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Project News at Allatoona

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Mobile District's Allatoona Lake Receives Coveted Award

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Allatoona Lake Project, has been selected as the recipient of the 2016 Chief of Engineers Natural Resource Management Project of the Year. The award recognizes exceptional project management with emphasis on natural resources, recreation and environmental compliance management programs.

Allatoona Lake was chosen for the award due to exceptional achievement in management efficiencies, public safety, outreach programs, and management effectiveness. Staff at Allatoona was commended for finding innovative and effective ways to manage the natural resources and public use, leadership in obtaining community participation as well as promoting employee and public safety.

Noteworthy achievements at the project included the creation of the Allatoona Lake Water Safety Task Force which involves area public safety agencies, long-term water safety partnerships with Safe Kids Cherokee County and Safe Kids Cobb County, and environmental partnerships such as the Osprey Platform Project with Georgia Power and Steel Materials Inc. and the American Chestnut Restoration Project with the American Chestnut Foundation and Berry College. Also garnering mention was the Allatoona Lake Volunteer Program with over 51,000 volunteer hours completed last year on projects such as park hosting, water safety, facility maintenance, natural resource management, and the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup.

“This was truly a team effort in being named project of the year,” said, Lead Ranger Chris Purvis, project public awareness coordinator. “We have received exceptional support from the South Atlantic Division, Mobile District, our many partners, and the surrounding community.”

This is the second time Allatoona Lake has received the award, the last was in 1983. Allatoona was chosen out of a list of 464 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects across the nation.

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