



September 17, 2019

Dear SSP Partner,

The [Sustainable Southeast Partnership](#) would like to formally invite you to participate in the annual SSP retreat **November 4-8 in Kake, AK**. I am very excited for what we have in store for this year's convening. I know you will find it worth your time to attend.

Each year we hold two retreats, one in the fall in a partner community and one in the spring in Juneau. This week of learning, planning, and relationship building is where we lay the foundation for authentic collaboration. Those who have participated in the retreat in the past use it as an opportunity to reconnect with our partners and organize projects for the year ahead.

This year's event will begin by revisiting our network values and our collaborative approach. Over the week, we'll learn new tools and frameworks that will help us to develop projects that model Triple Bottom Line approaches to development, that help us integrate well with each other as catalysts, and tie directly back to the SSP's values. I will follow up with a draft agenda in the coming weeks.

The annual retreats also provide us with an opportunity to visit partner communities to learn more about the peoples, places, and ecosystems that make up our network. In Kake, we're lucky to have strong partners working on projects in energy, food, economic development and natural resource stewardship, and we'll have the chance to learn from our catalysts and the community as they showcase their work.

Food and lodging will be covered by SSP. If you have your own plans for lodging, please let me know so I can make adjustments to our reservations. You are responsible for booking your travel to Kake, but we will provide transportation during our time together on the island. We can anticipate space for 40 participants. This invitation is extended to any individual in your organization, so if you know of another person or entity that would like to get involved in SSP, please share this invitation with them as well!

Do not hesitate to call or email me with any questions about this event. Once you decide to attend, please indicate all dates you plan to attend **RSVP-ing directly to me no later than October 11th**. I am really looking forward to seeing you all in Kake!

Warmest regards,

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