



Training Announcement

Collaborative Conservation: Partnerships in Practice (CLM 8124)

Course Description: *Collaborative Conservation: Partnerships in Practice (C2P2)* (CLM 8124) is designed for federal employees actively involved in community-based partnerships who want to further develop their understanding and use of social science concepts, practices, and tools to strengthen community engagement and achieve long-term human and ecological outcomes.



This advanced-level course builds on the foundational skills taught in the Partnership and Community Collaboration Academy: [Managing by Network](#) course. Participants will cultivate their professional competencies for partnership and community collaboration by learning from conservation leaders and peer experiences of real-world implementation, and then transferring and applying that knowledge to their partnerships.

- Instructors will share concepts for framing and adapting partnership strategies, managing change with resilience, leveraging and sustaining partnerships, and engaging in diverse and transformational partnerships to enhance community engagement.
- Partnership practitioners will share lessons learned from the field about how enduring partnerships overcame barriers, and how emerging partnerships opportunities can be aligned to respond to today's conservation priorities.
- Participants will share a specific partnership opportunity and/or challenge seeking insights and feedback from peer participants and the instructional team.
- Participants will cultivate their [partnership and community collaboration competencies](#), and apply their understanding of practices featured in the course to their partnerships and collaborative networks.

Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate the competencies needed for developing and sustaining successful collaborative partnerships;
- Identify the skills and expertise supportive of successful partnerships and transfer that knowledge to their roles in partnership and community collaboration;
- Apply knowledge gained in working across program lines to develop creative, visionary conservation actions that lead to on-the-ground partnership accomplishments; and
- Employ sound techniques to leverage conservation resources effectively, including people and materials.

Course Format

- 30 training hours, delivered onsite and online
 - 28 hours of classroom meetings during 3.5 days onsite at NCTC.
 - 2 hours of live webinars for course participants to share their experience applying partnership strategies with peers and instructors.
- Some independent study features selected readings and applied exercises in preparation for classroom discussion.

2023 Schedule

On Site Instruction, NCTC, Shepherdstown, WV: August 29 – September 1, 2023

Capstone Webinars via Zoom: 2-hour webinars, 2 - 4PM EDT. November 1, 2, 8 & 9, 2023.

Participants are welcome to attend all 4 webinars and expected to attend and present at one webinar.

Who Should Apply? U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other federal employees actively involved in community-based conservation partnerships and possessing foundational partnership and collaboration skills. This course is open to graduates of the *Managing by Network* course (CLM8123) and those from conservation collaboratives, the Refuge System, Ecological Services, Fisheries, the Coastal Program, and the Partners Program.

Prerequisites: It is recommended (but not mandatory) that participants complete the *Managing by Network* course (CLM8123) before attending this class.

Training Hours: 30

Undergraduate College Credits: 2; **Continuing Education Units:** 3

Maximum Class size: 20 participants.

Tuition: Tuition for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service employees is prepaid. Tuition for select USGS employees may be prepaid. Tuition for all other participants is \$796.

Additional Fees: Participants pay separately for travel, meals & lodging. NCTC's meals and lodging are a package cost for NCTC guests based on the current GSA guidelines. There is no cost for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employees. Meals and lodging for all other participants is \$172 per day.

Applications accepted April 12 – May 12. Participants for CLM 8124 will be selected through a competitive process.

Apply [HERE](#). Applicants will be notified of their selection status no later than May 19, 2023. Applicants selected for the course will be enrolled in DOI Talent, the Department of the Interior's Learning Management System.

Supervisor Approval: If you require supervisor approval for participate in training, please indicate your supervisor approval status on the application form. If selected for the course, we will share the selection announcement with you and your supervisor.

Reasonable Accommodations: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to this training for all participants. Please direct all requests for sign language interpreting services, closed captioning, or other accommodation needs to blaine_eckberg@fws.gov.

NCTC COVID-19 Information: [Click here](#) for the current status or contact blaine_eckberg@fws.gov.

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