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Great Lakes & Ohio
River Division

NRM Partnership Program

Great Lakes and Ohio River Division
Natural Resources Management
Program



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Eagle Scout Projects Mount Morris Dam

- Eagle Scout Projects (estimated value of materials donated - \$5000. Estimated value of service 530+hrs \$10,000).
- 4 different scouts representing 3 different scout troops and 2 separate scout councils did eagle projects.





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Eagle Scout Projects Mount Morris Dam

- Constructed a volunteer camp pad - partnering with Frontier Telephone and the local ARC (handicap agency) to supply materials and donations for the surrounding timbers, picnic table, fire ring and lantern pole.
- Construction of a bulletin board kiosk with a bench and pavers under it and put timbers around a play structure.



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Eagle Scout Projects Mount Morris Dam

- Developed a small 3 acre field for a group camp ground, installing a large fire ring with fire brick under it, constructing 8 benches, graded and seeded the area and planted 6 spruce trees for screening.
- Constructed a small footbridge, installed a 35 foot flag pole and is coordinating with local veteran groups for a plaque to dedicate his project to the men and women fighting the war on global terrorism.





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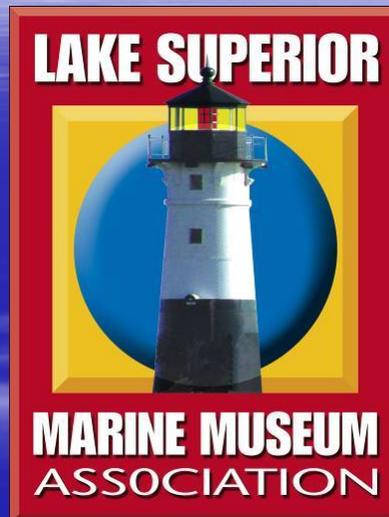
Working in cooperation with the
Corps of Engineers'
Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center,
in Duluth, Minnesota



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The Lake Superior
Marine Museum
Association is the
oldest cooperating
association within
the Corps of
Engineers,
established in 1973.





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Lake Superior Marine Museum Association

LSMMA is designed specifically to assist the Corps of Engineers at the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center in Duluth by providing funding, artifacts, photographs, etc. to enhance visitors' experiences in the Visitor Center and in Canal Park at the entry to the Duluth-Superior Harbor on the shore western Lake Superior.



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Most recently, LSMMA provided grant matching funds for an \$85,000 computer interactive exhibit on ship traffic, cargoes, international flags, weather, and more.





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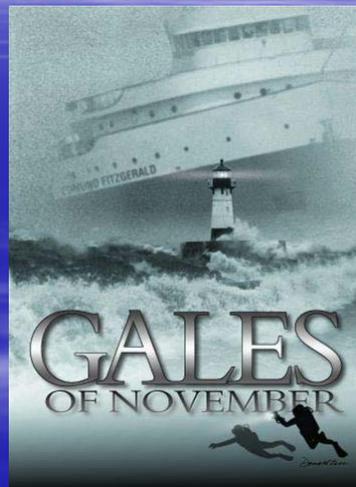
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LSMMA raises funds through direct donations, sponsoring the annual Gales of November shipwreck and diving conference, a ship trip raffle, and sales of memberships and articles from a small gift shop.





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More than 350,000 people visit the indoor exhibits and nearly a million more enjoy the outdoor exhibits and Canal Park boatwatching.



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LSMMA
funds most
of the
interior
exhibits,
many of
which are
hands-on.



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There are
dozens of
scale ship
models
representing
Great Lakes
vessels over
two centuries
and the
cargoes they
carry.





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Full-size
replica
cabins give
visitors a
taste of
history on
various
vessel
types.



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LSMMA cosponsors
the free annual Twin
Ports Lighthouse Day
events with the local
Canal Park Business
Association with all
events happening at
the Visitor Center.

August 7th

**Twin Ports
Lighthouse Day**

No Admission & Free Programs
Throughout the Day at the
**LAKE SUPERIOR
MARITIME VISITOR CENTER**
in Canal Park ■ Sponsored by

Get Your
Lighthouse Passports
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Friends of Bulltown



Burnsville Lake



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Friends of Bulltown

- The Friends of Bulltown was organized to enhance the growth and development of the Bulltown Historic Area. The members consist of volunteers who are interested in the future direction of the historic area. These community members lend their knowledge and abilities about the history of Bulltown and history in general
- Members consist of descendants that resided in the area prior to Corps acquisition. Not limited to, local media and Civil War Re-Enactors, the members promote the Bulltown Historic Area to its full potential of cultural preservation, education, and entertainment to thousands of visitors annually.



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Friends of Bulltown

- Volunteers from the Friends of Bulltown staff the Bulltown Historic Area during the "off-season" when the Interpretive Contract is inactive
- Interpretive Center displays and artifacts are changed annually to prevent redundancy and sparking new interests to returning visitors
- Networking with the Civil War Task Force provides low-cost advertising with an upcoming sign program promoting in a four state area, including West Virginia





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Friends of Bulltown

- Biannually, the Stonewall Jackson Re-Enactment Unit performs the Civil War era Battle of Bulltown for hundreds of visitors. Other programs include demonstrations of apple butter making, basket-weaving, looming, cooking, soap making, authentic weapons, bluegrass music and village tours
- Annually, Heritage Day takes place at the Bulltown Historic Area where visitors can travel back in time and witness the days of our early pioneers. Programs include the same demonstrations as those listed above except for the battle re-enactment.



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Friends of Bulltown

- In 2006, the Friends of Bulltown have provided close to 3,000 volunteer hours and a savings to the Corps of nearly \$50,000.00





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Friends of Caesar Creek Caesar Creek Lake



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Friends of Caesar Creek

- Provide in-depth educational materials for park visitors to further their understanding of interpretive programs at the Caesar Creek Visitor Center. Approximately \$12,000 in sales are conducted each year to provide information about the natural resources and the management of Caesar Creek.
- Provides donations for hard to obtain interpretive displays or makes minor purchases for enhanced displays at the Caesar Creek Lake Visitor Center.





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Friends of Caesar Creek

- Sponsor educational programs that have associated costs such as, providing the opportunity to participate in Project Monarch Watch, and paying for a speaker for a Birds of Prey program, buying supplies and snacks for the Junior Ranger program.
- Provides and publishes specialized materials about Caesar Creek Lake including a popular detailed hiking contour trail map, a birding check list, a fossil guide and other site specific materials.



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Friends of Caesar Creek

- Makes donations for special events such as providing the annual volunteer recognition dinner and materials, recognition patches and food for Green Up Day the lake "clean up" day which involves approximately 300 volunteers doing work projects around the lake.
- Provides more in-depth educational programs such as fossils of Caesar Creek with Tom Johnson, The Secret Lives of Reptiles, Owl Moon, and various birding and natural resource programs.





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Challenge Partnership: Lake Barkley

Three agreements in past three years:

1) Lake Barkley – Lyon County Tourism Commission

- Ramp and parking lot expansion
- \$140,000 - 100% by partner
- Cooperation from Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources for planning and design
- Area now accommodates more boaters and fishing tournaments



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Challenge Partnership: Cheatham Lake

2) Cheatham Lake – Tennessee State University and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

- Installation of interpretive trail, walkway and parking area.
- \$23,000 – 52% from partners
- Provides educational opportunities for public with an emphasis on reaching minority groups.





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Challenge Partnership: Old Hickory Lake

3) Old Hickory Lake - Volunteer State Comm. College

- Project Biodiversity: remove invasive, exotic plants, plant native species, install exhibit & walking path.
- \$24,000 – 52% from partner
- Re-establish native plants & provide living laboratory showing the impact of non-native species.



Quechee Gorge Visitor Center North Hartland Lake, VT

This partnership began in 1993 when a group of stakeholders in the Quechee Gorge area started to meet on a regular basis to discuss their concerns about preserving the Gorge Area which has become a local economic engine based on tourism and a unique natural resource.



The Friend of Quechee Gorge (FQG)

- Vermont Department of Forests and Parks which operates Quechee Gorge State Park including a heavily used camping area immediately adjacent to the Gorge.
- The Quechee Chamber of Commerce (QCoC), representing the businesses along VT Route 4 on either side of the Gorge.
- The Vermont Department of Transportation (VTTrans) which operates and maintains Route 4 including a historic railroad bridge, later converted to highway use, that spans the Gorge.
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, owner of the land on either side of this Gorge and Route 4. The upper third of the North Hartland Lake reservoir area is leased to the State of Vermont for recreation and natural resources management.
- The Town of Hartford, Vermont, includes the Village of Quechee. The Planning Office acted as the moderator and grant writing agency for the group.

Challenge Partnership Agreement

- In 2001 the Town received a grant for the design and construction of the visitor center and related facilities. A final design was adopted. The budget from the grant money provided \$1.3 million for construction, the low bid came in around \$2.1 million, leaving a shortfall of \$800,000. The Corps contributed the remaining funds under a challenge cost share partnering agreement.
- The visitor center became operational in the summer of 2005 and the partnership continues.
- Upon completion of the visitor center, we signed another partnering agreement with the Quechee Chamber of Commerce to operate and maintain the facility.

Quechee Gorge Regional Visitor Center

The visitor center is the result of a long-term collaborative process. None of the stakeholders had the resources to commit to such an undertaking. But together we have come up with a plan that addresses many of the stakeholders' needs and ensures the protection of the Gorge on a sustainable basis for many years to come



Quechee Gorge Regional Visitor Center

- Since its opening, the visitor center has received 123,437 visitors (actual count). Of these, 40% have registered with the QCoC guest register and 80% have hiked down the Quechee Gorge Trail. This indicates that the visitor center itself is an attraction and not just a rest stop. Over 75% of the displays in the visitor center make the connection of the Gorge area to the Army Corps of Engineers flood damage reduction project downstream.





Recommendation for changes or improvement to the program

- Simplify and improve partnering processes
- Increase authority and flexibility to create effective partnerships (eliminate conditions requiring upfront partner funding prior to initiation of work)
- Expand challenge partnership authority (Include lease holders/outgrant partners to be included in program)

Recommendation for changes or improvement to the program.

- Provide consistent legal guidance on partnership related issues (establish a national law firm Center of Expertise)
- Target funding to leverage/enhance but not offset existing resources and budget (create centrally funded partnering leveraging funds pool)
- Increase knowledge of the partnership program at projects, districts and divisions (develop exportable training module using NRM Career Development Committee)

Recommendation for changes or improvement to the program.

- Assure that at least some of a project's increment 3 package (improvements) needs are met each year
- Consider adding a Park Ranger staffing component for partnering to the service matrix part of the recreation budget