



REGIONAL INFORMATION CENTER NOMINATION FORM

REGIONAL INFORMATION CENTERS orient people to the Gateways within a particular region below the “fall line”, introducing visitors to, and helping them access, Bay-related resources. Regional information centers have facilities for providing orientation and interpretive information generally 7 days per week, year around, with some seasonal variation. They are distinguished from hubs by their: primary focus on orienting people to a particular region, location in smaller communities providing visitor services for part of a region, greater number and broader distribution area. (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 Regional Information Center:

Physical Address of Proposed Regional Information Center (street, town/city, state, zip code):

Congressional District in which Proposed Regional Information Center is Located:

Managing Organization of Proposed Regional Information Center:

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 Regional Information Center Area:

1. What are the Bay-related resources (cultural, natural, historic and recreational) within the region that are easily accessible from this proposed Gateway regional information center? 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 within the local community or area easily accessible from the proposed regional information center? 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 within the local community and surrounding area of the proposed regional information center? (e.g. types of Bay-related activities visitors engage in, existing physical access to Bay-related resources, etc.)

Proposed Regional Information Center Facility:

4. Describe the facility that provides visitor contact and services at the proposed Gateway regional information center. 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 regional information center. 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 for introducing visitors to Bay-related interpretive themes if no such interpretation currently exists?
7. How does the proposed regional information center currently cooperate programmatically or link interpretively with other related places or institutions in the region? What potential exists to cooperate programmatically or link interpretively with other Gateways in the region?



Organizational Capacity:

8. What is your organization's capacity for long-term management of the facility as a Gateway regional information center? (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 regional information center 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 regional information center to the Network and/or achieve Network goals?

