



**Resilient by Nature:
Navigating Change & Delivering Conservation
in the Appalachian Trail Landscape**

**2026 PARTNERSHIP MEETING
AGENDA SNAPSHOT**



Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

November 16-19, 2026



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** All event updates and details will be posted to the ATLP Partnership Meeting website: [🌐 Annual Partner Meeting - Appalachian Trail Conservancy](#)

GETTING TO THE CROWNE PLAZA HARRISBURG-HERSHEY

We are excited to welcome you to The Crowne Plaza Harrisburg-Hershey on November 16th! All meeting sessions and events (aside for the Welcome Reception & Field Trip/Service Project) will take place on site at the hotel.

Crowne Plaza Harrisburg-Hershey

23 S 2nd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

For those arriving by air, Harrisburg International Airport (MDT) is the most convenient option. Transportation to the hotel is available via taxi, Uber, or Lyft, with an approximate travel time of 15–20 minutes.

The hotel is centrally located in downtown Harrisburg, with easy access to local attractions and the surrounding Hershey area.

Overnight self-parking is available at the hotel for a daily fee, and additional public parking options are located nearby.

BOOKING YOUR LODGING

Meeting participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging accommodations. We recommend staying at the meeting venue, the Crowne Plaza Harrisburg– Hershey, for convenience and easy access to all events.

Click below to make your room reservation at the Crown Plaza.

[BOOK LODGING HERE](#)

Note: *The ATLP is pleased to offer a special discounted room rate of \$124 per night for attendees at the Crowne Plaza. To receive the discounted rate, reservations must be made by Friday, October 9, 2026.*

SPECIAL NETWORKING EVENTS

Monday, November 16: Welcoming Happy Hour Reception

Arrive early to meet up with fellow ATLP partners for a pre-meeting reception happy hour from 5-7pm at The Crowne Plaza. More details will be provided upon registration.

Tuesday, November 17: Share Fair Reception, Networking Social & Dinner

All participants are invited to host a table for their organization (pre-registration required)! Bring materials to share as folks network during a Networking Social before Dinner. Dinner will be provided for all participants on the evening of November 17th.

Thursday, November 19: Optional Field Trip & Service Project

Join for a day exploring the Appalachian Trail Landscape which will include a visit to a designated Appalachian Trail Community and invasive species removal on a section of the Appalachian Trail! Lunch, snacks and transportation options provided. There is no cost to participate, pre-registration is required. More details provided at event registration.



Appalachian Trail Landscape Partnership
Partnership Meeting
November 16 – 19, 2026
Harrisburg, PA

Navigating Change: Advancing a Resilient Appalachian Trail Landscape
Conservation • Community • Climate • Well-being
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Monday, November 16

5:00-7:00 PM: Welcome Reception

All participants are invited to join a welcome reception upon arrival. Refreshments will be provided. Location and additional details to be shared with registrants. RSVP when registering for the event.

Tuesday, November 17: Navigating Change Together

9:00 AM Welcome & Grounding

Meeting hosts and ATLP leadership will open the convening by setting shared intentions for two days of learning, connection, and action.

9:40 Opening Keynote

Speaker announcements coming soon!

10:30 The Kittatinny Ridge as a Model for What's Possible

Stretching across Pennsylvania, the Kittatinny Ridge is a powerful example of conservation at-scale. Through storytelling and partner perspectives, we'll celebrate the people, partnerships, and persistence behind its protection and role in accelerating conservation across the Appalachian Trail Landscape.

11:30 Navigating Change: Policy & Funding at All Scales

The policy and funding landscape is shifting rapidly. This session unpacks what's changing—from climate investments to infrastructure funding—and what it means for conservation practitioners.

12:30 PM Lunch: Lunch provided on-site for all meeting attendees.

1:30 Stories from the Ground: Adapting Conservation in the Face of Development Pressures

Real decisions, real tradeoffs, real impact in the face of infrastructure, energy, and housing development across the A.T. Landscape. Experts will share real-world stories from communities responding to development pressure, climate impacts, and evolving needs.

2:45 Breakout Discussions I: Implementing the ATLP Strategic Plan

4:00 Updates from the ATLP & Day 1 Reflections

5:00 Share Fair Social Hour

All meeting participants are invited to host a table for your organization and share more about your work to connect & protect the Appalachian Trail Landscape. There is no cost to host a share fair table for your organization. Prior registration is required, space is limited. More details provided at event registration.

6:00 Dinner: Dinner provided on-site for all meeting attendees.





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Connecting People, Nature, and Place

Wednesday, November 18: Getting it Done: Where Conservation is Delivering

9:00 AM Welcome Back

Framing remarks from the leadership of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail; reflecting on progress across the Appalachian Trail Landscape and the importance of partnership.

9:30 Keynote Session

Speaker announcements coming soon!

10:15 All the Small Things: Charismatic Microfauna & Hidden Biodiversity of the AT Landscape

This session highlights the importance of often-overlooked species in maintaining ecosystem health and resilience; connecting biodiversity to climate adaptation strategies. Stories from across the AT Landscape where conservation, stewardship and restoration are making a positive impact.

11:30 Healthy Lands, Healthy People

Explore the connections between conserved landscapes and physical, mental, and community well-being, with examples of cross-sector partnerships improving health outcomes.

12:30 PM Lunch: Lunch provided on-site for all meeting attendees.

1:30 Breakout Discussions II: Implementing the ATLP Strategic Plan

3:15 The Future of Appalachian Trail Landscape Conservation

Panel discussion of long-standing partnership success, emerging new models, and conversation on what the future of Appalachian Trail Landscape conservation holds.

4:15 Closing: Where We Go From Here, Together

4:45 Partnership Meeting Close

Thursday, November 19th: Field Trip & Trail Work

9:00 AM – 2:00PM

Field Trip to an A.T. Community & Trail Work on the Appalachian Trail

All meeting participants are invited to spend the day exploring the Appalachian Trail Landscape which will include a visit to a designated Appalachian Trail Community and invasive species removal on a section of the Appalachian Trail! Lunch, snacks and transportation options provided. There is no cost to participate, pre-registration is required. More details provided at event registration.

For more information & to register, please visit:

<https://appalachiantrail.org/protect/conservation/at-landscape-partnership/annual-meeting/>

