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#### The Challenge of Trading Places

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*The Creation of Markets for Ecosystem Services in the United States* provides an in-depth analysis of the most advanced efforts to create markets for ecosystem services in the United States. It explains why very few of these markets have succeeded even after close to twenty years of scholarly enthusiasm, federal funding and concerted efforts by NGOs, government agencies and businesses.

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