



Adaptation Notes

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Happy 10th Birthday to EcoAdapt

EcoAdapt is celebrating 10 years of meeting the challenges of climate change! Join us over the next year as we celebrate the progress the field of adaptation is making, reintroduce you to some achievements from our history, and acknowledge the contributions of our staff, board, partners, and donors.



Where did EcoAdapt come from?

In 2008, EcoAdapt's founders - Lara Hansen, Eric Mielbrecht and Jennie Hoffman - saw a gaping chasm in the U.S. around climate action, in terms of both mitigation and adaptation. But adaptation was not even in the national consciousness. Ten years and countless climatologically-related challenges later, there is an active dialogue on adaptation and EcoAdapt is proud to be an active participant, or dare we say, instigator? As the 1st U.S. NGO created for and focused exclusively on adaptation moving into the fore, EcoAdapt continues to foster the growing U.S. adaptation vanguard. This has required that EcoAdapt also grow from an idea of the three founders into [a team of 13](#), located across the United States.

But we did not create EcoAdapt alone! We would like to recognize our early supporters and cheerleaders: Joel Clement at the Wilburforce Foundation, John Nordgren and

EcoAdapt Earns Leadership Award



Photo Credit: Tim Donovan, Florida FWC

EcoAdapt had the honor of receiving a 2018 *Climate Adaptation Leadership Award for Natural Resources*. Lead Scientist Alex Score accepted the award at the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Annual Meeting in Tampa this fall. [Learn more here!](#)



CAKE Interoperability Update

The logo for the Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange (CAKE). It features the word 'cake' in a bold, lowercase, blue font. Below it, the full name 'Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange' is written in a smaller, blue font. To the right of the text is a stylized yellow and orange graphic of a person's head and shoulders, with a blue line representing a path or connection.

The [CAKE](#) team is partnering with Georgetown University's Adaptation Clearinghouse, NOAA's Climate Resilience Toolkit, and the American Society of Adaptation Professionals to

Ted Smith at the Kendall Foundation, Lissa Widoff at the Switzer Foundation, Mark Spalding at the Ocean Foundation, Barry Gold at the Moore Foundation, Lois DeBacker at the Kresge Foundation, Charles Savitt at Island Press, Bob Irvin at Defenders of Wildlife, Margaret Davidson, Jennifer Morgan, and of course co-founder and now head of Adaptation/Insight Jennie Hoffman.



Special thanks to our current and past board members Katherine Silverthorne, Will Travis, Paul Marshall, Erika Zavaleta, Brad Thompson, Matt Kellogg, Susan Nehring, and Jen Sokolove. Last but not least, all of our family and friends who support a group of people who spend every day working on perhaps one of the most challenging issues you can think of - climate change - and try to find ways to make a difference.

improve discoverability of the most useful information for adaptation practitioners on some of the field's most well-known sites. As part of this effort, Jessica Hitt co-organized a training session at the Great Lakes Adaptation Forum in which attendees were asked to share ideas on how to improve the three websites and their linkages. Attendees particularly valued case studies and wanted more clarity on the respective niches of the three platforms. Results are being used to inform our collaboration to fill gaps and develop our plan for interoperability.



National Adaptation Forum registration is OPEN!

Join us at the [4th National Adaptation Forum](#) in Madison, WI, April 23-25, 2019. Past Forum goers see this as *the* event to share what you've learned and learn from others, while developing your network of like-minded peers. Save \$100 by [registering now during the Early Bird period](#). If you have registration questions, email Info@NationalAdaptationForum.org.

[Sponsorship opportunities and exhibitor booths](#) are still available but going fast! Spaces are limited, [contact us today](#).



Advancing Climate Adaptation in Public Health

Climate change poses significant threats to the health of individuals and communities, as well as the delivery of healthcare services. EcoAdapt and the Natural Resources Defense Council are partnering to assess the state of climate adaptation planning and implementation for climate-related threats to public health in 16 U.S. states.



Do you work in public health? Are you interested in how climate change is affecting your efforts? [Please take our survey and share with your colleagues!](#) If you have any questions, please contact project lead, [Rachel Gregg](#).



EcoAdapt makes its mark on Jupiter!

EcoAdapt's History

EcoAdapt is founded

2008

Bob, our logo, is born!



1st Assessment begins



If EcoAdapt helps with adaptation on Jupiter, we can help you on Earth!

Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange



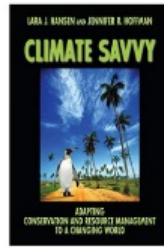
2009

State of Adaptation Program begins first assessment

CAKE is served

Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange is launched

2010



Book release

Publication of Climate Savvy



2011

Awareness to Action

A2A workshops train 1,000th adaptation practitioner

2012



1st National Adaptation Forum

Denver, CO was the inaugural host city for the Forum

Testimonial: first five years



2013

"The vision we had when we kicked things off ten years ago has truly come to fruition and then some. In a surprisingly short period of time, our drive to move the needle on adaptation crystalized into distinct yet interlocking programs that address core needs in the adaptation world. And look at how our children have grown! CAKE is a thriving, respected online resource. The Forum inspires and connects hundreds of diverse adaptationists. Awareness to Action has brought the EcoAdapt magic to organizations large and small. The State of Adaptation program has gone way beyond simply gathering adaptation stories. Such stunning accomplishments by such a stunning and committed team of people! I'm so proud to have been part of getting EcoAdapt off the ground!"

- Jennie Hoffman, Principal, Adaptation/Insight

(And EcoAdapt is proud to have Dr. Hoffman as a partner, colleague and friend!)



Donate

EcoAdapt is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization created to help develop the field of adaptation through research and education. If you've used the Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange, attended a National Adaptation



Today!

Forum, benefited from an Awareness to Action workshop, or been informed by a State of Adaptation assessment, consider making a gift.

EcoAdapt is a modest organization with a modest anniversary goal:

Get ten new individual donors!

Nope, we're not asking for ten million dollars (although we'd take it!), we're not even asking for \$10,000 dollars (we'd also happily take). We're asking you to make a significant difference by being 1/10th our birthday wish. Heck, give ten donations as gifts to ten friends, thereby single-handedly reaching our goal. [Click here to donate!](#)



Upcoming Events

Join EcoAdapt in person!

- [9th National Summit on Coastal and Estuarine Restoration and Management](#) December 8-13, 2018 - Long Beach, CA
- [American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting](#) December 10-14, 2018 - Washington, DC
- [4th National Adaptation Forum](#) April 23-25, 2019 - Madison, WI

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