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City of Carlyle and Corps of Engineers Partner to Improve Multi-Use Trail

Carlyle Lake – Carlyle residents and Carlyle Lake visitors will soon benefit from a \$25,000 grant to improve recreation opportunities at Carlyle Lake.

The grant, given to the City of Carlyle and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Carlyle Lake Project, will support improvements to an existing multi-use trail including the development of a "Kaskaskia River Walk."

The 1.5-mile section of trail below the main dam will include the construction of a wheelchair accessible fishing pier, renovations to the existing city park trail, benches, bike racks, signs and interpretive stations.

"We are very excited to continue our partnership with the City of Carlyle through the Handshake Grant and bring improved outdoor recreation to our lake visitors" Carlyle Lake Operations Manager, Bob Wilkins said. "Improvements to the trail will not only allow those with disabilities to have more access to the lake, it will also improve the health and quality of life for all trail users".

The Carlyle Lake Project was one of eleven projects selected nationwide to receive the Challenge Partnership Handshake Grant this year, which is awarded through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the headquarters level.

The City of Carlyle and Carlyle Lake Project received similar grants in 2006 and 2008 to improve the multi-use trail through construction and resurfacing of trail surfaces, interpretive displays, signage and design of a Carlyle Lake Bike Trail Map. This year's grant continues a partnership that has received a series of grants over the past several years.

For further information, contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at 801 Lake Road, Carlyle, Illinois 62231, call (618) 594-2484 or email at carlylelake@usace.army.mil.

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