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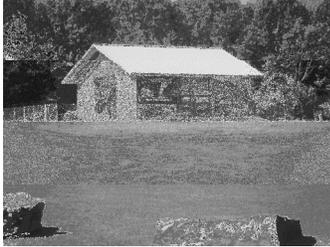
Handshake Challenge Partnership Program 2008
Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
Columbus East Bank Recreation Area
Waterborne Restroom

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Project Summary

- **Replace a deteriorating composting bathroom with a waterborne bathroom located at the US Army Corps of Engineers Columbus East Bank Boat Ramp in Columbus, Mississippi.**
- **Popular for hosting local, state, and regional fishing tournaments due to its location near the mid-point of the 234-mile long Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.**
- **Facility includes 116 car-trailer parking spaces, room for overflow parking, a picnic shelter, and a restroom.**

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Project Summary Continued

- Fishing tournaments have a significant economic impact on the local economy.
- Economic impacts can range from \$170,000 to \$300,000.
- Partners recognized the need for a better facility to encourage future events.
- Economic impacts reinforced need to form a partnership to modernize facility.

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Partners

- City of Columbus, Mississippi
- Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau (CCVB)

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Contributions By Each Party

	COE	CCVB	City	Total
COE/Partner Funds	\$24,545.24	\$11,667.00	\$11,667.00	\$47,879.24
Handshake Funds	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Total	\$34,545.00	\$11,667.00	\$11,667.00	\$57,879.24

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Cleviss Multrum Composting Bathroom.



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Exterior photo showing a crack between the back and left supporting walls of the facility.



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Out with the old / In with the new



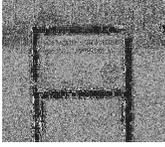
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Representatives from the partnering agencies and the Corps recognize the partnership and celebrate the opening of the completed facility.







From L to R: James Tsismanakis (CCVB), Mayor Robert E. Smith, Councilman Jerry Kendall, and Rick Saucer, Operations Manager.

From L to R: James Tsismanakis (CCVB), Mayor Robert E. Smith, and Randy Comer, Assistant Operations Manager.

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Observations

- Ensure financial management controls are in place to receive outside funds/contributions.
- Vested interest in facility – Vandalism
- Future opportunity for partnerships to make other additional enhancements to the facility.

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