

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Name: Kathleen Perales, CPRP

Job Title: Research Biologist

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Education:

A.B.D., Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Michigan State University.

M.Ag., Natural Resources Development, 1987. Texas A&M University.

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Years of Professional Experience:

I have served 27 years, all with the Corps; two years as a student, all out of Vicksburg, MS in the Environmental Laboratory. My research includes the Visitation Estimation and Reporting System and economic impact studies of marinas, community and private boat dock holders. In 2000, I started the Natural Resources Management Gateway website (<http://CorpsLakes.usace.army.mil>), a knowledge management system for the Corps' Recreation, Environmental Compliance and Environmental Stewardship areas. I serve as project lead supporting two Corps Communities of Practice, Operations and Regulatory (<http://Operations.usace.army.mil>) and CW-Environment (<http://cw-environment.usace.army.mil/>) which comprise over 20 sub-communities. In 2007, I was elected to the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (www.AAPRA.org) and now serve as a board member. I have also served as the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Trustee representing the Armed Forces Recreation Society (AFRS) and served two terms on the NRPA Trustees Executive Committee.

My 30-second commercial:

As a member of the ERDC, EL, Ecological Resources Branch, Recreation Group, I lead a team of partners working to improve the Natural Resources Management (NRM) Program by facilitating field experts to contribute information on our programs, policies, practices and partnerships, which serves to improve communication, build community trust and ensure a foundation of knowledge for future generations of NRM staff that follow. The result of this work is to help create an effective NRM and Operations Community of Practice.

Special abilities, interests, hobbies, etc:

I have interests in many more things than I have time in which to engage. I enjoy all types of music and play guitar in my church choir. My miniature schnauzer keeps me focused on keeping his house and creature comforts sustained. I still enjoy travel and the occasional scuba, fishing or zip-line trip. Most of my personal travel is now to Texas where my family and my second home are located.