**Chesapeake Gateways Places Self­ Nomination**

This word document is for formulating and refining responses. Self-nominations are only accepted electronically via Microsoft Forms at <https://forms.office.com/g/XtGqYUr20c>

Use this questionnaire to nominate sites, trails, water trails, byways, and heritage areas (aka places) within the Chesapeake Bay watershed for inclusion in Chesapeake Gateways. Visit [our webpage](https://www.nps.gov/locations/chesapeakebaywatershed/ven-nomination-instructions.htm) or watch [this video](https://youtu.be/uk_XrYLStJw) for more information and instructions.

1. Organization's Official Name
2. Agreement Signatory Name
3. Agreement Signatory Job Title (such as Executive Director/President/CEO)
4. Agreement Signatory Phone
5. Agreement Signatory Email
6. Point of Contact Name (name of person completing this form and who can answer clarification questions)
7. Point of Contact Job Title
8. Point of Contact Phone
9. Point of Contact Email
10. Place Name (one place per submission). *Nominate your organization's place for inclusion in Chesapeake Gateways.*
11. Place Address (street address, GPS coordinates, or both)
12. Place Website URL
13. Is the place open to general public visitation? (yes/no)
14. What is the primary purpose of the place? (select all that apply)

* Conservation (protecting natural resources)
* Interpretation (providing opportunities for visitors to have an engaging experience and make meaningful, intellectual, and emotional connections to essential elements of a place)
* Education (providing educational programs that link place themes to national standards and state curricula and involve educators, linking classroom learning with experiences at the place)
* Recreation (providing opportunities for visitors to have a safe and informed recreational experience)

1. Please share in detail how your organization accomplishes the purpose(s) selected above at the place.
2. Requested Chesapeake Gateways Designation (based upon defining characteristics) [Select One]

* Network Site – a primary individual destination to which people are directed to access, experience, enjoy, learn about, and contribute to a particular natural, cultural, historical, or recreational resource illustrative of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
* Network Trail - links multiple communities and sites providing thematic or geographic approaches to exploring Chesapeake Gateways. Land trails serve as walking, hiking, and biking routes.
* Network Byway – links multiple communities and sites providing thematic or geographic approaches to exploring Chesapeake Gateways by road.
* Network Water Trail - provides water-based recreational experiences for boaters and, in the case of longer trails, may serve as physical and programmatic connections between multiple Chesapeake Gateways Communities and sites.
* Network Heritage Area - includes a variety of the types of places described above and, in effect, are regional networks of significance to local communities that also participate in Chesapeake Gateways.

***Questions 17 – 21 Are for network site nominations only.***

1. Describe the site to a visitor who is interested in learning about the Chesapeake. *What authentic experiences (natural, cultural, historical, or recreational) can visitors have at the site?*
2. What stories of or topics related to the Chesapeake Bay watershed can visitors discover at this site? *Address at least one of the Chesapeake Gateways Principal Themes found in The Chesapeake Gateways Network Framework.*
3. Does the site have any state or national designations? (such as being on the national registry)
4. What are the regularly scheduled daily, weekly, or seasonal hours that the site is open to the public?

***Questions 21 – 26 are for network water trail nominations only.***

1. Is the nominating organization the designated organization responsible for coordinating management and information?

1. Is the network water trail located within a state having state-wide water trail programs or associations? (name the program/association)

1. Is the network water trail a part of the federally designated Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail and/or Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail?
2. Describe the publicly accessible paddling and/or boating route(s) of the water trail.
3. Describe how facilities and resources orient visitors to the route and environment, foster discovery of stories of the Chesapeake Bay, encourage low-impact use and foster stewardship along the route, and support conservation of the Chesapeake and local watershed.
4. Check all areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed crossed by this water trail.

* Delaware
* Maryland
* New York
* Pennsylvania
* Virginia
* West Virginia
* Washington, D.C.

***Questions 27 - 30 are for network byway nominations only.***

1. List the state or national designations for this network byway (i.e. state scenic byway, state or nationally associated interpretive driving tours, etc.).
2. Describe the principal themes conveyed through route maps, guides, and signage. *What stories of or topics related to the Chesapeake Bay watershed can visitors discover on this route?* *Address at least one of the Chesapeake Gateways principal themes found in The Chesapeake Gateways Network Framework.*
3. Describe the Chesapeake Gateways Places that visitors can access, and how the route helps visitors to find thematic or geographic connections between multiple communities.
4. Check all areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed crossed by this network byway.

* Delaware
* Maryland
* New York
* Pennsylvania
* Virginia
* West Virginia
* Washington, D.C.

***Questions 31 – 35 are for network trail nominations only.***

1. Network trails must extend beyond the confines of a particular site (i.e. a national, state, or county park), please confirm below.

* Yes
* No, I’m nominating a trailhead (if so, please return to the top of the form and restart this nomination as a network site).

1. List the state or national designations for this trail (i.e. State Designated Scenic, Historic, or Recreational trail, Federal Designated Scenic, Historic or Recreational trail, etc).
2. Describe the principal themes conveyed through route maps, guides, and signage. *What stories of or topics related to the Chesapeake Bay watershed can visitors discover on this trail? Address at least one of the Chesapeake Gateways principal themes found in The Chesapeake Gateways Network Framework.*
3. Describe the Chesapeake Gateways Places that visitors can access, and how the route helps visitors to find thematic or geographic connections between multiple communities.
4. Check all areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed crossed by this trail.

* Delaware
* Maryland
* New York
* Pennsylvania
* Virginia
* West Virginia
* Washington, D.C.

***Questions 36 – 40 Are for heritage area nominations only.***

1. List state and/or national landscape-scale designations for this heritage area or landscape (such as state heritage area, national historic landmark district, etc.).
2. Describe the objectives of this Heritage Area or Landscape. *What stories of and topics related to the Chesapeake Bay watershed can visitors discover in this heritage area or landscape?*
3. Describe the principal themes conveyed through route maps, guides, and signage. Address at least one of the Chesapeake Gateways principal themes, found in The Chesapeake Gateways Network Framework.
4. Describe what facilities or resources help orient and engage visitors to be active stewards of the area, and support conservation of the Chesapeake and local watershed.
5. Check all areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed where this heritage area is located.

* Delaware
* Maryland
* New York
* Pennsylvania
* Virginia
* West Virginia
* Washington, D.C.