

# Annual Gathering 2023

Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center  
August 14-16, Indianapolis

## Monday, August 14

12:00 - 2:00 PM **Consortium Leadership Team Meeting**

**Invitation-only meeting.**

2:00 - 2:30 PM **Break**

2:30 - 5:30 PM **Special Topics Workshop: Ethical Engagement with Tribes**

Facilitator: Sara Smith, Midwest Tribal Climate Resilience Liaison

**Invitation-only meeting.** Ethical Tribal Engagement Training for MW CASC staff, leadership team members, and postdoctoral researchers.

6:00 - 8:00 PM **Optional Social Activity: Game Night**

Welcome to Indianapolis! Stop by to play climate-themed board games and get to know your fellow attendees. *Note: dinner will not be provided, but attendees are welcome to purchase their own meals and bring them to the meeting space. Check out this list of [nearby restaurants](#).*

## Tuesday, August 16

6:00 - 7:00 AM **Optional Social Activity: WRASC-ALS**

Join the **Walkers and Runners** of the MW CASC for a group excursion. Meeting place and route map coming soon!

8:00 - 9:00 AM **Registration Opens**

9:00 - 9:15 AM **Opening Remarks**

9:15 - 10:00 AM **The Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center: Who We Are & Where We're Going**

A discussion of the Midwest CASC's shared values, priorities, accomplishments, and goals.



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10:00 - 10:45 AM

**Project Lightning Talks**

Details coming soon!

10:45 - 11:00 AM

**Break**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Plenary Session**

Details coming soon!

12:00 - 1:30 PM

**Lunch & Informal Networking**

*Note: attendees must purchase their own meals.*

**Early Career Workshop: Effective Science Communication**

Speaker: Kimberly Hall, Climate Change Ecologist, The Nature Conservancy

**Invitation-only meeting.** Mentors and early career researchers gather for lunch and a workshop on effective science communication.

1:30 - 3:00 PM

**Breakout Sessions**

**1. Tutorial on Climate Change Projections (For Early Career Researchers)**

Details coming soon!

**2. Developing Management-Relevant Research Programs**

Speaker: Marta Lyons, USGS Climate Impacts Ecologist, MW CASC

**3. Creating a Shared Understanding of Synthesis Research**

Speaker: Diele Lobo, Postdoctoral Researcher, MW CASC

3:00 - 4:00 PM

**Poster Session**

Learn about the work of MW CASC researchers. Light refreshments will be available.

4:00 - 6:00 PM

**Field Trip**

Join your fellow attendees for a walking tour along the White River and see examples of green infrastructure in downtown Indianapolis. Led by Gabriel Filippelli. *Note: Transportation via carpooling is also available.*

### **External Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Invitation-only meeting.**

### **Synthesis Working Group Meeting**

**Invitation-only meeting.**

6:00 - 8:00 PM

### **Dinner**

Dinner is on your own.

### **Early Career Mixer**

**Invite-only meeting.** A networking opportunity for Midwest CASC students, postdoctoral researchers, and mentors.

8:00 PM

### **Optional Social Activity: Meetup Downtown**

## **Wednesday, August 17**

6:00 - 7:00 AM

### **Optional Social Activity: WRASC-ALS**

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8:00 - 9:00 AM

### **Coffee & Networking**

### **Roundtable: Climate Adaptation Planning in the Midwest**

**Invite-only meeting.**

9:00 - 9:15 AM

### **Welcome Back: Day 1 Recap**

9:15 - 10:00 AM

### **Plenary Session**

Details coming soon!

10:00 - 10:15 AM

### **Break & Group Photo**



10:15 - 11:00 AM

### **Project Lightning Talks**

Details coming soon!

11:00 - 11:45 AM

### **Future Visioning**

Speakers:

- Christopher Hoving, Adaptation Specialist, Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Cory Suski, Professor, Illinois University Urbana-Champaign

What assumptions do we make about the future in climate adaptation work? How do we define success? What variation do we have in these concepts?

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

### **Closing Remarks**

12:00 - 5:00 PM

### **Field Trip**

Travel to [Morgan-Monroe State Forest](#) (60 mi from event location) to visit the long-running AmeriFlux tower, and to learn more about the challenges and opportunities of managing Central Hardwood forests. Facilitated by Kim Novick in coordination with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.