



SITE NOMINATION FORM

GATEWAY SITES are primary destinations where people can access, experience, learn about, and contribute to specific Chesapeake-related natural, cultural, historic or recreational resources. (**Note:** For upper watershed sites above the fall line, major Bay tributaries are Chesapeake-related resources.) Sites may be parks, wildlife refuges, historic sites, museums or other places representing the diversity of the Chesapeake and its rivers. In addition to providing a Chesapeake-related experience, sites offer opportunities for volunteers to help restore or conserve Chesapeake resources, and emphasize stewardship of the resources at the site. Sites are open to the public for the maximum number of days per week feasible, allowing for seasonal visitation patterns. (See www.baygateways.net/types.cfm for a specific list of characteristics.)

An electronic form with pre-set fields for making entries is available at www.baygateways.net/nomination.cfm.

Name of Proposed Gateway:

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

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

Managing Organization of Proposed Gateway:

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:



1. Provide a concise description of the proposed Gateway site, including its basic size characteristics (e.g. acres, or square footage). Please also include a statement of the site's mission.


2. What are the Chesapeake-related resources (cultural, natural, historic and recreational) associated with the proposed Gateway site? Why are they important? Are there any special resource designations (e.g. National Register, National Historic Landmark, state scenic river, etc.)? Please be specific.






3. What are the Chesapeake interpretive themes best illustrated by the resources associated with your site? Why? Please list them in order of prominence/importance, from most important to least. (Refer to Gateways *Framework* for list of themes.)


4. Assess the Chesapeake-related interpretation currently offered at your site. What themes are currently interpreted? What kinds of interpretive media and/or programming are currently employed?(e.g. exhibits, live interpretation, signage, audio-visual, etc.)






5. Describe the facilities, media materials and/or signage that are currently available to orient visitors to on-site resources and activities at the proposed Gateway site. (e.g. brochures, maps, visitor centers, kiosks, etc.)

6. What is the nature of current visitor use at the proposed Gateway site? What is the daily/weekly/seasonal schedule of operation? What is the total annual visitation (most recent full year)? What Chesapeake-related activities are visitors engaging in? What kind of access do visitors have to Chesapeake-related resources?







7. How does the proposed Gateway site 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?

8. How is stewardship of the Chesapeake and Chesapeake-related resources emphasized? (e.g., through interpretive media or programming, through volunteer involvement in resource conservation projects, through a basic mission of natural/cultural resource restoration or preservation, through use of Low Impact Development or Environmentally Sensitive Design techniques in site management, etc.)

9. What is your organization's capacity for long-term management of this place as a Gateway site? What is your annual budget? Do you have an endowment? What is your professional and/or volunteer staff complement?





10. What are the most important projects/steps that need to be undertaken at your site to make it a fully effective Chesapeake Bay Gateway site? Why? These might be improvements to interpretation, public access and/or stewardship. Please be as specific as you can.

11. Please summarize how you see designation of your site as a Gateway benefiting: (1) your site, and (2) the Gateways Network.

