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Join the...

Appalachian Trail Community Conservation Collaborative!

A new network and workshop series, hosted by the Appalachian Trail
Conservancy, for local municipal governments, conservation organizations,
elected official, NGO & business leaders, and residents to help develop and
implement community driven conservation projects in your area!

Why Conservation & Recreation?

- · Strengthen Community Pride
- Create Economic Assets
- Enhance Community Health
 Well Being
- Build A Resilient Future
- Embrace Nature & Heritage

Learn More Here:

And Join Today!



Informational Webinar: October 1, 2025
Applications Due October 31,2025
Apply Early! Acceptance on a rolling basis.

Why join the Collaborative?

- · Free & provides travel stipends
- Customized professional support & resources
- · Peer-to-peer learning
- · Funding access & navigation
- · Networking & increased visibility
- Build a bigger conservation toolbox for your community

Together, we do better.

Applications Due October 31, 2025

Step 1 - Consider the commitment: This is a one-year commitment and

requires travel to one workshop and one summit, along with sustained work on the chosen project.

Step 2 - Form a team: A community team made up of community leaders representing a diverse expertise (such as conservation, agriculture, tourism, humanities, etc.) needs to be confirmed to participate and commit to the Collaborative. Each team is required to have one elected official, one government staff member, and one conservation organization representative.

Step 3 - Apply: Each community team is required to submit an application to join the Collaborative. Community eligibility, application instructions, and frequently asked questions can be found at appalachiantrail.org/atccollab

Is my community too far from the A.T. to participate?

If you are asking this question, chances are you are not too far away!

The Appalachian Trail (A.T.) landscape connects resilient forests, clean water, and vibrant communities across Pennsylvania and beyond. The A.T. Community Conservation Collaborative is an open invitation to communities fully or partially within the A.T. Landscape of Pennsylvania to form community teams and apply.



Follow this QR code to find eligibility guidelines

Community teams are required to apply to join the Collaborative. This opportunity is limited to 15 communities, and community teams will be accepted on a rolling basis.

We recommend forming your team and applying as early as possible.



2025 Municipal Election Important Dates



Oct. 20

Last day to register to vote in the election. vote.pa.gov/Register



Last day to apply for a mail ballot. vote.pa.gov/ApplyMailBallot



Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. vote.pa.gov/Polls



Completed mail ballots must be received by 8 p.m. vote.pa.gov/ReturnBallot



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