

CONTRIBUTION PLAN

FOR

JOHN W. FLANNAGAN DAM AND
NORTH FORK OF POUND LAKE

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I. INTRODUCTION.

The Contributions Program provides an excellent opportunity for the John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Resource Management staff to supplement a diminishing project budget with potential contributions and grants from various private and public sectors. Whether in the form of cash, materials or services, contributions have the potential to result in the sharing of project operational costs and to enhance the ability of the project staff to better manage existing facilities in the public interest. In this respect, contributions and grants have the potential to enable the resource management staff to fund some programs and/or projects that have, as a result of reprioritizations, either been deferred or delayed due to reduced O&M funds. One such example is the installation of floating courtesy docks at the various launch ramps. Various special interest groups and the visiting public have expressed concerns about improving the access to the lake. One solution to this problem involves altering existing launching facilities and installing floating courtesy docks to render the lake more universally accessible. Currently, the Corps cannot undertake such a project due to lack of funds. While this is but one example, there are other work projects and/or programs that could benefit from the Contributions Program. Further examples are given in this Plan. All programs and/or work projects that may potentially benefit from the John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Contributions Program will be carefully screened and evaluated for their suitability and no project will be initiated that is not in consonance with the guidance and policy on the Corps Contributions Program.

II. PURPOSE.

The essential purpose of this plan is to provide a formal document that describes in general terms the categories or types of work that have been identified in the John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Operational Management Plan (OMP) that are eligible for being accomplished under the authority of the Corps Contributions Program. In conjunction with describing the general nature or categories of work to be accomplished, this plan will also address the following: general procedures and methods for receiving and accounting for monetary contributions; methods for providing recognition to contributors and acknowledging public support; and designation of the individual responsible for assuring overall proper management and administration of the John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Contributions Program.

III. AUTHORITY.

The John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Contributions Program will be managed and implemented in accordance with the authority and general guidance contained in ER 1130-2-500 and EP 1130-2-500.

IV. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.

a. General. In accordance with ER 1130-2-500, responsibility for program management is delegated to the Operations Project Manager for the Big Sandy

Area. In this respect, this individual will work closely with the John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Resource Management staff and appropriate elements of the Huntington District Office, to assure that all work accomplished is consistent with the Operational Management Plan, the John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Master Plans and the general policy, guidance and procedures given in ER 1130-2-500 and EP 1130-2-500.

b. Monetary Contributions.

1. General Work Projects. Revenue collected from contributors at John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake that is not designated by the contributor for a specific work project will be transferred to the Resource Management Office in the Huntington District Office (RMO) for deposit into the U.S. Treasury and the proper account. Following confirmation of receipt and deposit of these funds into the U.S. Treasury, a specific CEFMS account (i.e., funded work item) will be established for contributions received at John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake. The Operations Project Manager will be responsible for coordinating the establishment of the CEFMS account with the John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Resource Manager and RMO. Once deposited, these funds will become immediately available to the John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake projects and will only be used for the general work activities listed in this and the approved five-year plan to the OMP.

2. Specific Work Projects or Earmarked Contributions. The procedures for depositing such monetary contributions are the same as for general contributions, except that a separate CEFMS account (funded work item) will be established for such contributions. Contributions “earmarked” or designated for a specific work item or project will be administered separately from the general contributions account. All such project specific or “earmarked” contributions will only be accepted for implementing work and accomplishing projects that are consistent with the OMP and this plan.

V. POTENTIAL PROJECTS.

a. General. Contributions will be utilized to accomplish tasks or projects for the protection, improvement, restoration, rehabilitation or interpretation of natural resources, environmental features, recreation areas and facilities or cultural resources at John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake.

b. Work Categories. The following list, while not comprehensive, provides some examples of the general types of projects that are identified in the OMP and are eligible for funding under the John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake Contributions Program. Specific information (e.g. costs, projected dates, etc.) on these work examples can be found in the OMP.

<u>General Category</u>	<u>Specific Work Examples(s)</u>
Enhancement of Lake Aesthetics And Recreation	Planting of trees in recreation areas Drift and debris removal Floating Courtesy Docks Repairs to facilities ² Installation of signs and markers Fishing Piers and Access Areas
Interpretive Programs	Enhance current Jr. Ranger Program (e.g. materials, supplies, etc.) Water safety and litter bags (Pack it in/out) Interpretive signage
Resource Management	Forest Management Wildlife Management (fish attractors, habitat studies, etc.) Trail Development Further Development of Project GIS Database

VI. RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

John W. Flannagan Dam and North Fork of Pound Lake will acknowledge appreciation to contributors via letters or certificates of appreciation, news releases, photo opportunities, ribbon cutting ceremonies, plaques or other appropriate means consistent with the mission and goals of the Corps and the standards of ethical conduct.

VII. APPROVAL.

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