



Partnership Roadmap

For Park & Trail Partnership Program Professional Development Grantees

Introduction

These questions are designed to build a foundation for regular discussion between park and historic site friends groups and park/site staff, facilitate the synchronization of the goals of the Friends and those of the park/site, and provide a roadmap for an ongoing collaborative partnership. It is a required deliverable for organizations that have received a Professional Development Grant through the NYS Park and Trail Partnership Program (2017 grantees and beyond).

These interrelated questions ask you to consider your organization's strategic direction, specifically as it relates to the park's or historic site's master plan, major initiatives and priorities. As you are now in receipt of a grant that covers costs of professional staff, it is the opportune time to consider how this staff's work plan will help achieve common goals for the organization and the park/historic site.

How to Complete the Partnership Roadmap Questions

Members of the Friends group board and/or staff must work together with park/site staff to answer the questions at an in-person meeting. Grantees will need to submit a summary of the discussion as part of the Professional Development Grant's interim report. It can be a simple one-page document with narrative responses and/or bullets, but it must be dated and include a list of all participants in the conversation. It may also be provided in the form of meeting minutes. The discussion does not need to be facilitated by an outside consultant.

Questions

- 1. How does this Professional Development Grant support the park/site master plan and/or OPRHP priorities? How does it support the Friends organization strategic plan and organizational priorities?*
- 2. How does the Friends organization strategic plan and the park/site master plan and/or OPRHP priorities correlate with each other and are there areas of divergence?*
- 3. How will this Professional Development Grant advance the shared goals of the Friends organization and the park/site, as articulated in the park/site master plan, organization's strategic plan, or other significant documents?*
- 4. What markers will be used to measure and evaluate success in implementing the shared goals of the Friends organization and the park/site? Please be specific.*