Team Application Information

Sustainable Gateway Community Virtual Workshop Series | Fall 2021

**Workshop 1: Gateway Communities & Sustainable Development | Sept 14, 2021** *(registration closed)*

**Workshop 2: Challenges, Opportunities & Inspiration | Nov 4, 2021*** AND **

**Workshop 3: Partnerships & Resources for Success | Dec 2, 2021** *(team participation only)*

**Who Should Attend:**
Registrants of workshop 1 are invited and encouraged to build a community team to attend workshops 2 & 3. At least one representative of prospective teams (ideally two or more!) must attend workshop 1. To attend workshops 2 & 3, localities must form a community team, go through a competitive application process, commit to attend both workshops, and complete assigned pre-workshop exercises. Assistance and coaching will be available throughout this process. If accepted, there is no fee for teams to attend.

**Team Make-up:**
Teams should be made up of 6-10 representatives from each Biosphere Region and may include: Community Leaders; Elected Officials & Township/County Managers; Public Land Managers; Indigenous & Tribal Leaders; County & Community Economic Development & Planning Managers; School & Higher Education Representatives, Business & Industry Leaders; Tourism Agencies & Partners; Nonprofit & Organization Leaders including Chambers of Commerce, Philanthropy, Recreation, Conservation, Arts, History, Culture; and others!

The team make-up should reflect a cross-section of the community, and while having an elected official on the team is recommended, there are instances in which an acknowledged (but not elected) community leader (e.g., a community member active in many organizations and/or influential with key leaders) may be more appropriate.

**Selection Criteria:**
Please note that space is limited for participation in workshops 2 & 3 so the application process will be competitive. Applications will be evaluated primarily on robust responses to the application questions and diverse representation of the community/region on the team. Preference will be given to teams associated with a Biosphere Region.

**Important Dates:**

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<td>Monday, September 20th:</td>
<td>Team Application Deadline for Workshops 2 &amp; 3</td>
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<td>Friday, October 1st:</td>
<td>Notification of team acceptance</td>
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<td>Thursday, November 4th:</td>
<td><strong>Workshop 2</strong> <em>(1-5 pm EDT)</em></td>
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<td>Thursday, December 2nd:</td>
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Questions:
General information about the workshop series can be found on the [Workshop Series webpage](#). For more information or to request guidance on forming a team, please contact Susan Elks (selks@conservationfund.org).

Application Information:
In a separate document (not to exceed three pages), the team coordinator, working with their team, should submit the following information:

1. Biosphere Region Name
   a. Team Name (if other than Biosphere Region name)
   b. Biosphere Region Location (city/county and state)
   c. Public lands within the Biosphere Region (if applicable)

2. List of all team members
   a. Name/Title/Affiliation
   b. City/State/Phone #/Email address
   c. Description of their role in community / on the team

3. Answers to the following questions:
   a. What are the issue(s) facing your Biosphere Region and its communities (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 by attending this workshop series?
   e. How would you characterize the historic relationship between the community and the public land(s) within the Biosphere Region?
   f. Describe the capacity of your team to implement the action plan that results from this workshop series.
   g. Does your team already have a potential project in mind? (not required)
   h. How did you hear about this workshop series?

Submission Instructions:
Please submit your team application via email to Margarita Carey (mcarey@conservationfund.org) by 11:59 pm on Monday, September 20th.