

USACE Headquarters Partnership Program Update

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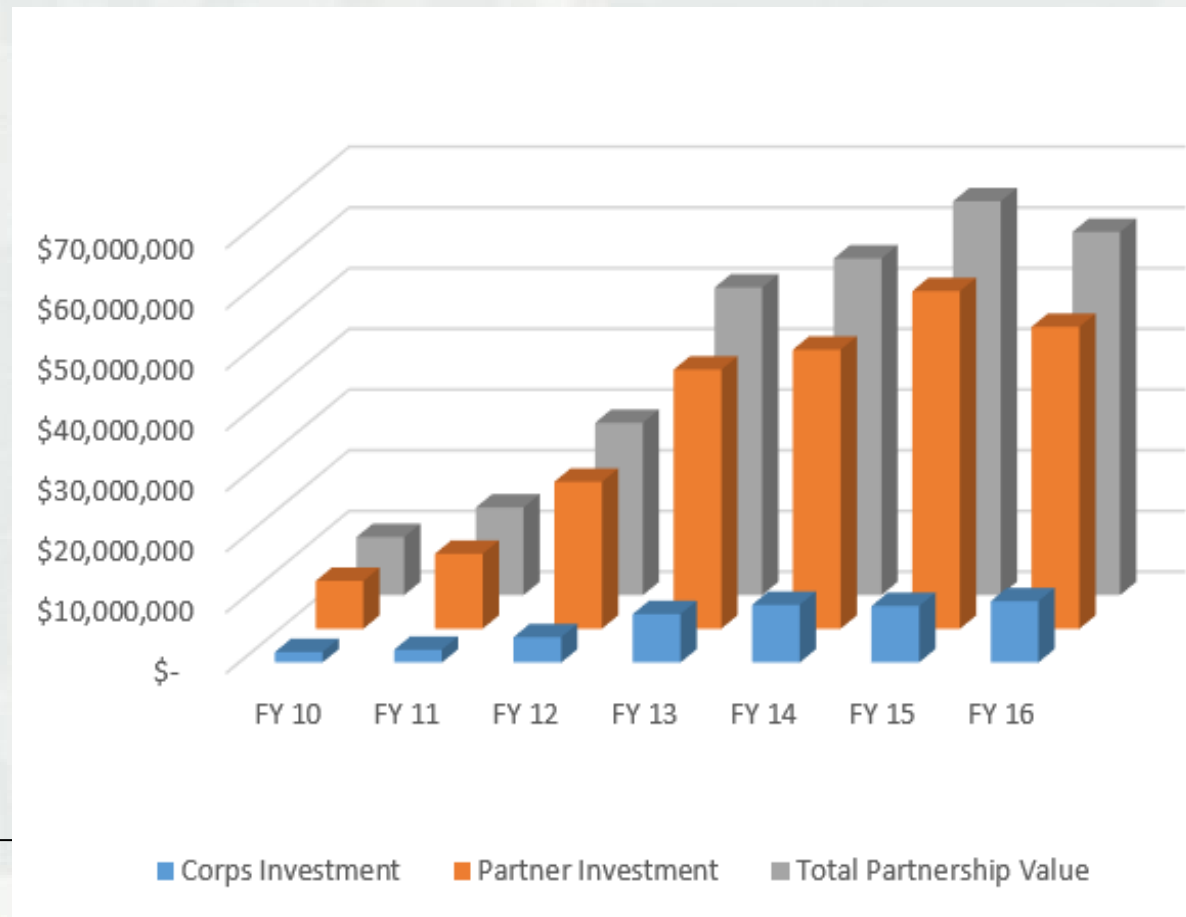
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Program Updates:

FY 16 OMBIL Partnership/Volunteer Data

- 1,394 partnerships (and 279 co-partners) with a total value of **\$59.8 million** (\$10.1 million Corps investment matched by \$49.7 million partner investment)
- 45,104 volunteers contributed 1,562,328 hours of work with an estimated value of \$36.8 million



New Partnering Authorities

WRDA 2016 – Section 1001: Youth Service and Conservation Corps Organizations

- Amends WRDA 2000 Section 213 (33 USC 2339)
- Added language: “The Secretary, to the maximum extent practicable, shall enter into cooperative agreements with qualified youth service and conservation corps organizations for services relating to projects under the jurisdiction of the Secretary and shall do so in a manner that ensures the maximum participation and opportunities for such organizations.”
- Does not actually provide any new authority. Just provides more emphasis on use of youth conservation corps.
- Does not come with any new funding stream.
- Implementation guidance will be developed later this year.



New Partnering Authorities

WRDA 2016 – Section 1155: Management of Recreation Facilities

- Amends WRDA 1992 Section 225 (33 USC 2328) Challenge Partnership Program
- Added language:
 - Collection of fees: The Secretary may allow a non-Federal public entity that has entered into a challenge partnership agreement to collect user fees for the use of developed recreation sites and facilities, whether developed or constructed by that entity or the Department of the Army.
 - Use of visitor reservation services: The non-Federal public entity may use, to manage fee collections and reservations, any visitor reservation service that the Secretary has provided for by contract or interagency agreement.



New Partnering Authorities

WRDA 2016 – Section 1155: Management of Recreation Facilities (cont.)

- Added language (cont.):
 - Use of fees: The non-Federal public entity that collects the user fees may retain up to 100 percent of the fees collected, and shall use any retained amount for operation, maintenance, and management activities at the recreation site at which the fee is collected.

- Implementation guidance will be developed later this year.

- Until official implementation guidance has been approved by the ASA (CW), Corps staff cannot share their own interpretation of the statute or provide draft policy and procedures to the public.

- Note: Please have patience with the process. WRRDA 2014 implementation guidance took 2 years to go into effect.



Policy Updates

- Civilian Inmate Labor policy memo, 31 January 2017
 - ▶ Volunteer authority does not include use of civilian inmate labor
 - ▶ Federal prisons: Federal prison labor is accepted under the authority of 18 USC 4125(a) and the requirements of AR 210-35, Civilian Inmate Labor Program
 - ▶ State/County correctional facilities: Services can be accepted under 33 USC 2325, Sec. 203 Contributions Program authority
 - ▶ Must follow procedures and requirements of AR 210-35 (Requires an Inmate Labor Plan and MOA)
 - ▶ Inmates do not sign a OF 301a volunteer services agreement form

- Partner-Funded Personnel policy memo, 31 January 2017
 - ▶ Acceptance of services on an ongoing long-term or indefinite basis authorized by 33 U.S.C. 2328
 - ▶ Allows the Corps to accept contributions of services from non-federal public and private entities that have entered into a challenge partnership agreement, which may include a partner paying for their personnel's labor to perform services for the benefit of the Corps, at no cost to the Corps.
 - ▶ Must use new Challenge Partnership Agreement template and addendum documents



Training and Awards

- PROSPECT Partnerships in Natural Resources Management class
 - Targeted outreach to OC, RM, RE, and CT to attend classes
 - FY 17 and 18 classes:
 - ❑ Caesar Creek Lake, OH: June 12 – 15, 2017
 - ❑ Melvin Price Lock & Dam, IL: October 30 – Nov 2, 2017
 - ❑ Pittsburgh District Office, PA: June 4 – 7, 2018

- Legends/Beacon nominations due March 17
 - Sponsored by the American Recreation Coalition
 - Legends – lifetime achievement for recreation
 - Beacon – innovative use of technology for recreation

- 2016 Excellence in Partnership and National Volunteer Award winners selected
 - EIP: Okaw Valley School District (MVS- Shelbyville)
 - Volunteer: Bill Barnes (MVK- Ouachita)
 - Sponsored by the Corps Foundation
 - Nomination requests sent out in Fall; Due December



Excellence in Partnership/Volunteer Awards

■ EIP Recipients

- 2016: Okaw Valley School District (Shelbyville Lake, MVS)
- 2015: Marklesburg Fire Department (Raystown Lake, NAB)
- 2014: Roanoke River Basin Association (John H Kerr Lake, SAW)
- 2013: Linn County Parks & Recreation (Willamette Valley, NWP)
- 2012: Our Lands and Waters Foundation (Fort Worth District)
- 2011: Friends of Caesar Creek Lake (LRL)
- 2010: Friends of Raystown Lake (NAB)
- 2009: Friends of W Kerr Scott Reservoir (SAW)
- 2008: Friends of Lake Sonoma (SPN)
- 2006: Kaskia-Kaw Rivers Conservancy (MVS)
- 2003: Upper Texas Coast Water-Borne Education Center (Wallisville, SWG)
- 2001: Bay Model Association (SPN)

■ Volunteer Award Recipients

- 2016: Bill Barnes (Lake Ouachita, MVK)
- 2015: Hugh Clark (Shenango River Lake, LRP)
- 2014: Mikayla Conrad (Deer Creek Lake, LRP)
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SAS)



National SCA Cooperative Agreement

- National agreement administered by Fort Worth District. Option Year 1 exercised on 31 Jan 2017
- Started off with 6 pilot projects to test out the work order process.
- Opened up to rest of country in October 2016
- May still use direct local agreement through district grants officer
- USACE pays for crews and interns in a fee-for-service cost share, transferring funds via MIPR to SWF
- Corps provides training, equipment, on-the-job transportation, and housing (or \$ for housing)
- SCA provides round-trip travel and living allowance, liability/health insurance, AmeriCorps education awards



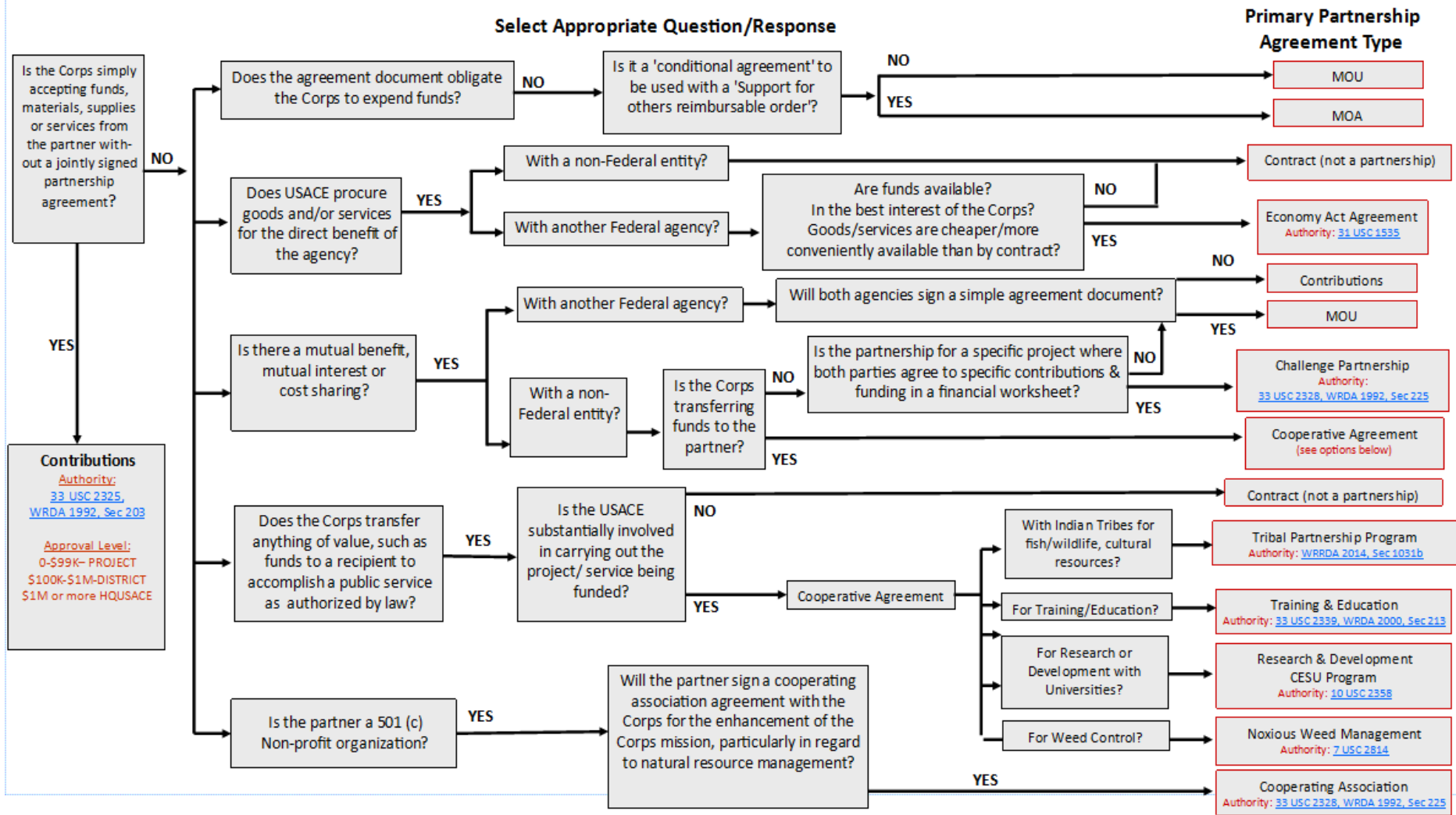
PAC Team News

- Leading Partnerships/Volunteers track at national NRM workshop in April
- Suite of webinars – 101; Volunteers; Military; Handshake; OMBIL
- Partner speakers series: National Park Trust, CAST, American Recreation Coalition, Workamper, iNaturalist, Park Rx, National Wildlife Federation
- Next meeting in late spring at Shelbyville Lake with EIP award ceremony and site visits with partners.
- Worked closely with CF to develop cooperating association toolkit
- Developed new chart for partnership agreement approval levels
- Updating ER/EP chapters pertaining to partnerships/volunteers
- Developed Partnership Program newsletter



USACE NRM Partnership Agreement Decision Tree

(for Recreation and Environmental Stewardship Partnerships)



USACE NRM Partnership Agreements - Flow of Money/Contributions

(for Recreation and Environmental Stewardship Partnerships)

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Contributions

(anyone except the project sponsor)

Authority:

[33 USC 2325](#)

[WRDA 1992, Sec 203](#)

Challenge Partnerships

(non-federal entity)

Authority:

[33 USC 2328](#)

[WRDA 1992, Sec 225](#)

Cooperating Association

(non-profit entity)

Authority:

[33 USC 2328](#)

[WRDA 1992, Sec 225](#)

USACE → \$\$\$ to partner

Cooperative Agreement for Fire Protection

(any fire organization)

Authority:

[42 USC 1856a](#)

Cooperative Agreement for Research & Development

(non-federal entity)

Authority:

[33 USC 2313](#)

Cooperative Agreement with Indian Tribes for fish, wildlife, water quality, cultural resources

(Indian Tribes)

Authority:

[WRRDA 2014, Sec 1031b](#)

USACE → \$\$\$ to partner

Cooperative Agreement for Training/Education

(non-federal or non-profit)

Authority:

[33 USC 2339](#)

[WRDA 2000, Sec 213](#)

amended by [WRRDA 2014, Sec 1047\(e\)](#)

Cooperative Agreement for Weed Management

(any State Agency)

Authority:

[7 USC 2418](#)

USACE ↔ \$\$\$ both ways

Economy Act

(federal agency)

Authority:

[31 USC 1535](#)

NRM Partnership Agreement Approval Levels

This document is intended to provide a brief overview of available partnership authorities and approval requirements.
Corps personnel should coordinate all proposed agreements with their Office of Counsel.

Agreement Type	Authority	Special Considerations	\$ Value	Signature*
Contribution	33 USC 2325, Sec 203 of WRDA 1992	Acceptance level based on \$ value	< \$2,500: Any staff member \$2,500 to < \$100K: Manager \$100K to < \$1M: District NRM and OC \$1M or >: HQUSACE OC, NRM, DCW <i>*Reference 2010 Contributions, Fundraising and Recognition Reference Guide, Sections 5.2 and 5.3</i>	No agreement to sign. District Contributions Plan provides authorization.
Challenge Partnership	33 USC 2328, Sec 225 of WRDA 1992	Signature based on \$ value	\$25K or <: delegable to OPM > \$25K to \$200K: delegable to Ops Chief > \$200K: District Commander <i>*Reference ER 1130-2-500, Ch 12-2.k</i>	District Commander unless delegated to Operations Project Manager and/or Chief of Operations per ER 1130-2-500. Agreements involving projects in more than one district must be approved by MSC Commander or their delegate.
Cooperating Association	33 USC 2328, Sec 225 of WRDA 1992	A moratorium is currently in place for cooperative agreements and associated leases that allow CAs to collect and retain fees for use of Corps facilities. <i>*Reference CECW Memo dated 12 September 2013.</i>	N/A	Agreements that do not involve fee collection/retention may be approved by District Commanders. Until further guidance is issued, all agreements involving fee collection/retention for use of Corps facilities must be approved at HQUSACE.
Economy Act	31 USC 1535	Agreements w/ DoD entities	N/A	District Commander <i>*Reference ER 1140-1-1, para. 6.</i>
		Agreement w/ non-DoD agencies where the Corps is the servicing agency	N/A	MSC Commander unless delegated to District Commander. <i>*Reference ER 1140-1-211, para. 8.</i>
		Agreements w/ non-DoD agencies where the Corps is the ordering agency	N/A	SES or General Officer. <i>*Reference DoD FMR Vol. 11A, ch. 3, para. 030304.</i>
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	No explicit authority required. MOUs are non-binding agreements that do not commit either party to do anything. However, the Corps must have authority to perform the activities or carry out the intentions referenced in an MOU.	Level of signature depends on complexity of agreement and level of partner signature	N/A	OPM, Operations Chief, District Commander or higher official - depends on which authority is cited (if any) and/or level of signature at partner organization. Agreements with regional or national implications should be coordinated with affected MSCs and HQUSACE.
Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)	Authorities vary. MOAs are used to document binding agreements between parties based on specific statutory authority (e.g., Economy Act agreements).	Depends on authority	Depends on authority	Depends on authority
Volunteer	33 USC 569c	Delegation memo on file	N/A	District Commander unless delegated. <i>*Reference 12 Aug 2016 CECW-OO Memo: Implementation Guidance for Section 1042(d) Services of Volunteers of the Water Resources and Reform Development Act (WRDA) of 2014, Pl. 111-121</i>



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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- New Handshake Program winners announced
- Soar with the Corps and the Audubon Society
- See a Handshake project at work
- Learn about a nursery for striped bass
- What's buzzing with a Boy Scout pollinator project?
- Olav Valley Schools gain new skills
- Volunteer recognitions
- Paddling trash pickup
- 2016 OMBIL Statistics

Bridging the Gap

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Congratulations to Handshake Program Winners!

Congratulations to the FY 17 Handshake Partnership Program funding recipients: Big Hill Lake, Caesar Creek Lake, Coralville Lake, Raystown Lake, Rend Lake, Shelbyville Lake, Surry Mountain Lake, Table Rock Lake and Tioga Hammond / Cowenuesque. These nine projects come from seven Corps districts within four divisions. Collectively, these projects will improve recreation opportunities and facilities for all visitors, providing access for land

and water-based recreation, connecting communities to outdoor opportunities, protecting and conserving natural resources, enhancing our environmental stewardship mission, increasing public awareness of the value of water resources, and engaging federal, state, and local partners in a shared vision. To accomplish these goals, the projects involve 45 partners who have pledged more than \$308,000. These Handshake Partnership Program

funding recipients demonstrate the continued success of our field projects working with their stakeholders and local communities to accomplish great projects. For more information regarding the Handshake Program, please visit Handshakepage on the NRM Gateway at <https://corpslakes.erc.dren.mil/employees/handshake/handshake.cfm> or contact your division Partnership Advisory Committee member.

The Yosemite Area Audubon Society Soars with Eastman and Hensley Lakes

By Alyson Strickland

In early 2012, the Yosemite Area Audubon Society, working under the national MOU between the Corps and the National Audubon Society, began a long-term program to build, install, and monitor nest boxes in multiple counties in central California including breathing life into the nest box programs at both Eastman and Hensley Lakes. The first year of the program focused on American Kestrels. Since 2013 the program has expanded to include barn owls, wood ducks, Western bluebirds, tree-swallows and ash-throated flycatchers. Many nests have shown

to be used by multiple species at one time.

One of the big success stories is based on the songbird boxes that



Baby Tree Swallows: "Pinkies"

are along a section of fence line on the Hensley Lake property line. In the Buck Ridge Recreation Area, 12-15 boxes are

currently being used by tree swallows and ash-throated flycatchers. In addition, several other nest boxes located at the Buck Ridge Group Shelter area include 58 tree swallow nests, of which 57 nests were discovered to accommodate 148 fledging birds. In the same location, 10 ash-throated flycatcher nests are home to 22 fledging young. These numbers are essentially a 90% increase in bird activity within that area. The Yosemite Area Audubon Society has played a vital role in increasing the bird activity at both Hensley and Eastman Lakes.



Corps Foundation News

- Coast Guard grant: Received \$175k for boat safety video/audio PSAs, focus groups in 2016. Received \$175k more in funding in 2017 for PSAs, tailgate wraps, banners, game upgrade. Submitted request for \$353k from 2018 grant funds for new mobile game, videos, digital marketing, banners, shirts
- Funding EIP and National Volunteer awards, volunteer service coins
- Partnership with Bass pro for Enduring Service volunteer lifetime achievement
- Tool Kit for Developing a Cooperating Association with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Provided Certified Interpretive Guide training at Melvin Price Locks. Will be hosting another class this spring at Soo Locks.
- New board member: Jeff Rose from Marinas International





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National Kids to Parks Day: May 20, 2017

- The National Park Trust (NPT) is a non-profit organization that partners with the Corps to connect children to the outdoors by encouraging families to visit their federal and state parks.
- Great opportunity in 2017 to co-brand events as Every Kid in a Park by targeting 4th grade classes.





KTP Day School Contest

- Opens January, Deadline February 14. \$1,000 grants to schools to bring kids to our parks. Winners selected by March 1.
- Students submit proposal for their KTP event at a park nearby
- Winners receive:
 - Funding for bus transportation, healthy snacks, park fees, supplies
 - Award certificate and KTP stickers for students
 - Classroom Buddy Bison to take on their park adventure
 - Featured news story on website and e-newsletter



<http://parktrust.org/youthprograms/national-kids-to-parks-day>

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Park Events Family Resources Event Registration Media Kit

2016 KIDS TO PARKS DAY THANK YOU



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National Get Outdoors Day: June 10, 2017

- Annual event in June organized and sponsored by the American Recreation Coalition.
- Goals: Reach underserved populations, first-time visitors to public lands, and reconnect youth to the great outdoors.



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FLW Fishing Tournaments

- FLW is a tournament fishing organization that provides fishing resources and entertainment to their anglers, sponsors, fans and host communities.
- Corps signed a national MOU with FLW in 2013
- FLW provides Corps with booth space and outreach opportunities at WalMart, High School, and College Fishing tournaments





CURRENT EVENT >>>

Oct 10 - 12

••• FLW LIVE VIDEO COVERAGE •••

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Clear Lake

2013

High School Fishing



- Central Conference Championship 10/12
- Northern Conference Championship 10/05
- Southeastern Conference Championship 10/12
- Southern Conference Championship 10/19
- Western Conference Championship 10/13
- National Championship - Beaver Lake 04/21



College bass clubs re-upping in pursuit of FLW College Fishing National Championship

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LATEST NEWS

- Murray State University to host high school fishing open ...
- Nebraska wins TBF/FLW High School Fishing Southern ...
- Bandys High School wins Southeastern Conference Cha...
- Virginia wins TBF/FLW High School Fishing title
- Michigan wins TBF/FLW High School Fishing Central Co...
- Borah High Wins High School Fishing Western Conferen...
- McIntosh High School wins TBF High School Fishing Nati...
- FLW/TBF High School Fishing National Championship h...

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Total Solar Eclipse

August 21, 2017

- Last eclipse: February 26, 1979
- Will cross 14 states and many USACE lakes
- Expect significant increase in visitation and special events permits

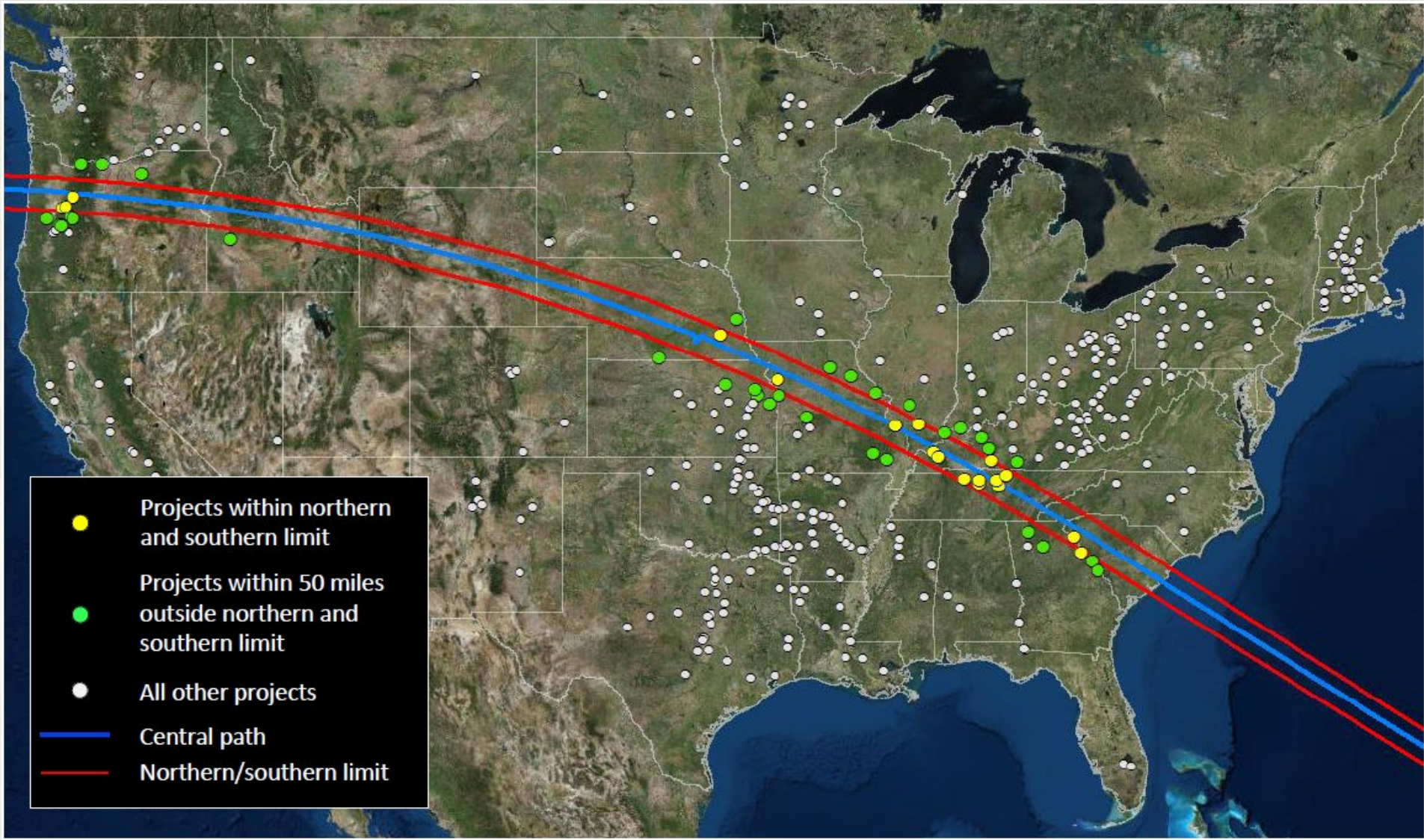
Corps projects within 50 miles of path

- BARREN RIVER
- SMITHLAND LOCK
- BARKLEY
- CENTER HILL
- CHEATHAM
- CORDELL HULL
- DALE HOLLOW
- J PERCY PRIEST
- OLD HICKORY
- KASKASKIA
- MISSISSIPPI RIVER
- REND
- SMITHVILLE
- SALT CREEK
- DETROIT
- FOSTER
- GREEN PETER
- HARTWELL
- RICHARD B RUSSELL
- JOHN T. MYERS LOCK
- NEWBURGH LOCK
- NOLIN
- ROUGH RIVER
- CUMBERLAND
- CARLYLE
- MARK TWAIN
- WAPPAPELLO
- CLINTON
- HARLAN COUNTY
- HARRY S. TRUMAN
- HILLSDALE
- LITTLE BLUE RIVER
- LONG BRANCH LAKE
- PERRY LAKE
- TUTTLE CREEK
- PAPILLION CREEK
- BLUE RIVER
- BONNEVILLE
- COUGAR
- DEXTER
- FALL CREEK
- FERN RIDGE
- LOOKOUT POINT
- THE DALLES
- WILLOW CREEK
- LUCKY PEAK
- LANIER
- CARTERS
- J STROM THURMOND
- CLEARWATER





USACE Recreation Projects and Solar Eclipse Path 2017



Resources: NRM Gateway

<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/partners/partners.cfm>

Partnerships

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In today's financial environment PARTNERING is an essential tool that allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to effectively manage recreation and environmental resources. In order to successfully meet our recreation and stewardship missions, and to foster shared values, vision, and a sense of ownership it is imperative that we work together with state governments, Native American tribes, private/public organizations, local communities, and other partners to maintain or advance programs from wildlife protection and habitat improvement to recreational facility enhancements.

Partnering helps to pool scarce resources, to promote coordinated, focused, and consistent mutual efforts to resolve common problems and missions, and to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort. The NRM Program has embraced this reality and is committed to fully exploring the potential development of new public-private partnerships to leverage limited appropriated funds and human resources.

This page will help you determine the [right tools for your partnerships](#), [find the right training to expand your knowledge](#), and [learn from the successful efforts of your peers](#). You will find answers to longstanding questions and discover how to effectively utilize important partners such as the [Corps of Engineers Natural Resources Education Foundation](#). The bottom line: **partnering is smart business**.

Partnership Types: [Which is right for you?](#)

- [Challenge Partnerships Program](#)
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Each year, the Army Corps of Engineers partners with thousands of individuals and organizations on recreation and environmental projects to enhance our nation's natural resources. We are proud of our broad range of existing partners and eagerly seek to expand mutually beneficial relationships with others.

Examples of Successful Partnerships ▼

National Partners with the Corps of Engineers ▼

<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/partners.cfm>

PAC 2017

- Allison Walker - LRD
(LRN District Office)
- Jason Knight– SWD
(SWT District Office)
- Heath Kruger– NWD
(Kansas City District)
- Stacy Sigman- MVD
(Lake Ouachita)
- Taylor Johnson- SPD
(New Hogan Lake)
- Miriam Fleming – Chair- SAD
(Carters Lake)
- Ron Woodall –NAD
(West Hill Dam)
- Heather Burke – HQ



** Jason Knight and Ron Woodall not shown in photo



- What would you like to know about?
- How do you see the Corps partnership program from the field/partner perspective?
- How can we improve the program?
What are your needs?

