



CLIMAtlantic

Newsletter

Enhancing Atlantic Climate Resilience

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Notes from the team



CLIMAtlantic is proud to be part of a vibrant, innovative and diverse adaptation community in Atlantic Canada.

Over the past five years we've helped create learning spaces, and connected and supported a growing network of individuals, organizations, communities and agencies who work in climate resiliency.

With more people actively bringing adaptation into their day-to-day work, we would love to hear how we can continue to tailor our services and programming to support you, given your local contexts, priorities, and economic realities.

In the meantime, please reach out to our team! Whether you're new to adaptation or already have started an adaptation project, we are here to make adaptation easier.

Please [reach out](#) anytime.

- [Sabine Dietz](#), Executive Director

Special features

CLIMAtlantic Conference - Early bird registration closes April 13th!

Don't miss out. Snag an early bird ticket to experience our conference at a discounted rate!



Connected Resilience: Atlantic Adaptation Conference 2026 will be a unique opportunity to network, collaborate, and hear success stories of climate change adaptation from across all four Atlantic provinces.

Is your organization interested in becoming a sponsor or exhibitor? Check out the links below, or email Anna Garf at conference@climatlantic.ca, to learn more.

Do you need financial support in order to attend? Check out our [recent social media post](#), which highlights a few external resources that may be able to support you.

Register Now

Sponsorship & Exhibitor Package

Strengthening Community Resilience and Adaptation Capacity

It's not easy to respond to increasing climate risks while still trying to maintain levels of service and meet your community's needs. You don't have to do it on your own.

Our free support and capacity services include:

- a climate profile for your community
- help to identify and manage risks to municipal service delivery
- guidance on how to use nature-based approaches
- finding ways to incorporate adaptation into your current work, services
- individual and group training
- support for public and stakeholder engagement
- identifying funding, partners and experts to support you

Our **Community Resilience Team** can help you determine which services best meet your community's needs.

Expression of Interest

Contact Us

In case you missed it

Nova Scotia Community of Practice: Thanks for Coming!

A massive thank you to our guest speakers and attendees who made the Nova Scotia CoP on March 13th such a great success! It was a wonderful way to connect.

Regional Cooperation in New Brunswick



We were invited by MPs Wade Grant and David Myles to a round table discussion on regional cooperation of conservation efforts! It was a great opportunity to connect with environmental NGOs and agencies including the [Canadian Water Agency](#), [Canadian Wildlife Service](#), [Nature NB](#), [New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council](#), [Gaia Project](#), and others.

We Were on CBC's The Signal!

[Stephanie Arnold](#), Associate Executive Director at CLIMAtlantic and PEI's Climate Services Specialist, was [on a recent episode of The Signal!](#) They talked about our organization and how climate adaptation fits into the current *political* climate.

Youth Climate Lab - Regional Realities Webinar with CLIMAtlantic

 [English Recording](#) | Password: i^H\$e3+3

YCL and CLIMAtlantic collaborated on March 17th to learn how climate change is impacting the Atlantic region and how people are preparing, adapting, and working together to reduce risks and build resilience. We learned about CLIMAtlantic's popular Climate Adaptation and Resilience Training (CART) program, and got a sneak peak into the program's content!

Climate Profiles for Tree Species

We were featured in the [Southwest Nova Biosphere Region](#)'s newsletter! Hear from [Alex Cadel](#). He is the provincial climate services specialist who works for the (NS) Department of Environment and Climate Change, supporting the delivery of climate services in Nova Scotia in partnership with CLIMAtlantic.

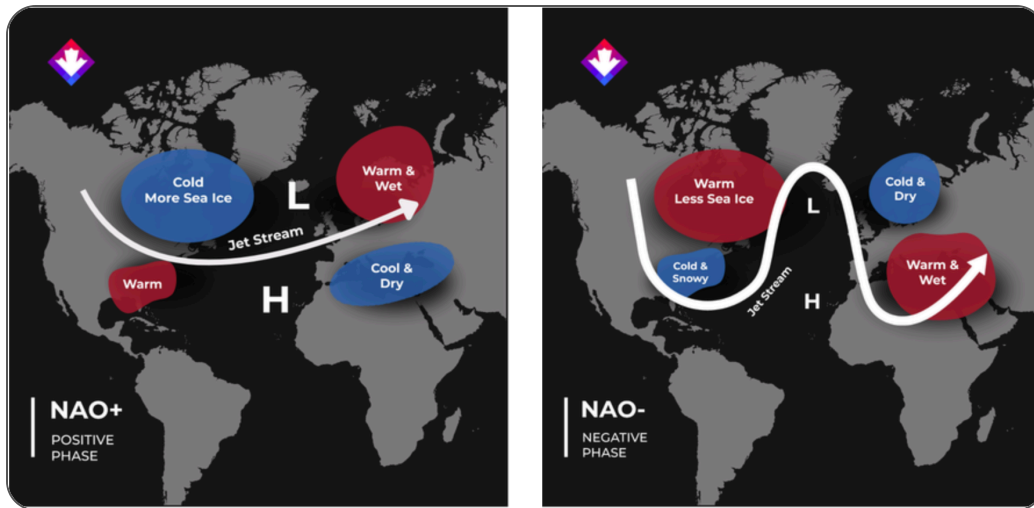
Missed Last Month's Webinar?

Integrating Accessibility: Extreme Weather and Vulnerable Populations

We began our [Shared Resilience](#) webinar series with Haley Flaro of Abilities NB. She explored how vulnerable groups are uniquely impacted during extreme weather, what accessible solution-building can look like, and how to meaningfully include these perspectives in adaptation planning.

Data highlight

The North Atlantic Oscillation and What It Means for Atlantic Canada



The North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) is one of the most important climate patterns influencing seasonal conditions in our region. It describes changes in atmospheric pressure between a region of typically **higher pressure** near the Azores and **lower pressure** near Iceland. When the pressure difference between these two areas strengthens or weakens, it shifts winds and storm tracks across the Atlantic, influencing temperature, precipitation, and storm activity across our region.

Because **Atlantic Canada sits directly along these storm pathways**, understanding the NAO helps explain why some seasons are stormier, cooler, or wetter, while others are milder or drier. These shifts are part of the natural variability of the climate system. Understanding patterns like the NAO, alongside what our changing climate will bring, can help build a clearer picture of the conditions we may experience in the short term and over longer time horizons. This can affect coastal communities, infrastructure planning, fisheries, agriculture, and water management across Atlantic Canada.

ClimateData.ca's [Seasonal to Decadal \(S2D\) forecasts](#) provide probabilistic outlooks for upcoming seasons and years, helping connect large-scale climate drivers to potential seasonal conditions.

North Atlantic Oscillation

Regional roundup

Events

[The Walrus Talks Wildfires: Facing up to a future with more fire](#)

📅 April 1 | 🕒 9 PM - 11 PM Atlantic |
📍 Saskatoon, SK & streamed online |
💰 Free

Organized by [The Walrus](#), this event is an opportunity to hear from experts, discover the latest research and perspectives, and engage with strategies that can shape Canada's response to wildfires.

[Equity in Green Infrastructure Projects | Workshops](#)

📅 April to October | 📍 Online | 💰 Free

In collaboration with the [Centre d'écologie urbaine](#), [Green Communities Canada](#) is launching a series which will help local governments and ENGO partners move from theory to action by applying equitable approaches to planning, design and implementation of a green infrastructure project.

[Preparing Nova Scotia's Construction Sector for Climate Change and Coastal Risks](#)

📍 Online, via Zoom | 💰 Free

As the climate is changing, impacts such as storm damage, flooding, coastal erosion, and supply chain disruptions create new risks for the construction industry. Understanding and considering climate risks and related coastal hazards within planning, design, and site selection can reduce future impacts on homes and public infrastructure. This learning series will explore the following:

- 📅 April 10 | 🕒 12-1PM - Overview of Climate Change and coastal hazards in Nova Scotia's construction industry
- 📅 April 17 | 🕒 3-5 PM - Navigating Construction Standards and Retrofits for Coastal Locations
- 📅 April 24 | 🕒 12-1 PM - Climate Data and Coastal Considerations in the Construction Sector

Door prizes to be won. 🎁

 CLIMAtlantic ●●● Online Series

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 English with French interpretation

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En français 

[Register here](#)

[ClimateData.ca Monthly and Seasonal Forecasts | Webinar](#)

📅 April 21 & April 23 | 📍 Online | 💰 Free

Join the [Canadian Centre for Climate Services](#) (CCCS) for a webinar on newly released Monthly and Seasonal Forecasts on [ClimateData.ca](#)! They will be hosting two webinars:

- 📅 April 21 | 🕒 1-2pm Eastern Time in English
- 📅 April 23 | 🕒 2-3pm Eastern Time in French

The session will be led by the CCCS and will include a Q&A period.



📅 June 5-7 | 📍 Shippigan, NB |
💰 Registration Fee

Hosted by [Nature NB](#), this event brings together naturalists and nature-lovers from across New Brunswick to discover nature in a different location each year. A variety of field trips, workshops, and experiences will be offered.

[Canada Water Resources Association 2026: Honoring the Spirit of Water | Conference](#)

📅 June 15 - 19 | 📍 Winnipeg, MB |
💰 Registration Fee

Registration for the 2026 CWRA National Conference is now open! This conference will focus on “honoring the spirit of water” as a reminder to give respect to the source of all life while working on climate adaptation.

News



Thank you Rebecca and Wesley!

We're saying a big thank you and farewell to two wonderful team members - Rebecca, one of our Climate Services Assistants, and Wesley, our Labrador Climate Adaptation Intern!

Their drive, positivity and dedication have made such a meaningful impact on our work. We're so grateful for everything they've contributed. We'll miss you both, but we know you're headed towards exciting new opportunities and great things ahead.

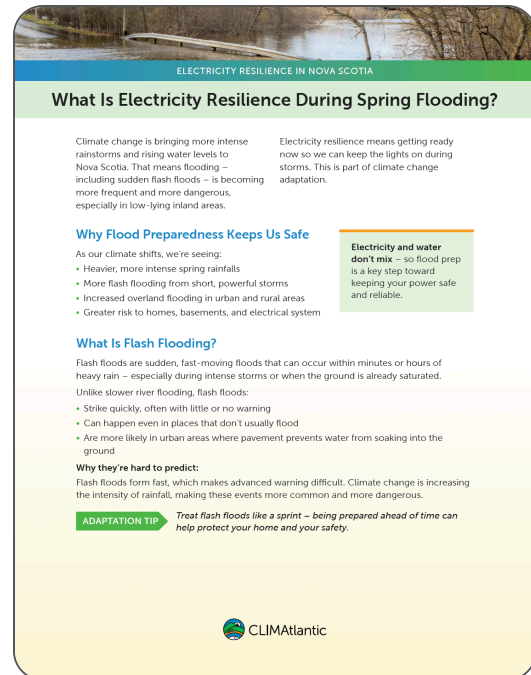


Welcome Liane!

Welcome to the CLIMAtlantic team, Liane! Joining us as an Adaptation Specialist, Liane will be supporting the Pathways team and helping to organize our upcoming Connected Resilience conference in Halifax in May.

Infographic - What Is Electricity Resilience During Spring Flooding?

Climate change is bringing more intense rainstorms and rising water levels to Nova Scotia. That means flooding – including flash flooding – is becoming more frequent and more dangerous, especially in low-lying inland areas. Thanks to support from the Government of Nova Scotia, this infographic shows ways we can prepare to keep the lights on during storms.



Jobs

Communications Assistant - New Brunswick Environmental Network

 Apply by April 8

Support a consistent website and social media presence, database management, and the delivery of other projects across the province.

[Outdoor Learning Program Coordinator](#) - New Brunswick Environmental

Network

 Apply by April 8

Spearhead the delivery of activities as part of the Great Minds Think Outside program and directly engage with educators, non-profits, and other parts of the community.

[Multiple positions](#) - ICLEI Canada

 Reviewed on a rolling basis

ICLEI is growing their Adaptation team and are looking for motivated climate professionals to join them. They are currently recruiting for a Climate Change Project Coordinator (1-year term). From supporting applied research and data analysis to designing workshops and developing capacity-building resources, this role contributes directly to strengthening local climate adaptation efforts nationwide.

Funding

[The Youth Harbour Fund Action Grants](#)

 Up to \$30,000 |  Apply by April 1

Funding to support youth-led organizations or under-funded projects working toward sustainability and climate action.

Growing Canada's Community Canopies - [Urban Forestry Plans and Studies Stream](#)

 Up to \$175,000 |  Apply by April 15

This funding stream aims to increase tree canopy coverage and improve community capacity to manage urban trees.

[Carleton North Community Foundation](#)

 Up to \$10,000 |  Apply by May 1

The Carleton North Community Foundation supports a variety of community projects in Northern Carleton, New Brunswick. Funding categories related to adaptation include education and the environment.

[Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation](#)

 Many funding streams opening on April 14

Over \$530 million will be awarded to municipalities by 2031 to implement local solutions focusing on adaptation. Several funds open soon:

- [Climate-Ready Plans and Processes](#)
- [Adaptation in Action: Feasibility Studies](#)
- [Adaptation in Action: Implementation Projects](#)
- [Residential Resilience Financing](#) is currently open until July 1.

[Farm to School Canada Grants](#)

💰 Up to \$10,000 | ⌚ Apply by May 8

This grant promotes a farm to school approach to bring more healthy, local and sustainable food into schools. Available to schools (kindergarten to grade 12) in Canada, including schools in Indigenous communities/nations.

[First Nation Adapt Program](#)

💰 Up to \$250,000 | ⌚ Reviewed year-round

Open to First Nations communities below the 60th parallel, this fund supports projects that increase climate resilience by addressing local climate change adaptation priorities.

[Burroughs Wellcome Fund](#)

💰 Up to \$50,000 USD | ⌚ Apply by April 23

Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grants are available to support interdisciplinary projects that explore the health impacts of climate change. Applications are open to nonprofit and academic institutions in the U.S. and Canada.

[FCC AgriSpirit Fund](#)

💰 Up to \$25,000 | ⌚ Apply by May 15

Funding is available for capital projects that will enrich lives in a rural community by using adaptive methods. Eligible for communities of less than 50,000 people.

[FCC Community Funding](#)

💰 Up to \$10,000 | ⌚ Reviewed year-round

First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, schools, and others can receive funding for projects centered around food security, well-being, education and food literacy, or community enhancement.

[Community Climate Adaptation Fund](#)

💰 Up to \$30,000 | ⌚ Open until funds allocated

Academic institutions can receive funding to undertake innovative community engagement that focuses on ocean, community, and climate adaptation. Successful projects are eligible for a \$50,000 extension grant.

More Funding Opportunities

[Other items of interest](#)

[Two-eyed seeing interview with Elder Dr. Albert D. Marshall](#)

Elder Dr. Albert D. Marshall has been featured in this new interview by [Learning for a Sustainable Future](#). He is co-author of "[Walking Together](#)", a picture book introducing Etuaptmumk/Two-Eyed

Seeing to elementary-aged children. In the interview, he discusses what Etuaptmumk means and how educators can incorporate it into their own teachings.

[New Guide: Applying Nature-Based Solutions to Coastal Parks Projects](#)

This new guide from the [Clean Foundation](#) is meant to support those who work with public coastal lands. Acting as a starting point, it includes links to resources and case stories from local to international sources, helping users to quickly find resources related to nature-based solutions and project planning.

[New Toolkit: Engaging Indigenous People in Climate Change Policy](#)

Led by the [Native Women's Association of Canada](#), the EIPCCP project centres the voices of Indigenous women in climate action. The project involves lived experiences from across turtle island and supports leadership, community-driven climate strategies, and inclusive climate policies.

Send us your photos of Atlantic Canada!

CLIMAtlantic is launching a new website this spring and we'd love to showcase your photos on our landing page!

We're turning five this year and we want to celebrate the friends we've made, the community we've built and the knowledge we've gathered. We're revamping our web page to make it easier for you to find our resources, tools, libraries, networks and supports.

We also want to highlight the adaptation work happening in communities across Atlantic Canada, and to gather some beautiful images and videos to show off our stunning landscape.

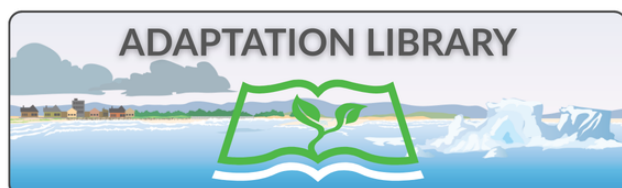
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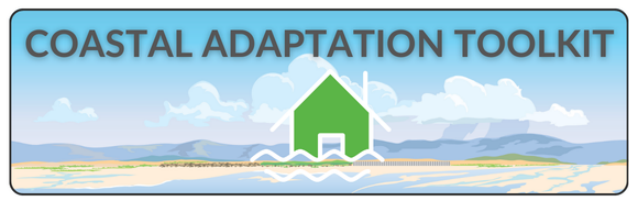
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Help desk

Looking for help accessing or interpreting **climate data**?

Need help to figure out your **adaptation options**?

Not sure where to find projections, or need **guidance** on how to use them?

CLIMAtlantic is here to help!

[Email Us](#)

[Call Us](#)

[Help Desk](#)

Kindest Regards,
The CLIMAtlantic Team



CLIMAtlantic is an organization built on collaboration and partnerships. Created out of a federal initiative to establish regional climate hubs across Canada, our core work is supported by all four Atlantic provinces and Environment and Climate Change Canada.



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CLIMAtlantic works in Atlantic Canada, which is situated on the unceded and unsundered homelands of many Indigenous Peoples, including the [Mi'kmaq](#), [Wolastoqiyik](#), and [Peskotomuhkatiyik](#) who are all members of the [Wabanaki Confederacy](#) (which also includes Panawahpskewi and Abenaki), as well as the [Beothuk](#), [Innu](#), and [Inuit](#).

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