

## **OHF FINAL REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Project Number: 014-148

Recipient: Voices for Lake Oahe

Award Amount: \$18,750

Total Project Costs: \$85673

Total OHF Funds Received: \$18,750



### **Goal of Project:**

Cattail Bay Recreation Area Improvement. This project will provide for a more enjoyable and healthy environment for sportsmen that access Lake Oahe. A new fish cleaning station was identified as the number one need for providing a proper facility for processing fish in a clean and sanitary manner.

### **Work Accomplished:**

This project was completed with the partnership of the US Army Corps of Engineers, ND Game and Fish Department, and the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund under the direction of the Voices for Lake Oahe board of directors.

The project completed the construction of a modern fish cleaning station including running water, electrical service and lights, a covered facility including a fish cleaning table and parking area.

### **Project Results:**

This project was delayed from our original schedule (October 2019) because of concerns by local cabin owners that the facility would be too close to lake homes and could cause problems with odors and insects. After input from concerned individuals and with the support of the Corps of Engineers, an alternative site was selected that is adjacent to the main access road, approximately 1 mile east of the Cattail dock and Cabin areas.

The final construction elements were completed on October 10th, 2020.

### **Value to North Dakota:**

Lake Oahe is a tremendous resource to our state. It continues to be one of the top fisheries in the Nation. Outdoor recreation activities continue to grow in popularity. Fishing, Camping and Hunting all contribute greatly impact the economy in our state. Recreational areas such as the Cattail Bay Recreation area have not been able to keep up with the needed improvements to meet the needs of the public. Lack of funding for these improvements through the Army Corps of Engineers - who manage the recreational sites in North Dakota - have been greatly reduced as a result of federal budget cuts. Projects like this make improvements possible and contributes to the economic impact of outdoor recreation and tourism in North Dakota.