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Great Parks Need Great Partners

The Opportunity

Passionate about outdoor recreation, conservation, outreach, and community impact?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites non-federal public and non-profit organizations to co-manage and enhance recreation areas at our nation's lakes and rivers.

This is your chance to make a real difference while advancing your mission and creating sustainable funding for your programs.

Help us build long-term partnerships that sustain America's outdoor legacy.

Enhanced Authorities for Collaboration

As we begin to implement new authority under the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2024, USACE can now create innovative co-management partnerships with non-profit organizations. These agreements empower local stewardship, improve visitor experiences, and keep parks thriving for years to come.

Why This Opportunity Matters

Through a Challenge Cost-Sharing Cooperative Management Agreement, nonprofits can take an active role in managing USACE recreation sites.

- ✓ **\$16.6B in local economic impact**
- ✓ **4,800 recreation areas at 406 lakes and rivers**
- ✓ **43 states and over 260 million annual visitors**

Ready to get involved?

Find a USACE Project Near You:

corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/visitors/visitors.cfm

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What Partnership Looks Like

Each agreement is structured to maximize collaboration. Together, we'll develop a plan that aligns your capabilities with the needs of the specific site. Co-management agreements typically span 10 years, with an optional additional 5 years without further competition.



How your organization may help:

- Collecting and reinvesting user fees
- Providing park hosts or volunteer staffing
- Maintaining facilities and landscapes
- Managing reservations and visitor services
- Enhancing natural resources and education programs
- Extending park hours and seasons

In turn, USACE provides oversight, operational support, and a shared vision for success.

Benefits to Your Organization



Sustainable Funding

Retain and invest up to 100% of collected user fees directly into the park you manage.



Mission Growth

Expand your impact by keeping parks open, accessible, and vibrant.



Shared Responsibility

Partner with a trusted agency while maintaining flexibility and autonomy in daily operations.



Community Visibility

Become a recognized leader in preserving local recreation and quality of life.

Public Benefit

USACE manages more recreation sites than any other federal agency. Our lakes, rivers, and parks are anchors for local communities – drawing visitors, volunteers, and economic activity.

By partnering with USACE, nonprofits help ensure that:

- ✓ Parks stay open and accessible to all
- ✓ Facilities improve and visitor satisfaction grows
- ✓ Local economies thrive from tourism and recreation
- ✓ User fees are reinvested locally – not sent to Washington, D.C.

A Notice to Eligible Entities will be issued to interested organizations, outlining how to submit a proposal for consideration.