

# Environmental Practice

## NAEP's Peer-Reviewed Journal

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- Original manuscripts that have not previously been published in whole or in part in a peer-reviewed journal or in a widely available publication, either print or electronic
- Manuscripts that offer clear, insightful views on an environmental problem from an interdisciplinary perspective; studies that link data and findings in science and technology with issues of public policy, health, environmental quality, law, political economy, management.
- Ideas for topics and themed issues
- Contacts at environmental associations, academic institutions, or your organization who have ideas for papers

#### Categories

*Environmental Practice* publishes several categories of manuscripts as described below. Two of these categories, Research and Environmental Reviews and Case Studies are peer reviewed.

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The website explains the steps to register (for first-time users), login, and format papers. Further instructions regarding copyright are also found on the website. All papers should follow these guidelines:

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- **Cover Sheet:** Attach a cover sheet including manuscript title, author names; title or position; institutional affiliation; corresponding author address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address. All pages should be numbered, with the cover sheet as page 1. To facilitate blind peer reviews, author names and affiliation should appear *only* on the cover sheet.
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- **Documentation and references:** Authors may use either author-date notation or endnotes.

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