**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/873GEHdx4U>

Use this questionnaire to nominate sites, trails, water trails, heritage areas, and connecting routes (aka places) within the Chesapeake Bay watershed for inclusion in the Chesapeake Gateways visitor experience network. 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. Full name
2. Phone number
3. Email
4. Organization's Official Name
5. Executive Director/President/CEO Name
6. Executive Director/President/CEO Phone
7. Executive Director/President/CEO Email
8. Point of Contact Name
9. Point of Contact Phone
10. Point of Contact Email
11. Nominate your organization's place for inclusion in the Chesapeake Gateways visitor experience network. (one place per submission)
12. Place Address (street address, GPS coordinates, or both)
13. Requested Chesapeake Gateways Designation (based upon defining characteristics) [Select One]

* Site
* Trail
* Connecting Route
* Water Trail
* Heritage Area

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

1. What is the primary purpose of the site (select all that apply)?

* Conservation
* Interpretation
* Education
* Recreation

1. Please share in detail how your organization accomplishes the purpose(s) selected above at your SITE.
2. Describe the site. What underrepresented and fuller stories of the Chesapeake Bay watershed can visitors discover at this site?
3. Describe the authentic experiences (natural, cultural, historical, or recreational) visitors can have at the site.
4. What are the regularly scheduled daily, weekly, or seasonal hours that the site is open to the public?

***Questions 22 – 25 Are for water trail nominations only.***

1. Check all areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed crossed by this water trail.

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

1. List the state-wide water trail program or association that has designated or recognized this 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 underrepresented and fuller stories of the Chesapeake Bay, encourage low-impact use and foster stewardship along the route, and support conservation of the Chesapeake and local watershed.

***Questions 26 - 29 Are for connecting route nominations only.***

1. Check all areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed crossed by this connecting route.

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

1. List any state or national designations for this connecting route (i.e. state scenic byway, etc).
2. Describe the overarching and principal themes conveyed through route maps, guides, and signage. What underrepresented and fuller stories of the Chesapeake Bay watershed can visitors discover on this route?
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. (legacy Chesapeake Gateways Places can be found at [www.nps.gov/Chesapeake)](http://www.nps.gov/Chesapeake))

***Questions 30 – 33 Are for land trail nominations only.***

1. Does this trail extend beyond the confines of a particular site? (i.e. a national, state, or county park)

* Yes
* No

1. Check all areas of the Chesapeake Bay watershed crossed by this land­ based trail.

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

1. List any state or national designations for this connecting route (i.e. State Designated Scenic, Historic or Recreational trail, Federal Designated Scenic, Historic or Recreational trail, etc).
2. Describe the overarching and principal themes conveyed through route maps, guides, and signage. What underrepresented and fuller stories of the Chesapeake Bay watershed can visitors discover on this trail?

***Questions 34 – 37 Are for heritage area nominations only.***

1. 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.

1. List state and/or national landscape-scale designations for this heritage area or landscape.
2. Describe the objectives of this Heritage Area or Landscape. What underrepresented and fuller stories of the Chesapeake Bay can visitors discover in this heritage area or landscape?
3. Which of the following are included in the Heritage Area or Landscape? (Check all that apply)

* Chesapeake Gateways Communities
* Chesapeake Gateways Sites
* Chesapeake Gateways Water Trails
* Chesapeake Gateways Trails
* Chesapeake Gateways Connecting Routes