, or a variety of recreation user groups.

The nominee's efforts should have been completed within the **preceding two calendar years** and should result in the completion of field level products, projects or programs.

Citation – The nomination package must include a citation of no more than 750 characters summarizing the achievements by the partner that will be read at the award ceremony.

Spotlight Slide- Please include one slide that briefly describes the partner's efforts and accomplishments and includes photographs of the partnership in action (example attached).

Nomination Process – Each MSC can submit a total of one nomination for the Excellence in Partnership Award. Nomination packages assembled according to the enclosed information will be forwarded electronically by COB 01 December 2023 **from each MSC Rec/ES business line manager** to Francis Ferrell, at francis.e.ferrell@usace.army.mil

The Partnership Advisory Committee will review the nominations and provide recommendations to the Chief, Natural Resources Management HQUSACE. The winner will be honored in 2024 and will receive a plaque provided by the Corps Foundation to be displayed at the partner's location.

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Excellence in Partnerships Award Nomination

Please review instructions before completing application!

Corps project name:

Corps point of contact:

Partner's name (to be inscribed on award or certificate):

Partner's point of contact:

Corps Project mailing address:

Corps Project phone number: - -

District:

Division:

Introduction: (Briefly Describe the Project setting and your Partner's mission)

Describe the nominee's accomplishments using the criteria below.

(1) Accomplishment of Management Objectives. Accomplishing management goals and objectives and has assisted the Corps in accomplishing work items that could not have been accomplished without the partnership. Address how the nominee has demonstrated any of the following topics:

- Project/partnership ties into greater regional or national goals and initiatives of USACE
- Identify a specific management goal that the partnership meets
- Demonstrates improved cost-benefit/efficiencies through the partnership
Operations and Maintenance costs reduced by the partnership

(2) Creativity and Originality. The nominee has shown creativity and originality in serving the public and assisting the Corps in meeting the needs of its customers. Address how the nominee has demonstrated any of the following topics:

- Partnership/project model used and sought out by others
- Involves a non-typical partner/new partner
- Snowball effect- initial project led to more partnership successes

(3) Improvement in Public Awareness/Education. Enhancing the public's awareness of the Corps Recreation and/or Environmental Stewardship missions. Providing members of the public with significant opportunities to acquire the knowledge, values and attitudes related to Corps projects and public lands in general. Address how the nominee has demonstrated any of the following topics:

- Projects impacts reach a regional or national audience
- Uses a variety of programs or a unique outreach method
- Demonstrates actions by the public as a direct result of the project/partnership
- Engaged other partners or schools/universities to increase public education

(4) Involving Other Partners. The partnership has increased community involvement and understanding of the Corps role in serving the Nation. Address how the nominee had demonstrated any of the following topics:

- Project/partnership involves other partners in addition to the nominee
- Nominee received grants or other alternative funding, materials, supplies, or resources
- Leads to regional or national impacts beyond the initial USACE location

(5) Serving Diverse Audiences. The partnership has strengthened and improved the Corps ability to provide good customer service by developing programs that are accessible and sensitive to the needs of diverse user groups. Diversity may include but is not limited to ethnicity, people with disabilities, various socioeconomic backgrounds, or a variety of recreation user groups. Address how the nominee had demonstrated any of the following topics:

- Demonstrate how the partnership improved the experience for multiple user groups
- Demonstrates a snowball effect, multiple initiatives as a result of the initial project

Citation. Provide a summary of achievements/proposed citation that may be read at the award ceremony

Spotlight Slide. Please provide one slide that briefly summarizes the partners work as well as photographs of the partnership (example attached).



PARTNER NAME- PROJECT



- Provide a brief summary of the partnership
- Include highlights such as:
 - Partnership type
 - Other partners involved
 - Volunteer hours/donated materials in the FY
 - Management objectives accomplished
 - Any outreach/public awareness
- Please include 1 or 2 photos of partnership in action



MISSOURI FERAL HOG ELIMINATION PARTNERSHIP



The Missouri Feral Hog Elimination Partnership has united private landowners, universities and over 15 federal and state agencies under the common goal of eliminating feral hogs from public and private lands throughout Missouri to protect public health, agriculture and natural resources.

The Partnership, has utilized a multi-faceted approach to achieve success. Using everything from legislative actions and enforcement, to education, control measures and disease monitoring. Since implementing hog hunting prohibitions on public lands in 2016, the Partnership is seeing an overall downward trend in populations despite increasing acres surveyed – a measure of success in a very long battle. Though feral hogs remain in parts of Missouri, the presence of feral hogs at Corps of Engineers projects has been greatly reduced, if not eliminated.

- Partnership established in 1998
- Partnership Type: MOU
- The Partnership has eliminated feral hogs from Harry S. Truman, Pomme de Terre, and Stockton Lakes. Feral hog populations at Table Rock, Bull Shoals, Clearwater, and Wappapello Lakes have been greatly reduced.
- Since 2016 more than 54,000 feral hogs have been eliminated along with a 48.5% decrease in the number of watersheds occupied statewide.

