



Center for Environmental Policy (CEP) Goals and Priorities

Goal One – Create an intellectual home

- 1.1 Hold meet and greet event to facilitate networking
- 1.2 Plan affiliate retreat for Fall or Spring semesters
- 1.3 Create and maintain an inventory of research interests held by affiliates
- 1.4 Periodically assess the spatial balance of CEP activities
- 1.5 Invite external affiliates to support research themes and group-based projects
- 1.6 Hold annual gathering of CEP affiliates
- 1.7 Create identifying merchandise for affiliates

Goal Two – Promote the exchange of ideas

- 2.1 Hold regular brownbag seminars
- 2.2 Create and maintain a list of internal and external seminar series of interest to affiliates
- 2.3 Co-sponsor outside speakers and organize additional CEP-related discussion sessions
- 2.4 Hold workshops on identified research themes and interests held by affiliates
- 2.5 Craft and environmental theme-based Red Hot Research session

Goal Three – Promote collaboration

- 3.1 Advertise data and research available from affiliates
- 3.2 Construct venues for researched to explore shared research ideas
- 3.3 Hold events to explore emerging research topics and questions
- 3.4 Create topic-specific working groups and organize opportunities for group-based research projects
- 3.5 Fund campus visits by research collaborators
- 3.6 Link to cross-campus research efforts

Goal Four – Facilitate funded research

- 4.1 Host NSF program officers on campus
- 4.2 Sponsor or co-sponsor campus visits by directors of funding foundations
- 4.3 Coordinate with Environmental Studies Program on student learning

Goal Five – Develop talents of students

- 5.1 Develop and maintain a bullpen of undergraduate research assistants
- 5.2 Provide professional development to graduate and undergraduate students
- 5.3 Financially support student travel
- 5.4 Invite students to serve as research interns or fellows

Goal Six – Improve KU Community

- 6.1 Advocate within KU to secure more environmental hires
- 6.2 Raise the profile of policy research on campus
- 6.3 Coordinate with departments, schools, and programs on campus workshops
- 6.4 Explore ways to take advantage of the Kansas Biological Field Station
- 6.5 Endorse on-campus events on policy-related injustices

Goal Seven – Develop and maintain resources

- 7.1 Create and maintain a data repository of various lab capabilities, tools, and interests
- 7.2 Hold brief research tool-based workshops on topics such as GIS, grants, publically available data, and documentation

Goal Eight – Establish an external network

- 8.1 Build bridges to other scholarly environmental research centers
- 8.2 Pursue multi-jurisdictional EPSCoR grants, especially in Oklahoma
- 8.3 Host gatherings of environmental researchers from regional educational institutions and NSF funded workshops

Goal Nine – Promote dissemination and outreach

- 9.1 Reach out to the community beyond KU
- 9.3 Facilitate community-engaged research
- 9.4 Connect with policymakers and other similar actors at local, state, regional, and national levels
- 9.5 Network with NGOs to deliver broader impacts for external grants
- 9.6 Use website to promote the activity and research of CEP affiliates
- 9.7 Develop and distribute a working paper series policy briefs
- 9.8 Sponsor events designed to facilitate scientific communication