

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADAPTATION PROFESSIONALS

Submit nominations by March 22 for the New England Regional Adaptation Leadership Award!

The [American Society of Adaptation Professionals](#) (ASAP) [Regional Adaptation Leadership Award](#) (RALA) recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in the climate change adaptation field through exceptional leadership. It recognizes the fact that deliberate, proactive adaptation, preparedness, and resilience-building is a change process, a deviation from business-as-usual, and a courageous act of doing something new and different. At its heart are individuals who make this change happen, sometimes with very few resources. The RALA recognizes distinguished adaptation leaders who approach their work in a strategic, well informed, inclusive, and effective manner.

ASAP's two award programs, the Regional Adaptation Leadership Award and the Prize for Progress, respectively highlight excellence in adaptation leadership and excellence in adaptation practices of communities and organizations. These programs are a critical component of ASAP's work supporting and connecting adaptation professionals and advancing innovation and excellence in the field of climate change adaptation.

At ASAP we know that Black people, Indigenous Peoples, people of color, and people with low incomes are on the front lines of climate change. Therefore, the field of climate change adaptation must identify, recognize, support, and inspire leaders with these identities and backgrounds. We strongly encourage nominations by and of such people. Additionally, we strongly encourage nominations by and of people who are new to the climate adaptation field, including early career workers, volunteers, and emerging leaders.

Help us make history by [nominating](#) those most deserving of recognition for their work on climate change adaptation in New England. The RALA awardee will be recognized at the [2020 Local Solutions Eastern Climate Preparedness Conference](#) in Portland, Maine.

Award Prizes include: a year of ASAP membership (valued at \$150), travel assistance to the 2021 National Adaptation Forum, and a year of promotion through ASAP's Adaptation Voices programs.

Deadline to submit nominations is Sunday, March 22, 2020. The RALA nomination form can be found [here](#).

You may nominate any adaptation professional, from any sector, who works in New England (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, or Connecticut) **except:**

- ASAP staff or board members
- Staff from 2020 Local Solutions host institutions: Antioch University New England, NOAA, and the Island Institute.
- Members of the RALA Selection Committee (continued next page):
 - Leo Matteo Bachinger, Doctoral Student, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
 - Sam Belknap, Community Development Officer, Island Institute
 - John Bolduc, Environmental Planner, City of Cambridge
 - Alison Branco, Coastal Director, The Nature Conservancy of New York
 - Annie Cox, Coastal Training Program Coordinator, Wells Reserve at Laudholm

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- Madeleine Charney, Climate Change Conservation Librarian, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Ned Gardiner, Engagement Manager, U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit, NOAA
- Robert Hart, Energy Efficiency Program Manager, Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources
- Deanna Moran, Director of Environmental Planning, Conservation Law Foundation
- Abi Abrash Walton, Director/Faculty, Antioch University New England

The awardee(s) will be chosen by a selection committee made up of adaptation professionals who represent a range of sectors and locations from across the region. Questions? Email ASAPawards@adaptpros.org. ASAP is committed to facilitating nomination and selection of a transformative leader. Please contact us if you have any barriers to submitting a nomination that fully captures the strength of the nominee's leadership.

About American Society of Adaptation Professionals:

As the nation's leading professional society for adaptation and resilience practitioners, ASAP is ensuring that climate adaptation and resilience work is equitable, ethical, and effective. ASAP connects and supports climate adaptation professionals to advance innovation and excellence in the field of climate change adaptation. Through ASAP's member groups, trainings, and professional guidance, climate adaptation professionals interact, share what's working, collaborate with their colleagues and build essential climate resilience for communities, ecosystems, and economies across North America.