



Great Places in Pennsylvania

Tips for Submitting a Good Nomination

- Read the Category Criteria and clearly address the applicable criteria when responding to the Nomination Questions.
- Nominate the entire place. For example, do not nominate a park feature or segment of a trail, but rather the park or trail in its entirety. Special features or segments can be described to demonstrate what makes it unique.
- The nominated place should have had time to evolve and positively impact the community.
- Write the Nomination with the mindset that the reviewers have not experienced the place.
- Nomination should tell the story of the qualities that make the place unique and worthy of being designated a “great” place. For example, who was involved? How is the place used? How does it serve the community/region? How is it connected to and valued by the community? What are its special/unique features? Who are the users? What is the role of planning, community involvement, and partnerships?
- An important part of the story is describing concerted efforts for social interaction, activity, and exploration, as well as building community synergy.
- Uploaded location map should provide detail and context to help reviewers visualize the place. Supplemental concept or master site plans are also beneficial.
- Uploaded pictures must support the story and show how people are experiencing the place. Without “people” photos, it raises the question as to how the place can be “great” if no one is using it. For a transformation, provide before and after pictures.