

Philpott Lake

Challenge Partnership Projects



Project Description FY05

- Developed 5-mile shared-use trail
 - Converted 1.5 mi of degraded jeep trail
 - 3.5 mi new construction
- Connected parks
- Partner: Franklin County Parks & Rec



Contributions

- Handshake \$10,000
 - Bulletin board materials
 - Gravel for jeep trail repairs
- USACE \$15,000
 - Signage
 - Trail design, landowner coordination
 - O&M contractor labor/equip for jeep trail improvement
- Franklin County P&R \$5,000
 - In-kind services
 - Dozer rental/operator labor



Lessons Learned

- Formed lasting partnership with county
- Sparked interest among other community organizations
- Equipment selection/logistics
- Landowner considerations



Project Description FY08

- Shared-use trail system extension (approx. 2.5 mi)
- Constructed 1.5 mi loop
- Will add another 1 mi loop
- Partners: FCP&R, Friends of Philpott, local bike clubs



Contributions

- Friends of Philpott \$5,000
- Henry County Bike Club \$8,000
- Franklin Freewheelers \$4,000
- SVMBA \$3,000
- FCP&R \$1,000
- USACE \$10,000
- 1000 volunteer hours!



Lessons Learned

- Consider NEPA requirements
- Realistic expectations of volunteers
- Careful cost estimates
- Tool accountability
- Regular work days
- Volunteer management
- Combine work and play


