

EPA's New Research Focus on Ecosystem Services, with a Study of Biofuels Expansion in the Midwestern US

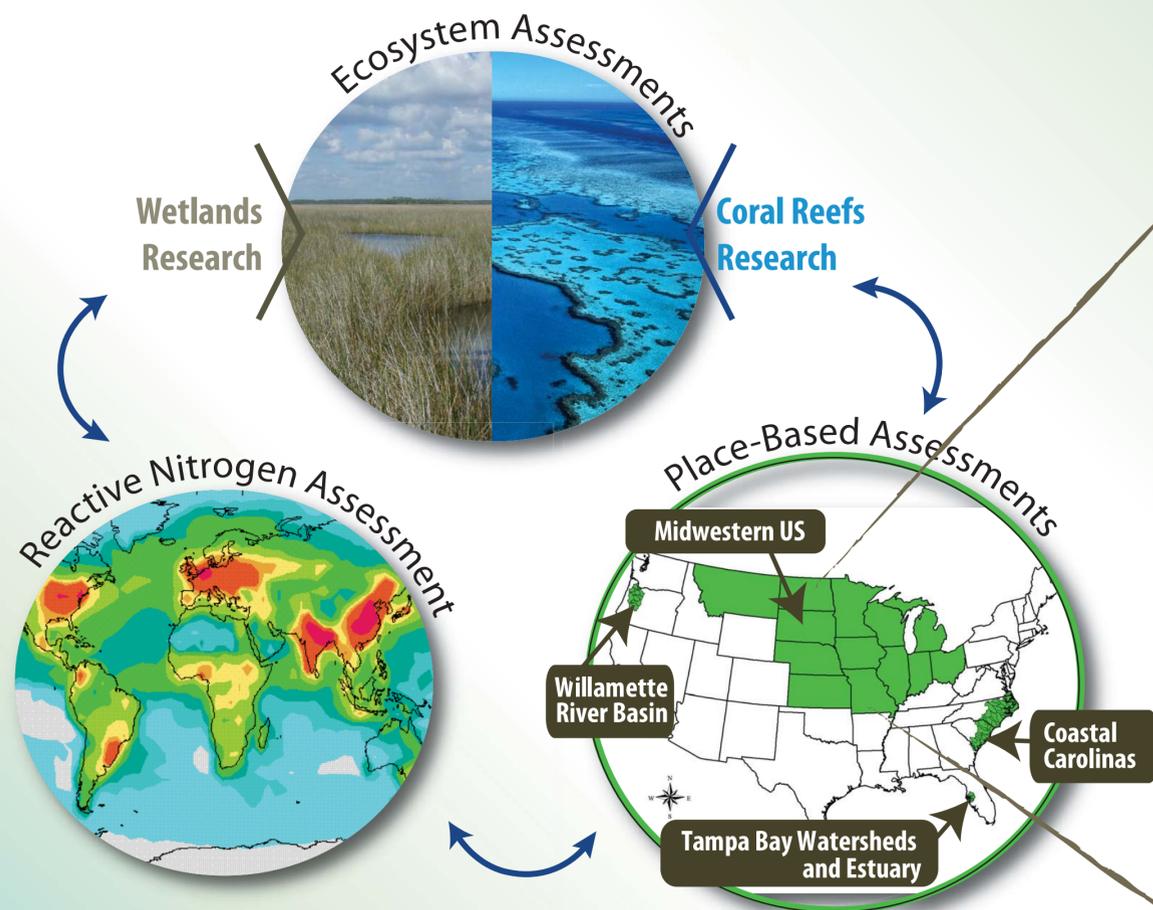
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EPA's Ecosystem Services Research

Program Goal: To transform the way decision makers understand and respond to environmental issues by showing how policy and management choices affect the type, quality and magnitude of the goods and services we receive from ecosystems.

Planned Program Duration: 2009 – 2013

Program Status: Multiyear plan under review; Assessment plans under development



Elements that Cut Across Assessments

- Landscape Characterization
- Services Inventory and Mapping
- Forecasting & Modeling
- Ecosystem Services & Human Health
- Valuation
- Decision Support
- Outreach & Education

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Future Midwestern Landscapes Study

Assessment Plan Under Development

