

# TEAM APPLICATION

## Balancing Nature and Commerce in Rural Communities and Landscapes Course

February 11-13, 2020 in Shepherdstown, WV

### Instructions for Submitting Team Application:

1. Each team must submit one team application to be considered for acceptance into the course.
2. A team coordinator must be identified to coordinate the submission of the team application and to serve as the primary point of contact for the team.
3. The team coordinator should submit the application to Margarita Carey, [mcarey@conservationfund.org](mailto:mcarey@conservationfund.org) by **Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Note: A brief phone call with the team coordinator may be conducted as part of the selection process.
4. Teams will be notified of their acceptance by Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at which time payment instructions will be provided to the team coordinator. Upon acceptance, the team registration fee (\$675) must be paid and any updates to team list must be confirmed by Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Dates:

<b>December 16, 2019:</b>	Team application deadline
<b>December 23, 2019:</b>	Teams will be notified of acceptance to the course
<b>January 20, 2020:</b>	Deadline for accepted teams to pay team registration fee & confirm final team members
<b>February 11-13, 2020:</b>	Training Course!

### Team Formation:

Participants will attend this course in teams of 4-7 members comprised of local business representatives/tourism councils, civic leaders, representatives of federal or state public lands (parks, forests, etc.), and others in public service roles. The team make-up should reflect a cross-section of the community; while having an elected official involved is recommended, there are instances in which an acknowledged (but not elected) community leader, e.g., a very active and influential community member) may be more appropriate. See the [COURSE WEB PAGE](#) for more information.

### Application Information:

In a separate document (not to exceed two pages), the team coordinator, working with his/her team, should submit the following information:

1. Team Name (city/county and state where team is located and neighboring public land, if applicable)
2. List of all team members with contact info (name, title, affiliation, address, phone #, email address) and description of their role in community/on the team
3. Answers to the following questions:
  - a. What is the issue(s) facing your rural community (e.g., increased tourism, rapid growth, loss of community character, loss of open space, sluggish economic growth, incompatible land use)?
  - b. What efforts, if any, are underway to address these issues?
  - c. What are your goals for the future of your community?
  - d. What does your team hope to achieve as a result of attending this course?
  - e. What funding do you have to support your teams' attendance? Note: Travel budget should include cost of lodging & meal package at workshop – \$159/night (single occupancy) / \$112 each/night (double occupancy) for 3-4 nights. Waiver of the registration fee is available on the basis of need.
  - f. How did you hear about this course?