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## Corps names new Operations Project Manager at Hartwell Dam and Lake Project

SAVANNAH, Ga. – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District](#) has selected George Bramlette as the operations project manager of the [Hartwell Dam and Lake Project](#) in Hartwell, Ga.



**George Bramlette**  
Hartwell Operations Project Manager

As the Operations Project Manager, Bramlette is responsible for full-spectrum operations of the Hartwell project, including the Congressionally-authorized functions of water supply and water quality, flood risk management, navigation, hydropower, fish and wildlife management and recreation. He oversees nearly 56,000 acres of water, 962 miles of shoreline, and one of the top five most popular visitors programs in the Corps.

Bramlette also oversees the Corps' hydropower mission. On average, the Hartwell power plant produces more than 468 million kilowatt hours per year—enough energy to meet the annual energy needs of 46,000 households. Hydropower revenues during 2010 totaled more than \$22 million and have exceeded \$450 million since 1962.

“My staff and I will be actively engaged with many community activities, organizations and efforts associated with the Hartwell resource,” he said. “I pledge to keep the community informed of all matters pertaining to the management of the project including our hydropower, recreation and environmental stewardship programs.”

A native of Greenville, S.C., Bramlette has worked all facets of operations from both the project and district level during his 32 years of federal service with the Corps of Engineers.

Bramlette began his career in 1979 as a park ranger at the J. Strom Thurmond Project in Clarks Hill, S.C., then transferred to the Hartwell Project in 1980. He re-located to the Corps' Mobile District in 1982, where he worked at the Lake Seminole Project Office and at the Mobile District Headquarters as a natural resources manager. Bramlette returned to the Savannah District in 1994 as the Natural Resources Manager for the Hartwell Project, where he was responsible for managing the largest shoreline use program in the Corps.

Most recently, Bramlette served as the acting project manager for the last four months following the departure of former project manager Virgil Hobbs.

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Bramlette holds a bachelor's degree from Clemson University, class of 1979, in recreation and parks administration with an emphasis in natural resources management.

“George's highly successful career includes more than three decades of federal service in the natural resources management field,” said Peggy O'Bryan, Chief of the Operations Division, Savannah District. “His insight, knowledge and leadership skills will be a great asset to the Hartwell team and the stakeholders, partners and customers we serve.”

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#### **ABOUT HARTWELL:**

Hartwell Lake is one of the Southeast's largest and most popular public recreation lakes. Built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers between 1955 and 1963 as part of a flood control, hydropower, and navigation project, authorized purposes now include recreation, water quality, water supply, and fish and wildlife management.

Hartwell Lake contains 55,900 acres of water and has 962 miles of shoreline. 23,563 acres of public land surrounds the lake.

The lake is located in two states (Georgia and South Carolina) and 6 counties (Georgia – Hart, Franklin, and Stephens counties; South Carolina – Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties).

**ABOUT US:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) manages [three lakes and hydroelectric dams](#) along the Savannah River. It also oversees a multi-billion dollar [military construction](#) program at 11 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to maintenance facilities, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains additional civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.

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