# erra R. Edenhart-Pepe

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• Visionary leader with an interest in using GIS and environmental science and planning to address issues such as conservation, disaster management, climate change, & water resources • 10 years of operations and management experience • A track record of of intellectual rigor and academic achievement

#### **EDUCATION**

## **University of Pennsylvania**

Master of Environmental Studies, Resilience and Adaptation, May 2019 Certificate Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Spatial Analysis, May 2019

#### North Carolina State University

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, May 2005 Recipient of the NCSU Landscape Architecture Book Award

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# Project Lead, Assistant Center Lead | May 2019 - Present

# NASA | SSAI, DEVELOP Contract

- Leading DEVELOP team (of up to eight members) efforts and coordinating county and national-level stakeholder demands within NASA's applied sciences division
- Addressing environmental and public policy issues through interdisciplinary disasters and water resources research projects, such as Howard County Maryland OEM Flood Modeling (FLUME)
- Designing research & integrating information into applications for mapping and forecasting
- Analyzing and interpreting data, developing data visualizations, and presenting scientific findings, such as for the USDA-FS Gila National Forest Watershed Recovery Analysis

# **Environmental Science Instructor** | Jan 2019 - May 2019

University of Pennsylvania

 Taught recitations for 200 students and developed materials for a wide variety of environmental science subject matter

#### **Director** | Feb 2014 - Jun 2018

## Studio | Bryan Hanes | Urban Design

- Managed operations and staff & scope, budgets, schedules and deliverables for complex projects
- Prepared environmental reports and land management plans

## Manager | Jul 2012 - Feb 2014

## Philadelphia Art Center

 Trained staff and taught a wide variety of audiences in unconventional teaching environments

## **Contractor** | *Oct 2012 - Oct 2013*

#### **East Coast Greenway Alliance**

- Developed strategic interagency growth strategy
- Increased Mid-Atlantic user engagement by 30%

# **Co-founder** | *Jan 2010 - Dec 2013*

# Roots First Design, LLC

 Launched landscape design/build firm and managed staff, subcontractors, and volunteer groups of up to 30 individuals

# **PROJECTS**

- FLuME: Statistical machine learning model that estimates streamflow and increases the Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) emergency warning time using Python and PyTorch packages & USGS stream gauge and NASA Earth observation data
- Climate Change Adaptation on Yap, Micronesia, Independent study: Spatial analysis of climate change impacts to subsistence agriculture on a small island developing nation using ArcGIS
- Infrastructure Vulnerability to Storm Events, Master's thesis: Hazard
  assessment and exploration of appropriate spatial analysis methods to
  track water and electric power infrastructure failure in Puerto Rico using
  ArcGIS and R

#### SOFTWARE EXPERTISE

Adobe Creative Suite ArcGIS Google Earth Engine MS Office Suite R Python

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- NASA ARSET disasters and remote sensing workshops (in GEE and QGIS)
- The Work of Edward Tufte: Presenting Data and Information
- Software Carpentry: Version Control with GIT and Python Programming
- Master Class with Urban Spatial Analytics, University of Pennsylvania: R programming, sponsored by Socrata and The Penn Institute for Urban Research

#### **PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES**

- 2018 International Small Islands Studies Association, Waddenacademie, "Spatial Analysis of Climate Change Adaptation on Yap, Micronesia"
- Context Magazine, *American Institute* of *Architecture*, "Green Infrastructure in Philadelphia: The Reading Viaduct Rail Park."

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- ArcGIS mapping volunteer, Puerto Rico Disaster Relief Map-a-thon
- Co-founder, Philadelphia Instructional Spanish Cooperative (PISCo)
- Group leader, Ragnar Relays (multiple events)
- Safety Coordinator, Back-On-My-Feet, 20-in-24 annual running event
- Naturalist Docent, Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve
- Urban Tree Connection, Environmental Educator