VALUE to the NATION FAST FACTS

National Level Report	RECREATION 2010

US Army Corps of Engineers — Value to the Nation

Natural and recreational resources at the Nation's 422 Corps lakes provide social, economic and environmental benefits for all Americans. Following are facts related to the Corps' role managing natural and recreational resources in the U.S.

Social Benefits

Facilities

- 4,240 recreation areas
- 31,360 picnic sites
- 95,244 camping sites
- 1,657 playgrounds
- 962 swimming areas
- 1,702 number of trails
- 6,430 trail miles
- 311 fishing docks
- 3,484 boat ramps
- 485 marinas
- 99,809 marina slips

Visits (person-trips)

- 364,760,723 in total
- 40,753,692 picnickers
- 6,131,087 campers
- 43,637,330 swimmers
- 14,516,336 water skiers
- 75,901,072 boaters
- 121,861,275 sightseers
- 90,452,276 fishermen
- 6,630,170 hunters
- 69,845,942 others

Benefits in Perspective

By providing opportunities for active recreation, Corps lakes help combat one of the most significant of the nation's health problems: lack of physical activity.

Recreational programs and activities at Corps lakes also help strengthen family ties and friendships; provide opportunities for children to develop personal skills, social values, and self-esteem; and increase water safety.

Economic Benefits

364,760,723 visits per year resulted in:

- $11,330,054,492 in spending on trips to Corps lakes.
- 91.0% of the spending was captured by the local economy as direct sales effects.

With multiplier effects, visitor trip spending resulted in:

- $26,957,619,396 in total sales.
- 188,895 of jobs.
- $7,664,549,755 in labor income.
- $13,301,047,850 in value added (wages & salaries, payroll benefits, profits, rents, and indirect business taxes).

Benefits in Perspective

The money spent by visitors to Corps lakes on trip expenses adds to the local and national economies by supporting jobs and generating income. Visitor spending represents a sizable component of the economy in many communities around Corps lakes.

Detailed economic impact report for the U.S.

How these numbers were calculated.

Environmental Benefits

Resources

- 7,837,657 land acres
- 5,838,960 water acres
- 41,125 shoreline miles
- 2,517,934 environmental educational contacts

Benefits in Perspective

Recreation experiences increase motivation to learn more about the environment; understanding and awareness of environmental issues; and sensitivity to the environment.

Source: Value to the Nation web site at www.CorpsResults.us. Use Fast Facts to view this and other reports.