

NESP Digest

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Welcome to the *NESP Digest*!

This is the quarterly newsletter of the **National Ecosystem Services Partnership (NESP)** to give you updates on our recent activities as well as some other information on ecosystem services that we hope you'll find useful.

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Ongoing NESP Activities

NESP lead Lydia Olander has been working with the Oregon State University team on the launch of their new web portal Ecosystem Commons, contributing one of the early [soap box discussions](#). Join the new portal and join the conversations at www.ecosystemcommons.org.

Steering Committee Member Linwood Pendleton attended the [Ecosystem Services Partnership meeting in The Netherlands](#). There he represented the Marine Ecosystem Services Partnership and helped begin a discussion about linking the 2012 meetings of [A Conference on Ecosystem Services and Ecosystem Services Markets](#).

Transitions

David Cooley, former staff coordinator for NESP and research associate at the Nicholas Institute, has taken a new position as an associate of project development at the [Duke Carbon Offsets Initiative](#). [Abby Van de Bogert](#) will be taking his place and can be reached at abby.vandebogert@duke.edu.

Engage with our List

NESP maintains a list to help foster communication in the ecosystem services community. As a reminder, the list is nesp-community@duke.edu. Please feel free to use it to discuss ecosystem services issues, or to exchange information about new papers, jobs, or grant opportunities.

Ecosystem Services in the News

[GRI Proposes Metrics for Firms' Ecosystem Benefits](#), *Environmental Leader*, October 5, 2011.

[Better Business Decisions through Ecosystem Valuation](#), *The Guardian*, September 29, 2011.

[Certifying Ecosystem Services Is Not Going To Be Easy](#), *Center for International Forestry Research Forests Blog*, September 20, 2011.

[Trees, Drought and Dollars: How Ecosystem Markets Can Help the South](#), *Forbes*, September 19, 2011.

Selected Publications on Ecosystem Services

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Lundy, L. and R. Wade. 2011. [Integrating sciences to sustain urban ecosystem services](#). *Progress in Physical Geography* **35**:653-669.

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Meijaard, E., D. Sheil, M. R. Guariguata, R. Nasi, T.C.H. Sunderland, and L. Putzel. 2011. [Ecosystem services certification: Opportunities and constraints](#). Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) Bogor, Indonesia

Seppelt, R., B. Fath, B. Burkhard, et al. 2011. [Form follows function? Proposing a blueprint for ecosystem service assessments based on reviews and case studies](#). Ecological Indicators In Press, Corrected Proof, Available online 7 October 2011.

Weidner, E. 2011. [Ecosystem Services: Just Another Catch Phrase?](#) International Journal of Wilderness **17**:32-33

Upcoming Meetings and Events

November 10-13, 2011, [Charting a Path to Food Security that is a Win-Win for People and the Environment](#), National Academies Keck Future Initiative, Irvine, California.

November 13-17, 2011, [SETAC-North America Meeting](#), Boston, Massachusetts. Includes platform session on ecosystem services.

March 13-14, 2012, [Beyond Efficiency – Exploring the Political and Institutional Dimensions of Market-based Instruments for Ecosystem Services](#), Berlin, Germany.

March 26-29, 2012, [Planet Under Pressure: New Knowledge Towards Solutions](#), London, UK.

June 3-8, 2012, [9th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference](#), Orlando, Florida.

July 22-25, 2012, [Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting](#), Austin, Texas.

August 5-10, 2012, [Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting](#), Portland, Oregon.

September 30-October 5, 2012, [4th International EcoSummit: Ecological Sustainability, Restoring the Planet's Ecosystem Services](#), Columbus, Ohio.

December 10-13, 2012, [Joint ACES/EM meeting](#), Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Ecosystem Service Grants and Job Opportunities

National Science Foundation, [Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems](#) (CNH). Proposals due November 15, 2011.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, [Climate Adaptation Project Grants](#). Proposals due November 22, 2011.

Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University, [Director of Water Policy](#).

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, [Assistant Professor in Environmental Economics](#). Application review begins November 1, 2011.

Environmental Defense Fund, [Fisheries Finance Specialist](#) and [Policy Director](#) for the Land, Water, and Wildlife Program.

Sustainable Conservation, [Director of Restoration on Private Lands](#).

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