



**Minutes**  
**Gateways Network Working Group Meeting**  
**Chesapeake Bay Program Office**  
**Joe Macknis Conference Room**  
**April 9, 2003**

**Present:** Lisa Gutierrez, Melanie Teems, Ron Weiss, Derral Jones, Maria Vonderheid, Bob Campbell, Marian Huber, Skip Meehan, Elizabeth Hughes Bob Carter (by phone), Jonathan Doherty, Catherine Mueller

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Working Group members reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 12, 2003 teleconference meeting.

**Review of the Pending Nominations:**

***Susquehanna River Trail Extension:*** The Working Group discussed a request from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council and the Endless Mountains Heritage Region for extending the Susquehanna River Trail from Sunbury north to the New York border. The Working Group approved this extension of the existing Susquehanna River Trail, noting the proponents' commitment to work with the Susquehanna River Trail Association (SRTA) and the support for the extension request by the SRTA. The Working Group also noted again the importance of continuity in water trail map & guide formatting and signage along the Susquehanna.

**Proposed Clarification of Criteria for Designating Historic Districts as Gateways Sites**

***Background:*** Jonathan Doherty noted that an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Elizabeth Hughes, Bob Carter, Paige Weiss, Marian Huber and Jonathan Doherty convened via teleconference on February 26<sup>th</sup> to outline issues, options and recommendations.

Elizabeth Hughes outlined the options considered by the subcommittee and conveyed the group's recommendation that option three be pursued. After some discussion the working group decided to accept the subcommittee's proposal as recommended and agreed on the establishment of the recommended criteria for designating Historic Districts as Gateway sites.

**Fiscal Year 2003 Network-wide Priorities**

The Working Group reviewed the "Draft Gateways Network-wide Strategic Priorities and Initiatives," discussing and clarifying various points. Members discussed the product development and marketing strategy as a component of the overall priorities. The Working Group agreed on the priorities as written with the understanding that the dollar amounts may vary according to more detailed estimates and final grant distribution.

**Update on Status of Selected Past Grants**

The group reviewed a summary of anticipated grants for the upcoming round which also provided a status report on past grants.

**Next Meetings**

The next meeting is the “Partnership Workshop” scheduled for May 14, 2003 in Annapolis.

The Grant Review Meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2003. The grant applications will be sent out the week of May 5, 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.