

# 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:

<b>Monday, September 20th:</b>	<b>Team Application Deadline for Workshops 2 &amp; 3</b>
<b>Friday, October 1st:</b>	Notification of team acceptance
<b>Thursday, November 4th:</b>	<b>Workshop 2</b> (1-5 pm EDT)
<b>Thursday, December 2nd:</b>	<b>Workshop 3</b> (1-5 pm EST)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mcarey@conservationfund.org)) by **11:59 pm on Monday, September 20th**.