Marsh Metaphors

Wetlands provide a variety of different ecosystem services. Ecosystem services are benefits that nature provides us. They can be consumed, enjoyed or generally make the world a better place. These services provide habitat for plants and wildlife, cleanse our water, decrease the impact of severe storms, reduce flooding by absorbing runoff, and provide educational and recreational opportunities. In some ways their worth is inestimable, and in others we can only begin to put a dollar value on the services they provide. What we do know is that - when removed from the landscape - the benefits wetlands supply are sorely missed and can cost significant amounts of time and money to replace or recover.

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