ECOSYSTEM SERVICES: ACCOMPLISHMENTS & FUTURE DIRECTION

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NATURE’S BENEFITS: ONGOING QUESTIONS

- **Performance:** Where and when does “nature” help reduce risk and provide other benefits?

- **Value:** What is the economic and non-economic value of these services to businesses and communities?

- **Enabling Conditions:** What behaviors, practices, or policies need to be encouraged or changed?
### MANY NEEDS, MANY PLAYERS, MANY SCALES

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GOVERNANCE NEEDS

- Multi-jurisdictional Coordination
- Getting the Incentives Right
- Public & Private Land Owner Engagement
ADVANCING INVESTMENTS IN NATURE’S BENEFITS

- Investment Payback Times
- Cost-Benefit Rules
- O & M funding
- Risk Management
- Metrics
CONTINUING OPPORTUNITIES

Meeting Infrastructure Needs

Farm Bill—Soil Health for Farmers & Nature

Forests for Clean Water & Risk Reduction

Nature for Resilience

Cities, Nature & Health
NATURE IS NOT JUST NICE…IT IS ESSENTIAL