



GATEWAY HUB NOMINATION FORM

GATEWAY HUBS are centers for introducing Bay-wide themes and orienting people to the entire Gateways Network. While hubs are sometimes thought of as whole communities, in practice, they focus on a specified hub facility that provides interpretive and orientation information to visitors; there may be a number of other Gateway sites or connecting routes in the immediate area. Hub facilities are open 8 hours per day, year around. Only six to eight hubs are anticipated in the entire Network, with one, or in a few cases two, per region, all below the "fall line". Hubs are distinguished from regional information centers, by their: additional interpretive media, Network-wide focus, location where a large number visitors are concentrated near a cluster of Bay resources, and proximity to the Bay itself. (See www.baygateways.net/about/types.htm for a specific list of characteristics.)

This electronic form has pre-set and sized fields for making entries. Simply type in the shaded areas; space between questions will expand as text is added.

Name of Proposed Gateway Hub:

Physical Address of Proposed Gateway Hub (street, town/city, state, zip code):

Congressional District(s) in which Proposed Gateway Hub is Located:

Managing Organization of Proposed Gateway Hub:

Managing Organization Mailing Address:

Website (if applicable):

Primary Contact Person:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

Signature of Organization's Chief Executive:

Date Signed:

Name:

Title:



Proposed Gateway Hub Area:

1. What are the Bay-related resources (cultural, natural, historic and recreational) on-site or in the immediate proximity to the proposed Gateway hub? Why are the resources important? Are there any special resource designations? Please be specific.

2. Which Chesapeake Bay interpretive themes are best illustrated by the resources on-site or in immediate proximity to the proposed Gateway site? Why? (Refer to *Gateways Framework* or www.baygateways.net/about/telling.htm for list of themes.)

3. What is the nature of current visitor use on-site or in the immediate proximity of the proposed Gateway hub? (e.g. types of Bay-related activities visitors engage in, existing physical access to Bay-related resources, etc.)

Proposed Hub Facility:

4. Describe the facility that provides visitor contact and services at the proposed Gateway hub. What is the daily/weekly/seasonal schedule of operation? What is the annual visitation? How does the facility orient visitors to other off-site Bay-related resources?


5. Describe the Bay-related interpretation currently offered at the proposed Gateway hub facility. What themes are interpreted? What kinds of interpretive media and/or programming are currently employed? Is stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay and Bay-related resources emphasized?

6. What potential exists to more fully interpret Bay-related themes at the proposed Gateway hub facility?

7. How does the proposed Gateway hub facility currently cooperate programmatically or link interpretively with other related places or institutions in the region and the Network? What potential exists to cooperate programmatically or link interpretively with other Gateways in the Network?

Organizational Capacity:





8. What is your organization's capacity for long-term management of this facility as a Gateway hub? (e.g. What is your annual budget? Do you have an endowment? What is your professional and/or volunteer staff complement?)

Summary:

9. Summarize why the proposed hub is an appropriate fit with the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network.

10. What would be a few key projects, promotional and outreach efforts, or other actions that would help connect the proposed Gateway hub to the Network and/or achieve Network goals?

