

# **Lakes, Landscape, and R:**

## **A framework for open research on freshwater cyanobacteria**

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# Twitter?



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# Reproducibility Crisis and Open Science Solutions

# Reproducibility Crisis

- examples

# Open Science Solutions

- Data
- Code

# R in Ecology and Landscape Ecology

- Use of R on increase. Show data
- Packages

# R, lakes, and cyanobacteria at USEPA

# Who are we?

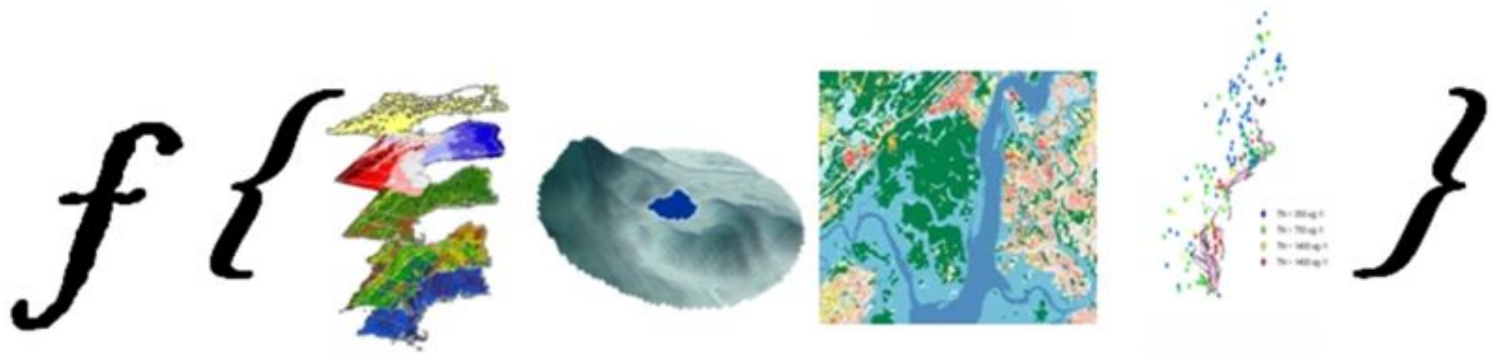
- Ecologists
- Computational focus
  - Enough to be dangerous
- 3 FTE
  - Myself
  - Betty Kreakie
  - Bryan Milstead
- 1 Post-doc
  - Stephen Shivers
- Alum
  - Farnaz Nojavan





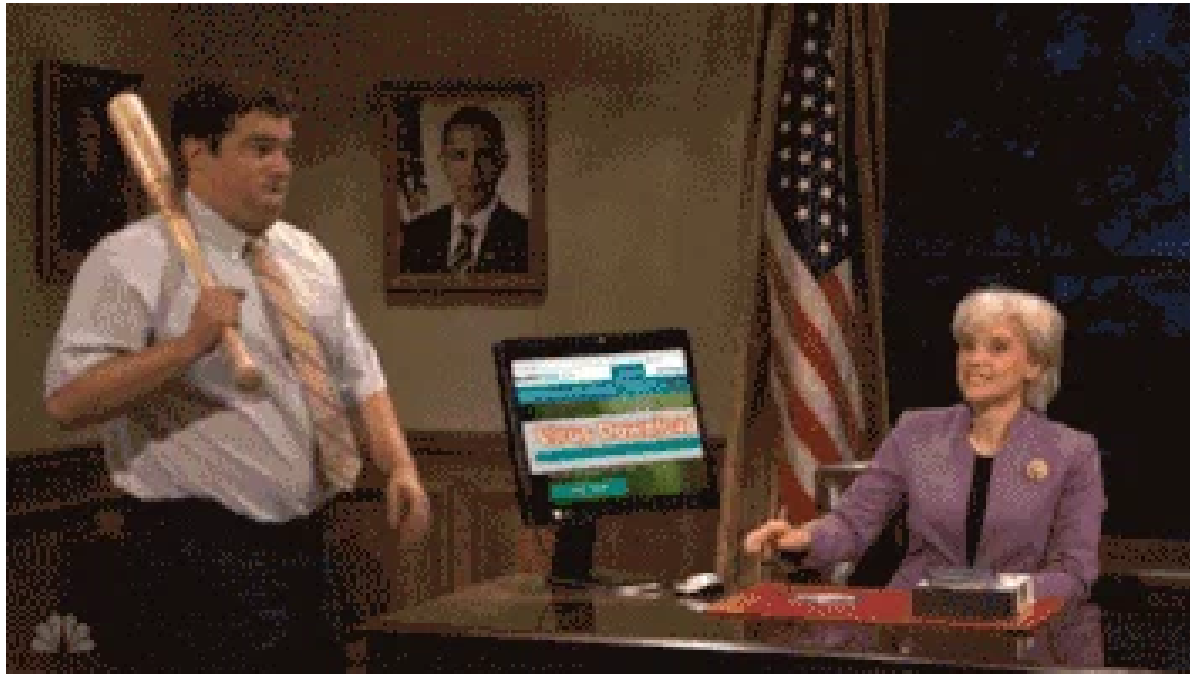
# What do we do?

- Apply computational approaches to understand water quality impacts in lakes
- Open Science
- Use R
  - Analysis
  - Sharing code
  - Solve common problems



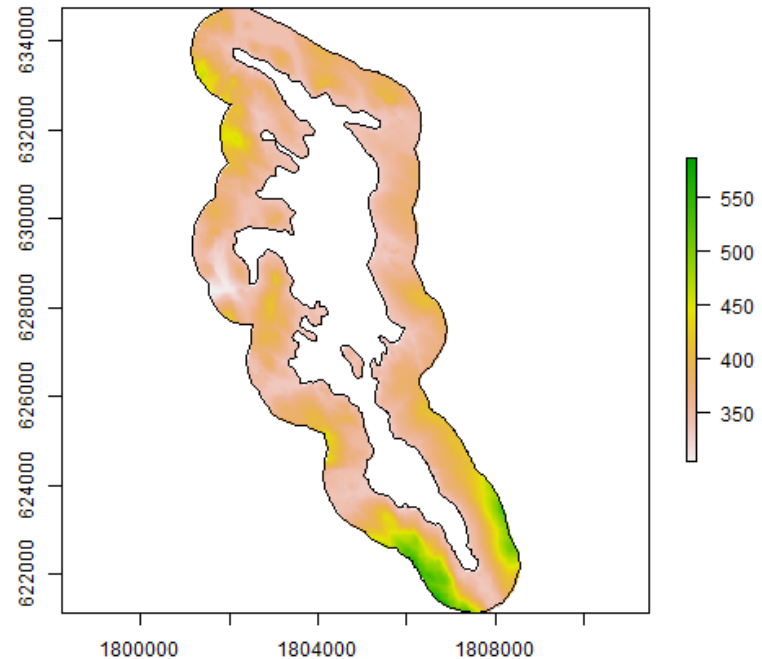
# Packages to solve common problems

- lakemorpho
- elevatr
- goatscape (in development)

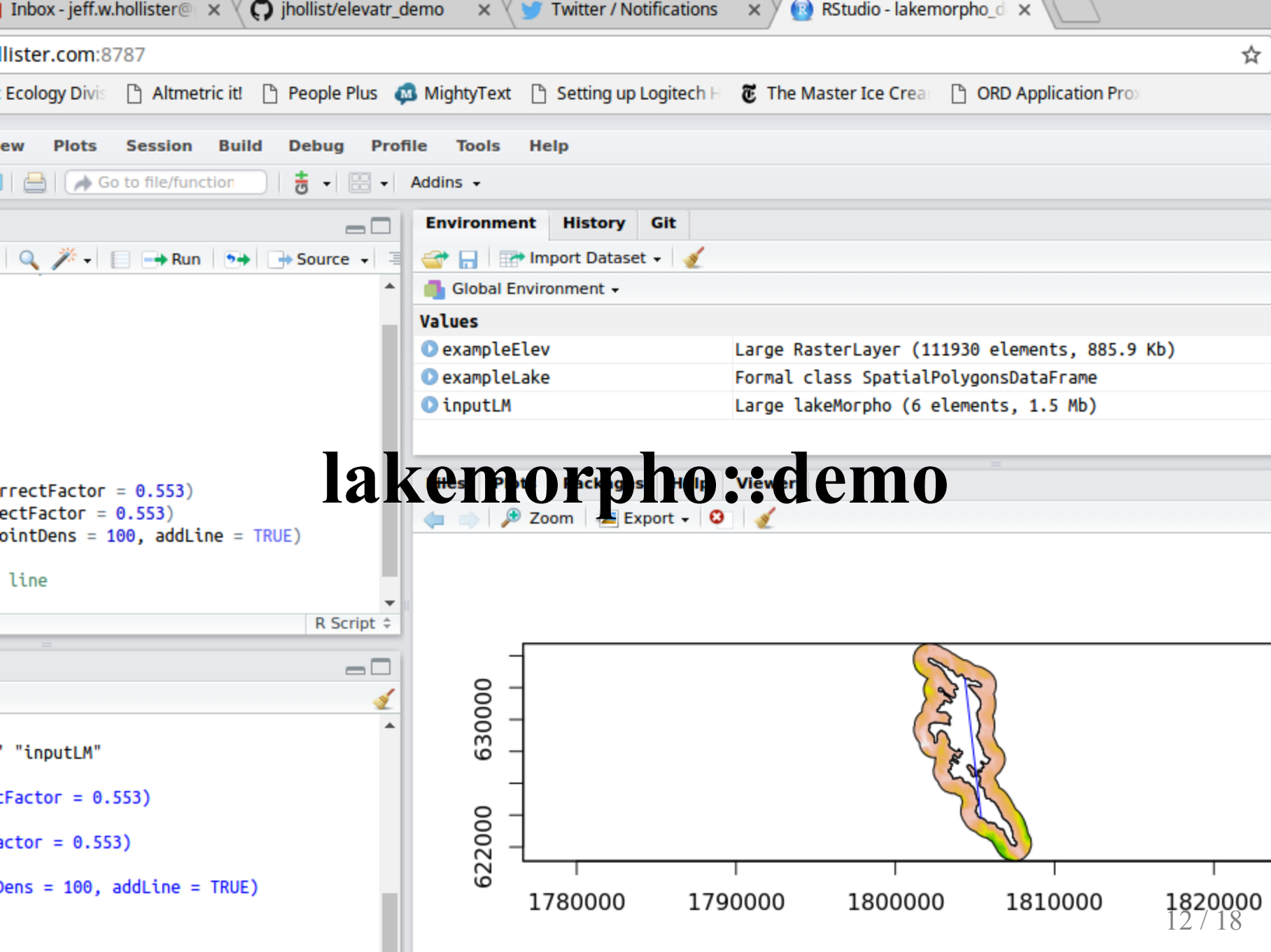


# lakemorpho

- Lake morphometry metrics in R
- Built off of `sp`, `rgdal`, `rgeos`, and `raster` suite
- Version 1.0
  - August 2014
- Version 1.1.0
  - December 2016
- `sf` support to be added
- [National Lake Morphometry](#)
- [Hollister and Milstead \(2010\)](#)
- [Hollister \*et. al.\* \(2011\)](#)
- [Hollister and Stachelek \(2017\)](#)

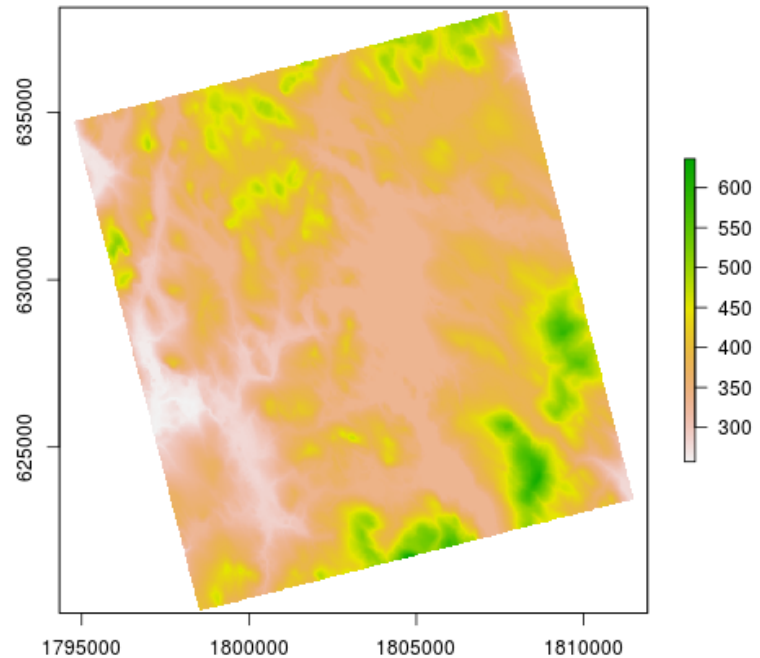


Package URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/package=lakemorpho>

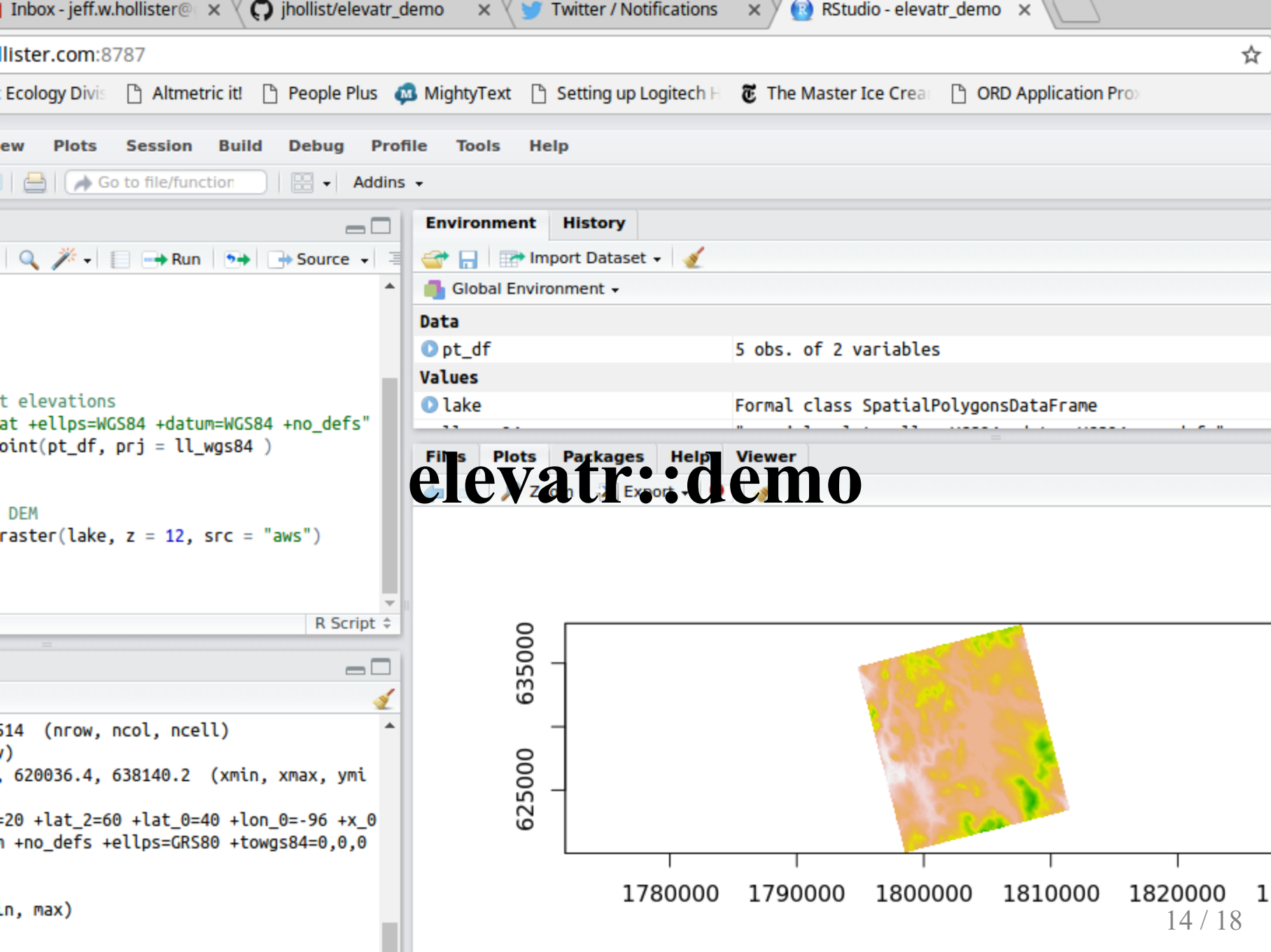


# elevatr

- Access elevation data in R
  - Mapzen
  - AWS
  - USGS
- Built off of `sp`, `rgdal`, `rgeos`, and `raster` suite
- Version 0.1.1
  - January 2017
- Version 0.1.3
  - March 2017
- Will be paired with `lakemorpho`
- `sf` support to be added



Package URL: <https://cran.r-project.org/package=elevatr>



# goatscape

- New effort with Bryan Milstead
- What's in a name?
- Summarizes ancillary data for a user-defined landscape polygon
  - Census (via `censusapi`)
  - Landcover
  - Impervious
- Accepts arbitrary spatial data for the landscape
- Based on `sf` and `tidy` by design
- <https://github.com/usepa/goatscape>



# Take Home Message



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- R is awesome
- Can be used for a wide array of uses (including this talk)
- Increasing use in LE
- Our packages and Others

# Thanks!

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