

The Climate Resilience Toolkit and 5-Step Planning Process

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The CRT v1.0 was first published in Nov 2014.

The front page offers multiple entry points for finding & exploring climate-related decision-support tools, information, & subject matter expertise.



Resilience is the capacity of a community, business, or natural environment to prevent, withstand, respond to, and recover from a disruption.

Our society will not make decisions based <u>solely</u> on Climate and Weather

- People must be able to integrate climate information with their other value drivers (things they care about)
- Information must be relevant to their values & motivations
- They must trust the information source
- Adaptation is easiest understood through a resilience frame and successful paths walked by others



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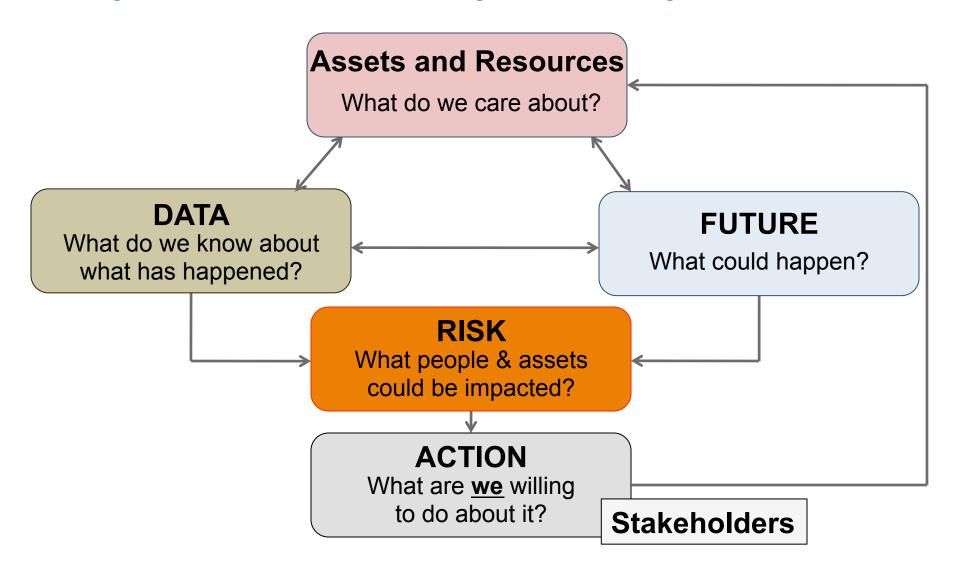


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Energy Costs

Adaptation isn't totally a linear process



5-Step Adaptation Workflow (Getting Started Steps)

from the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit

Step 1 : Identify the Problem

Did you know?

Step 2 : Assess your vulnerability

Why should we care?

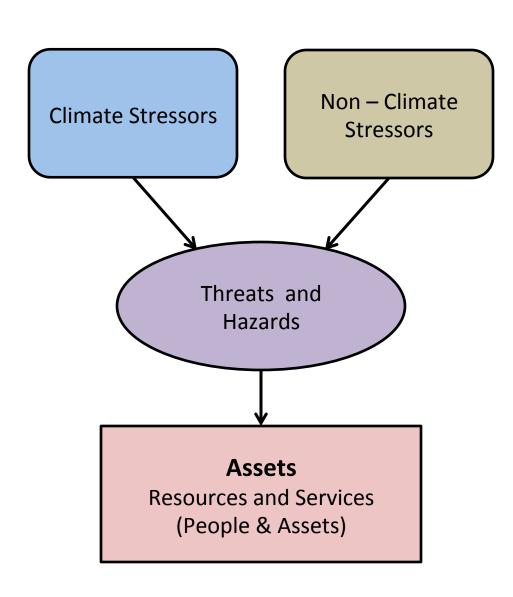
Step 3 : Identify options to build resilience

Step 4: Evaluate the risk and choose the best option

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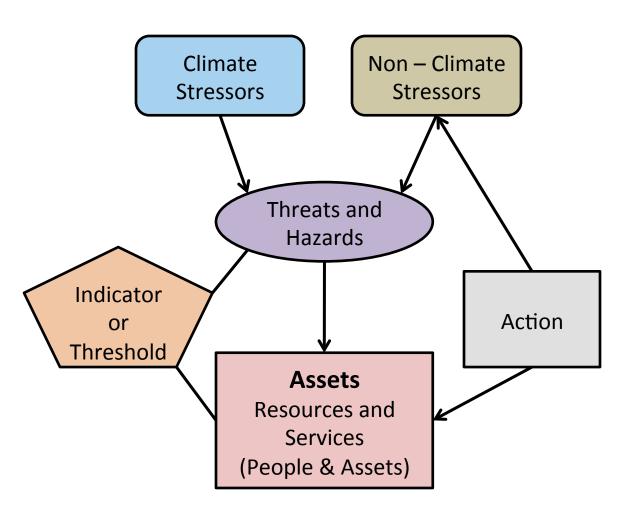
Step 5 : Implement – Take Action!

A Conceptual Model for Building Resilience



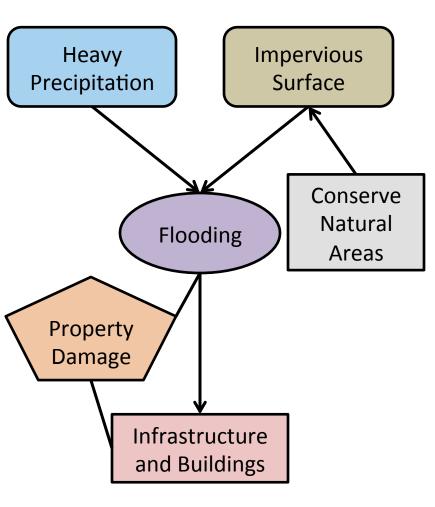
- Decisions are driven by Assets (Resources and Services)
- When these assets are impacted, those impacts effect our quality of life and livelihoods.
- Remember, stressors are both climate and non-climate related

A Conceptual Model for Building Resilience



- In Step Two, we start quantifying the model
- For each Asset, look at primary Threats that are impacting. We want to look at each "Impact Pair" Separately
- Do we have data to quantify the relationships? Are there indicators or thresholds?
- Based on understanding of cause-and-effect relationships, we can assess costs & benefits of possible actions.

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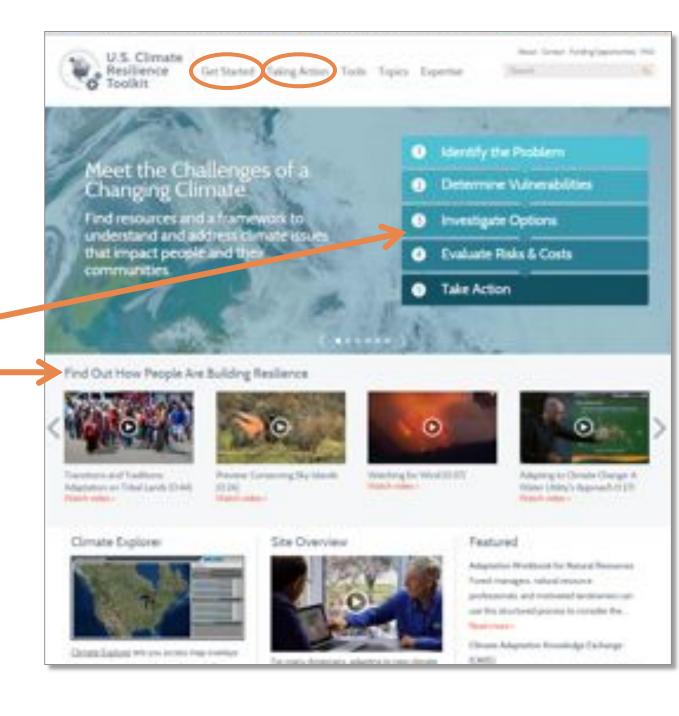


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Getting Started Steps

Case Studies of people

Taking Action



The CRT addresses nine climaterelated topics & sub-topics.

This page acts as a table of contents & point-of-entry for topic-based exploration of climate-related hazards.

There's an interagency virtual team of subject experts behind each of these topic sections.



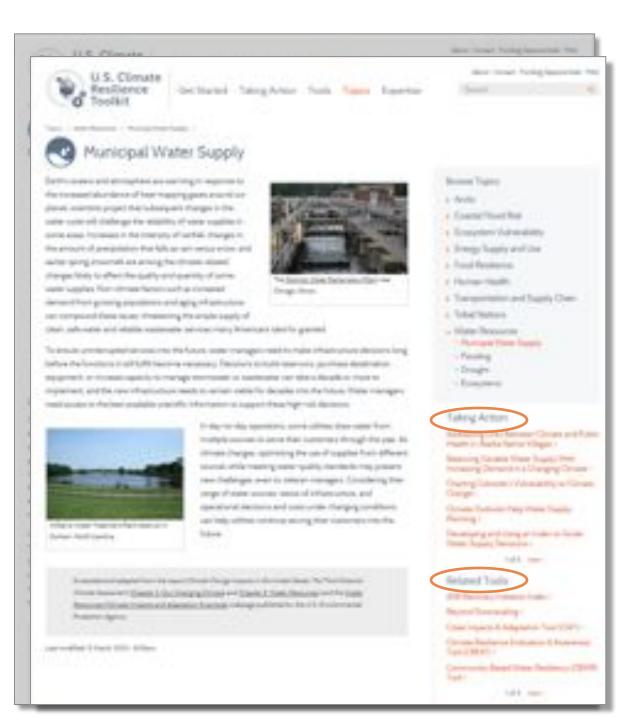
Each Topic section has a main narrative page, excerpted from the 3rd U.S. National Climate Assessment, to help people understand where, how, & why our nation is experiencing climate-related hazards.

The purpose of the topic section is to provide science-based contextual information to help people begin to identify, understand, & communicate about climate stressors in their communities & businesses.



Subtopic pages provide additional information about a particular facet of the topic; e.g., "Municipal Water Supply."

Note the Taking Action (case studies) and Related Tools sections in the right hand navigation, where all of our case studies and tools are cross-walked with all of our subtopics throughout the CRT — i.e., our "no wrong door" approach to navigation.





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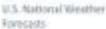
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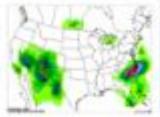
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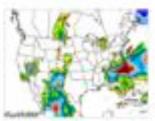
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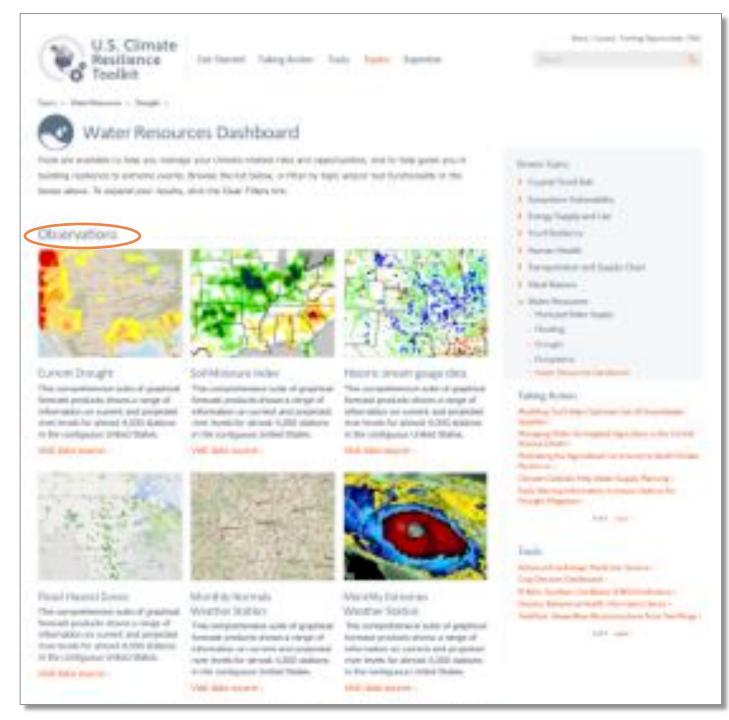
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The challenge

Situated on the Huron River in southeastern Michigan, the city of Ann Arbor is a leader in sustainable planning and climate action. However, shanges in both average precipitation and the intensity of extreme storm events over the last century threaten the health of the city's residents and the community's tressured environmental features. The Huron River provides 85 persent of the city's drinking water, and when it rains nearly 100 percent of the city's stormwater flows back into the river Polaution. from stormwater runoff decreases the quality of water available for human use, and also has a negative Impact downstream on aquatic and wetland ecosystems. Over the last sixty years 8950-1981 versus. 1981–2010), Ann Arbor's average annual precipitation increased by 25 percent. This dramatic increase, along with an increase in the severity of extreme rain events across the region, deates a need for more on-site stormwater management solutions to reduce runoff and maintain a healthy and vibrant river system.

The solution

In 2006, the City of Ann Arbor updated the rate structure for its stormwater utility. To encourage property owners to manage stormwater on-site, they set new rates based on the amount of impervious surface on each property. The new, more equitable rate structure provides an incentive to manage stormwater on-site. The utility, which generates over \$5 million per year, funds operations and maintenance projects for the stormwater system, water quality improvement projects, stormwater education, implementation of environmental regulatory or remediation plans, and green infrastructure projects that reduce strain on the stormwater system. Additionally, the city offen stormwater credits to both commercial and residential property owners who take steps to reduce stormwater runoff on their property.

Educating the public and building support

Topic:

Assessment Tool +

Tools:

Ecosystem Vulnerability > Water Resources >

National Stormwater Calculator-Climate

Storm Water Haragement Model +

Human Health > Estreme Events >

Steps to Resilience:

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Step 3: Investigate Options

Step 4: Evaluate Risks & Costs

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Step 5: Take Action

Step 2 Determine Vulnerabilities

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Additional Resources

All Taking Action case studies are crosswalked with the five Steps to Resilience process, our Tools compendium, and all relevant Topics & Subtopics. Where appropriate, links are also provided to Additional Resources online.

Filter by category: ▲

Filter by parent topic ♥

Identify Vulnerabilities (108)

Analyze/Download Data (67)

View Past/Current Conditions (82)

Our main 'Tools' page presents dozens of science-based decision-support

tools.

Users can quickly filter by parent topic of interest, or by desired functionality, or both.

Tools

Tools are available to help you manage your climate-related risks and opportunities, and to help guide you in build list below, or filter by topic and/or tool functionality in the boxes above. To expand your results, click the Clear Filter



Adaptation Tool Kit: Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Land Use

This toolkit presents information on 18 different land-use tools (generally used legal devices) that could be used to preemptively respond to threats that sea level rise poses to public and private coastal development and infrastructure.

Read more a



Adaptation Workbook for Natural Resources

Forest managers, natural resource professionals, and motivated landowners can use this structured process to consider the effects of dimate change on forests and related ecosystems.

Read more a



Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service

This comprehensive suite of graphical forecast products shows. a range of information on current. and projected river levels for almost 4,000 stations in the contiguous United States.

Read more a



AgroClimate-Tools for Managing Climate Risk in Agriculture

Interactive tools and climate information provide support to improve crop management decisions and reduce production risks associated with dimate variability, climate change, and extreme weather events in the southeastern United States.

Read more v



Alaska Climate and Weather Highlights

Access information on historical or recent storms and other dimaterelated events in Alaska and surrounding waters.

Read more a



Alaska Coastal Profile Tool

Explore how beach and coastal. elevation profiles along Alaska's coastline have changed over time.

Read more >



Alaska Shoreline Change Tool

Analyses of aerial photos and satellite imagery reveal how Maska's shoreline has changed over time. Projecting observed rates of change into the future provides predictions of where the shoreline will be in coming decades.

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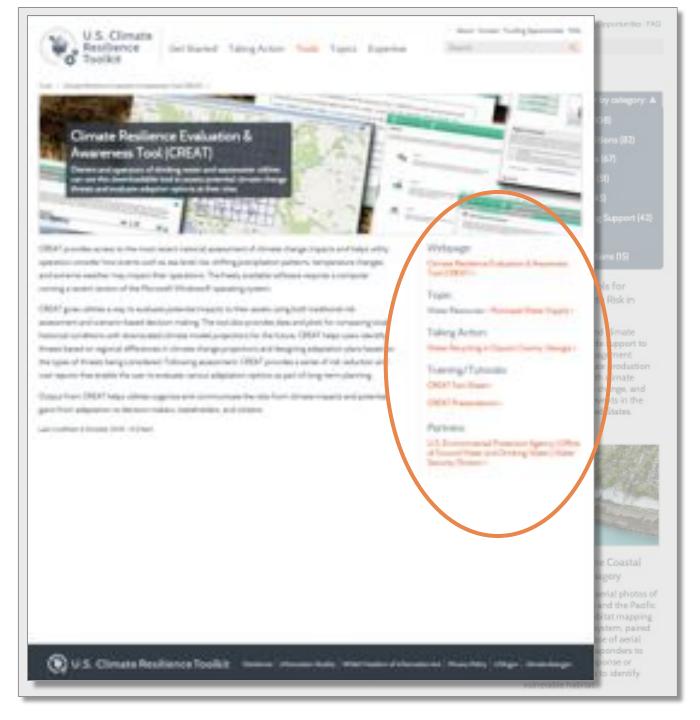


Alaska ShoreZone Coastal Mapping and Imagery

Access millions of aerial photos of the coast in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. This habitat mapping. and classification system, paired with a huge database of aerial photos, enables responders to plan an oil spill response or resource managers to identify vulnerable habitat.

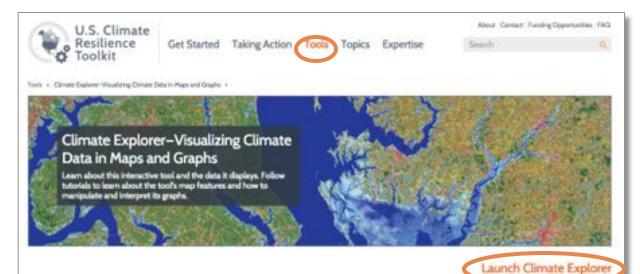
Every tool has a landing page with these details:

- » Summary overview
- » Web address
- » All relevant topics and subtopics
- » Add'l documentation about the tool
- » Links to training and tutorials (where available)
- » Agencies & entities who provide & maintain tool



The Climate Explorer is a main, featured tool in the CRT. It has an instructional landing page to show people how to use it.

Users can launch Climate Explorer from this page, or from the CRT's front page, and most case studies in the 'Taking Action' section.



About the Tool and Data

Climate Explorer is a research application built to support the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit. The tool offers interactive visualizations for exploring maps and data related to the toolkit's Taking Action case studies.

Map layers in the tool represent geographic information available through climate data gay. Each layer's source and metadata can be accessed through its information icon. Climate Explorer graphs display 1981-2010 U.S. Climate Normals for temperature and precipitation, overlain with daily observations from the Global Historical Climatelogy. Network: Daily (GHCN-D) database. Please note that GHCN-D data have been checked for obvious inaccuracies, but they have not been adjusted to account for the influences of historical changes in instrumentation and observing practices. GHCN-D data are useful for comparing weather and climate, but for long-term climate change analyses, we recommend the National Climatic Data Center's Climate at a Glance.

Navigating the map

- Zoom in or out using your mouse wheel or the plus and minus icons
 - at top left.
- . To pan-or move around on the map-click and drag.
- . Toggle between a street map and satellite imagery using the button at the bottom left.

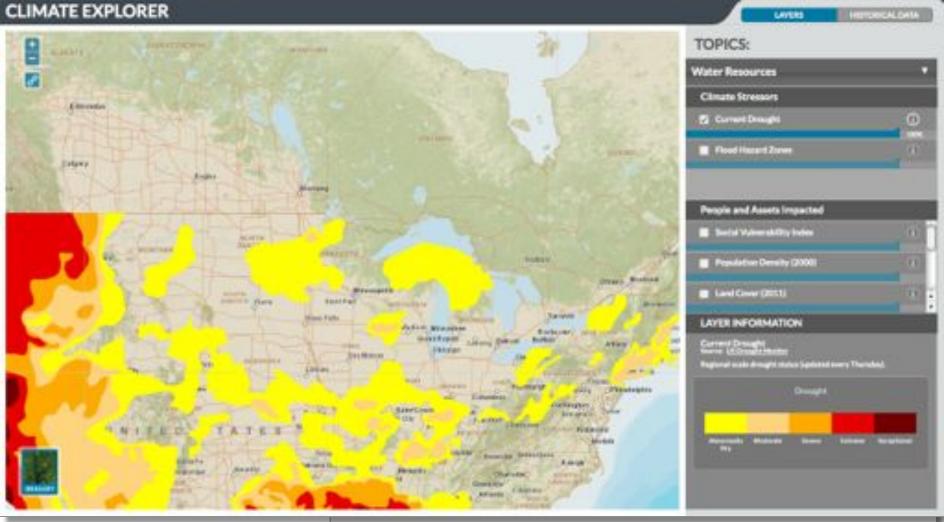


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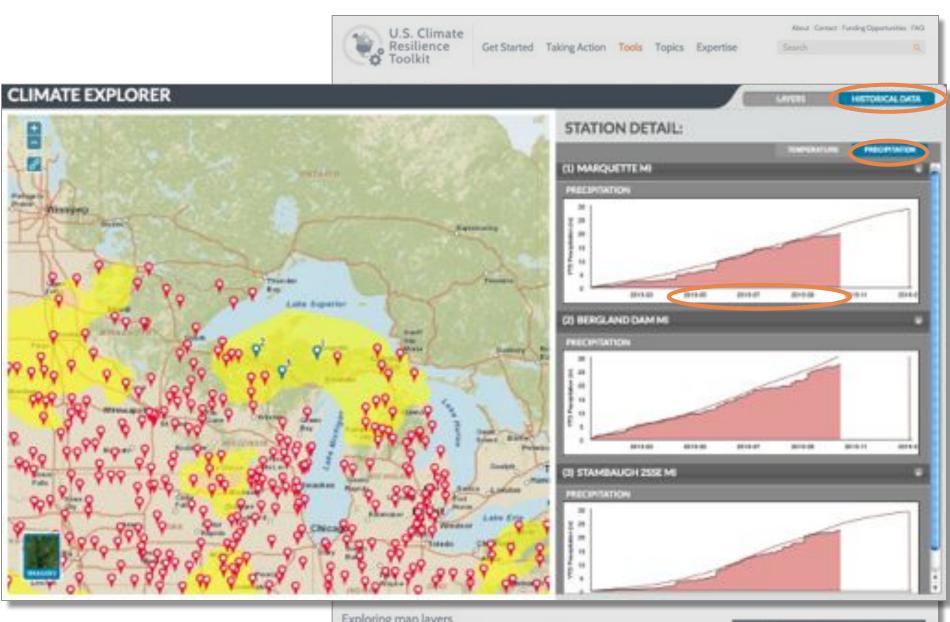




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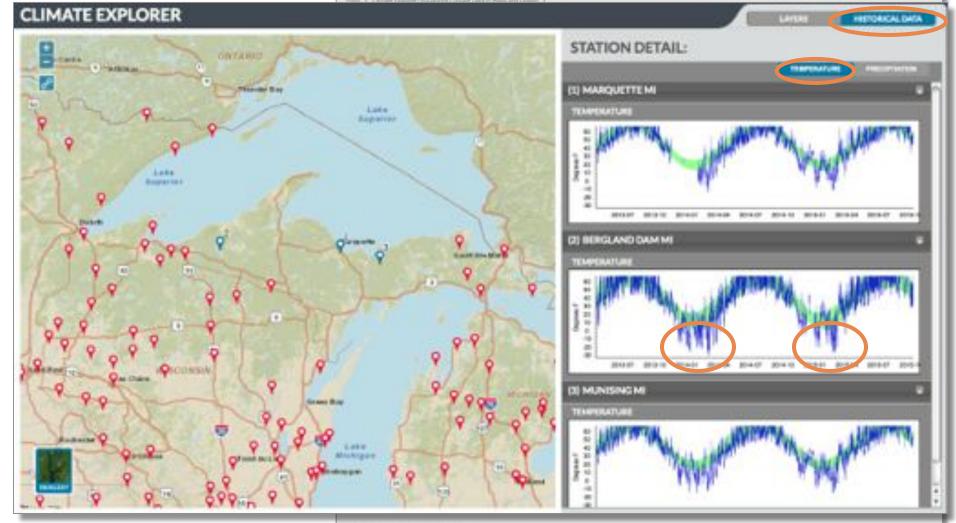
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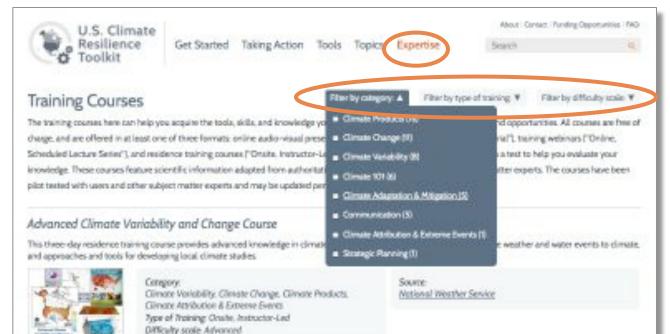
Regional and locally-focused centers across the nation are available to help you build resilience to climate-related changes and impacts in your community. Browse the maps below, then click on an orange marker to see that office's location, the services it provides, and other information.

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We offer a small but growing catalog of Training Courses to build climate knowledge as well as skill and capacity to use science-based tools for decisionmaking.

Users can easily filter by different categories, type of training, and level of difficulty.



An Introduction to the Downscaled Climate and Hydrology Projections Website

These two videos serve as an introduction to the Downscaled Climate and Hydrology Projections website. This website, the result of a collaboration between several federal and non-federal partners, provides access to downscaled climate and hydrology projections for the contiguous United States and parts of Canada and Mexico, derived From contemporary global climate models. In the first video, a hydrology, engineer at the Bureau of Reclamation's Technical Service Center, in Deriver, introduces the website and provides an overview of the MetEd lesson. Preparing Hydro-climate Inputs for Climate Change in Water Resources Planning, This lesson provides bedgeound information needed to use the projections site effectively to retrieve climate and hydrology projections data for impacts analysis. In the second video, another lecturer steps through the process of retrieving projections data using the website.



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CanVis: A Tool for Visualizing Coastal Changes and Potential Adaptation Strategies

Can'vis is a tool for visualizing coastal changes and potential climate adaptation strategies. Users will learn [1] to ecognize how visualizations can change behavior, [2] the four steps for creating visualizations using CarWS; and [3] potential applications of the software. Both instructor-led and self-guided options are offered online.



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USGCRP Climate & Health Assessment

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Assessment. The USGCRP Climate and Health Assessment will be an evidence-based, quantitative assessment of observed and projected climate change impacts on human health in the United States. Developme ...

Community Health Resilience Guide and Toolset

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strengthen community health resilience across the country. The CHRI site combines a Community Health Resilience Planning Guide with Community Health Resilience-related tools. The tools on the site can ...

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Metadata Access Tool for Climate and Health - MATCH

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Metadata Access Tool for Climate and Health, known as MATCH, is a searchable clearinghouse of publicly available federal metadata-or data about data. It provides links to datasets on both climate and ...

FACT SHEET: Strengthening the Climate Resilience of the Health Care Sector - The White House

change impacts on the sector are both a public health and an economic threat. The HHS climate resilience guide, titled "Primary Protection: Enhancing Healthcare Resilience for a Changing Climate," is ...

Our semantic web search tool allows users to quickly search the CRT site; or the entire U.S. federal gov't & grantees.

Use the filters menus to winnow result sets by topic of interest and/or resources type.

Our Funding Opportunities

page presents a curated list of about two dozen grants offered by federal agencies & NGOs for municipalities & businesses seeking funds to help them recover from a disaster, or to build resilience to climate hazards.



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Funding Opportunities

Many of the strategies for increasing climate resilience come with a price tag. In the United States, a range of government entities and private foundations offer financial and technical resources to advance local adaptation and mitigation efforts. At the global scale. The World Bank and other organizations support financial strategies to build resilience. For your convenience, we have gathered information and links describing funding opportunities that may be relevant for building climate resilience. Please follow the external links to learn about any program.

NOAA 2015 Regional Coastal Resilience Grant Program

The Regional Coastal Resilience Grant program will support regional approaches to undertake activities that build resilience of coastal regions, communities, and economic sectors to the negative impacts from extreme weather events, climate hazards, and changing ocean conditions. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, regional organizations, private (for profit) entities, and local, state, and tribal governments. Up to \$5 million will be available; award amounts will range from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Proposals are due by July 24, 2015.

NOAA Habitat Conservation: Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grants

The Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency awards will fund projects that develop healthy and sustainable coastal ecosystems through habitat restoration and conservation. NOAA anticipates that \$4 million will be available in 2015 for 1-3 year projects. Projects will primarily be funded through cooperative agreements: typical awards will range from \$500,000 to \$1 million. Applications are due by July 2, 2015.

Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities

The EPA's Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities provides quick, targeted technical assistance to selected communities using a variety of tools that have demonstrated results and widespread application.

. Partnership for Sustainable Communities

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) work together to help communities nationwide improve access to affordable housing, increase transportation options, and lower transportation costs while protecting the environment. The site's <u>trap of grants</u> shows information on awards already made through Partnership programs.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Preparedness (Non-Disaster) Grants

FEMA provides state and local governments with preparedness program funding to enhance the capacity of their emergency responders to prevent, respond to, and recover from a range of huzards.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance

FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs provide funding to protect life and property from future natural disasters.

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program 8-IMGP) assists in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster.
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) provides funds for hazard mitigation planning and projects on an annual basis.
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) provides funds for projects to reduce or eliminate risk of flood damage to buildings that are insured under the National Flood insurance Program (NFIP) on an annual basis.

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance

Disaster survivors can find step-by-step instructions for preparing to apply for assistance, completing an application for assistance, and following up after receiving disaster assistance.

Some Observed & Projected Regional Changes

