



Partners for Conservation
Private Lands Partners Day 2021 and 2022
Host Landscape - Request for Proposal

Partners for Conservation, Inc. is seeking proposals to host the national meeting currently known as Private Lands Partners Day. Since 2008, landowners who eventually formed Partners for Conservation (PFC) have annually joined with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other key partners to deliver a meeting dedicated to voluntary conservation and public-private partnerships highlighting the ideals exemplified by the USFWS-Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. PFC and like-minded partners that support the meeting are dedicated to increasing the use of voluntary, incentive-based conservation collaborations that sustain ecologic, economic and sociologic systems within landscapes. Our annual meetings seek to showcase examples of these types of collaborations and offer an opportunity for attendees to meet, learn and further develop the vision of collaborative conservation. A vision where stakeholders in a landscape are committed to working on the 80% of issues all hold in common while recognizing, but not getting stuck on, the 20% that divides.

Proposal Requirements – Private Lands Partners Day events are somewhat unique historically in that they have aspects of both a landowner-focused field day and a natural resource professional meeting. The agenda, activities and program reflect that diversity. Private Lands Partners Day has been a unique experience for many past attendees and this is an atmosphere that Partners for Conservation hopes to continue. Therefore at least one individual on the team developing the proposal for future events must have attended a previous meeting. Attendance at past meetings has reached 200 people. Eventually PFC hopes to have up to 250 in attendance. The proposed location should have facilities and infrastructure sufficient to support that number and that capacity should be clearly explained. Partners for Conservation will work closely with local organizers on the agenda but is very interested in seeing specific agenda ideas described within the proposal. Meetings in the past have been two full days with an evening reception the day prior and a closing dinner on the second day. These meetings have occasionally featured an exhibitor space for sponsors, but not a poster session or other related activities but are welcome in proposals. Partners for Conservation, a 501c(3) organization or a third-party contracted by PFC fulfills the role of financial management for the meeting. **The PFC Board has identified the first week of October as the standing week for this event and proposals for other dates will not be given high priority for consideration at this time.**

Proposal Specifics – Proposal should be no more than two pages of narrative along with any supporting material deemed appropriate by the preparers. The proposal should address the following points: 1. Identify the individuals and organizations preparing the proposal and who are committed to planning and executing the meeting (Planning Team); 2. Specific location or landscape proposed and brief description of ongoing collaborations and public-private conservation partnerships specifically including any landowner-led groups supporting the proposal; 3. Name of and distance to airport(s) with regular commercial service; 4. Local, regional or national partners that will be approached or that have committed to providing funding, in-kind or logistical support for the meeting including a goal for funding or logistical support (dollar amount or percentage of total meeting cost); 5. Proposed theme, program ideas, field trip locations or other specifics that will provide a feel for the meeting experience; 6. Estimated number of local attendees including landowners and public partners (conservation districts, state fish and game agency, etc.); 7. Any historical sites, parks, national wildlife refuges or other attractions that might increase interest and attendance in the landscape. **Please indicate if you are submitting a proposal for either year, 2021 only or 2022 only.**

Deadline – Proposals are due by **June 1, 2019** with a final PFC Board selection by September 1, 2019. PFC may choose to select a location for either or both years from proposals submitted and reserves the right to select a location not proposed. Contact Steve Jester, Executive Director, 512-663-7596, info@partnersforconservation.org with questions