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# National Nature Assessment Listening Sessions: State and Local Perspectives on Nature

How are changes in the environment affecting your community? Why is nature important? How would understanding nature help you in your work with and for state and local governments—to understand what's happening with lands, waters, wildlife, and ecosystems to better serve your community?

Please join the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) on **March 20th**, 2023, from **11:30am – 1:00pm** Eastern Time or from **6:30pm – 8:00pm** Eastern Time for a National Nature Assessment collaboration session for audiences who care about the relationships between nature and the work of state and local agencies. Both sessions will cover the same content, so please register for whichever session best fits your schedule!

The [National Nature Assessment](#) will provide a comprehensive assessment of the status and trends of nature. How are America's lands, waters, wildlife, and ecosystems doing and how do they provide benefits to states, counties, and other communities? How is nature expected to fare in the future and how might that affect the nation?

The National Nature Assessment is in the early stages of development and is anticipated to be released in 2026. It will draw on expertise from the Federal Government, Indigenous communities, state and local governments, academia, non-profit organizations, the private sector, and other key stakeholders. We are holding these listening sessions to ensure the assessment answers questions that are important to you, including:

1. What does nature mean to you?
2. What questions do you have about connections between

- nature, your community, and the work that you do?
3. How would you use the findings of the National Nature Assessment? What kinds of products would be useful?
  4. How should the National Nature Assessment team engage state and local agencies, and people who care about nature and their communities, as the National Nature Assessment is developed?

Learn more about the National Nature Assessment on USGCRP's [website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

We invite you to join this national conversation!

### **National Nature Assessment Listening Sessions**

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*Registration in advance is optional but encouraged.*

Both sessions will cover the same content, so please register for whichever session best fits your schedule! While these sessions are specifically focused on state and local agency perspectives (and those interested in state and local government), all are welcome to [share their input on the National Nature Assessment with USGCRP](#) and we will be hosting several additional events for diverse audiences throughout the spring.