

The 96th Annual Ecological Society of America Meeting
Earth Stewardship: Preserving and Enhancing the Earth's Life-support Systems
Austin, Texas, August 7-12, 2011

Activity: NCA Listening Session; August 8, 2011; 10:00 – 11:30 am

Presenter: Emily Cloyd, NCA Public Participation and Engagement Coordinator

Panelists: William Emanuel, NCA Senior Scientist; Nancy Grimm, NCA Senior Scientist; Melissa Kenney, AAAS Fellow

Recorder: Bryce Golden-Chen, NCA Staff

Attendance: ~30 participants

Major themes highlighted during the discussion included the following:

- To better integrate the ecological and social science communities and improve looking at socio-ecological system functions in climate change for adaptability, the NCA is using a risk-based framework for the 2013 report, integrating topics within meetings (e.g., urban infrastructure and vulnerability), acquiring more data from human-focused agencies (e.g., Census) than previously, as well as bringing people together from different communities in process workshops.
- The goal of the NCA is creating a two-way flow between researchers and decision-makers. The 2009 report and future NCA products will engage with local and regional decision-makers, as much as the NCA's capacity and legal abilities allow. Creating a web-based demonstration product for the 2009 report and a climate portal with information from the current and future assessments will allow for increased distribution of information.
- Global change is incorporated into the NCA through the international working group, cross-boundary topics (e.g., the Great Lakes), and adaptation efforts.
- The Ecological Society of America is a good organization for the NCA to engage with because the ESA provides a venue for groups to exchange ideas, especially among resource managers and across jurisdictions. A major opportunity to engage with the NCA is through individuals and organizations within the ESA submitting Expressions of Interest to the NCA's Request for Information call, and participating in the NCA's longer-term network building efforts.