



Climate & Urban
Systems Partnership



What's The Sweatuation?

Using Informal Approaches to
Climate Change Education and Network Building

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CUSP

- NSF Funding
- 5 Years (2012 – 2017)
- 4 City Partnership
 - Philadelphia
 - NYC
 - DC
 - Pittsburgh



*How can we engage people
in cities in climate change
more often, and more
effectively?*



Informal Education



CARNEGIE
MUSEUM OF
**NATURAL
HISTORY**

Climate Science



Learning Science



Evaluators



Goals

- Educational “products”
- Local communities of practice

Approach

Global < Local

Abstract < Relevant

Scary < Solutions-Focused

Additionally, CUSP focuses most and focuses first on preparedness.

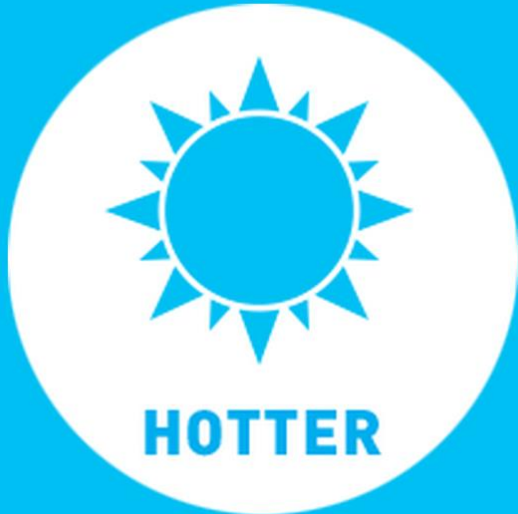
This is what that looks like in the hands of informal educators...



#1, Ready Row Home

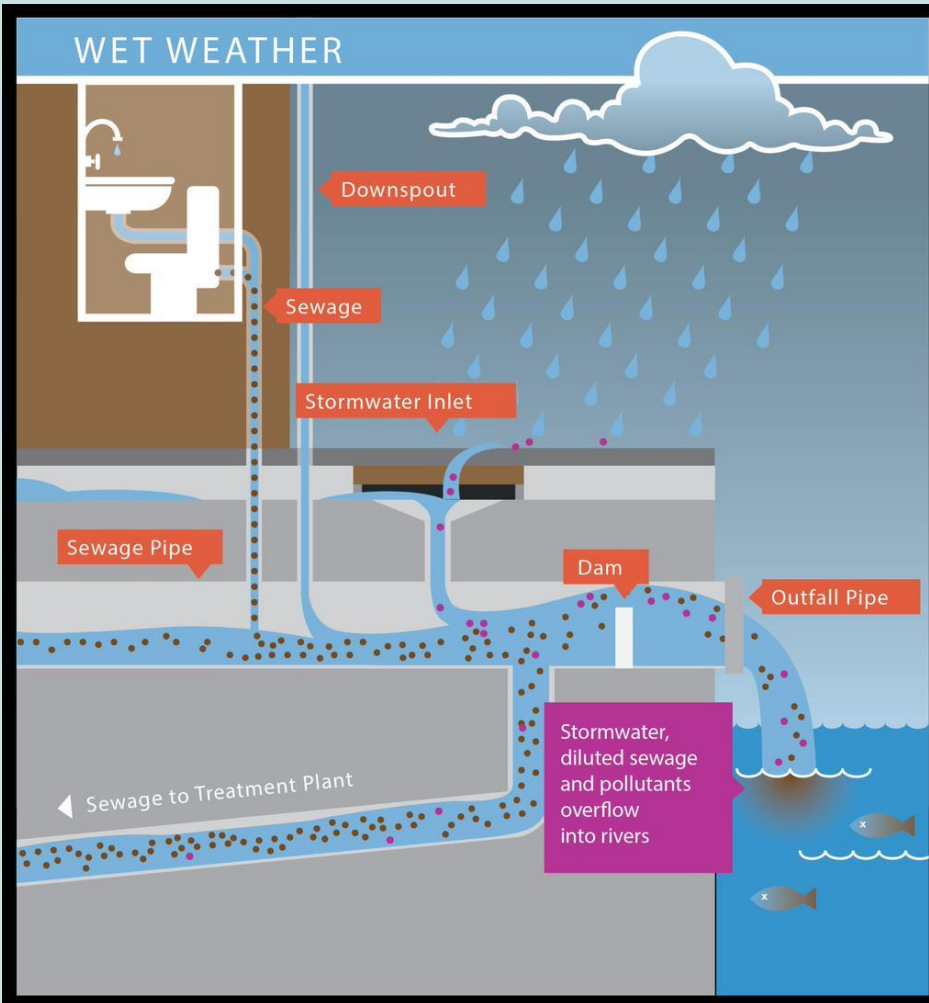


Local





Relevant (What does this mean for me, my family, and my community?)





Solutions-Focused



Rain Barrel



Downspout Planter



Rain Garden



Porous Paving



Depaving



Hotter



(additional layer) Neighborhood Focus



#2, Kinetic Sculpture



Remember that neighborhood focus...?



The Kensington Kinetic Sculpture Derby is an annual celebration of art and human-powered Transit created and hosted by NKCDC in conjunction with The East Kensington Neighbors Association's Trenton Avenue Arts Festival.



How do you use the CUSP approach with that?

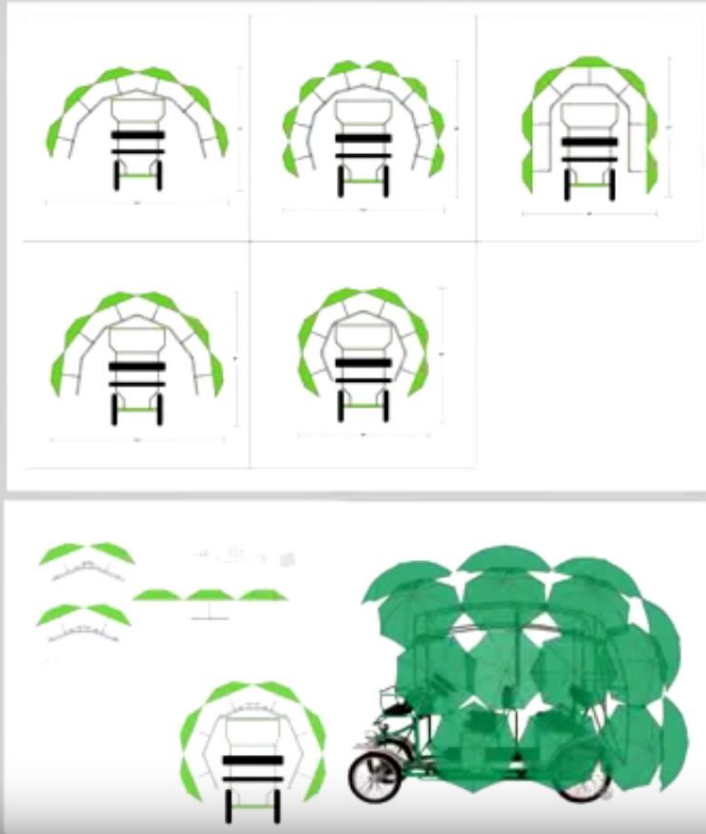






CUSP Kensington KineticSculptureDerby 2

Construction









#3, The Sweatuation

- Educational communications campaign
- Part of neighborhood focus

OUR GOAL

was to educate the good people of Philadelphia about how to adapt to climate change.

**YOU KNOW, HOW TO LIVE MORE
COMFORTABLY IN A HOTTER, WETTER CITY.**

SIMPLE, RIGHT?

We're gonna need some help...

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THAT'S GREAT, BUT HOW DO WE TAKE THAT NOTION AND

**CAPTIVATE AUDIENCES,
STOP THEM IN THEIR
TRACKS, AND GET THEM
INTERESTED IN ADAPTATION?**



ADAPTATION

ISN'T SEXY

**PUTTING
BLINDS UP**

ISN'T SEXY

**CHECKING IN ON
YOUR NEIGHBORS**

ISN'T SEXY

**PAINTING YOUR
ROOF WHITE**

ISN'T SEXY

RAIN BARRELS

AREN'T SEXY

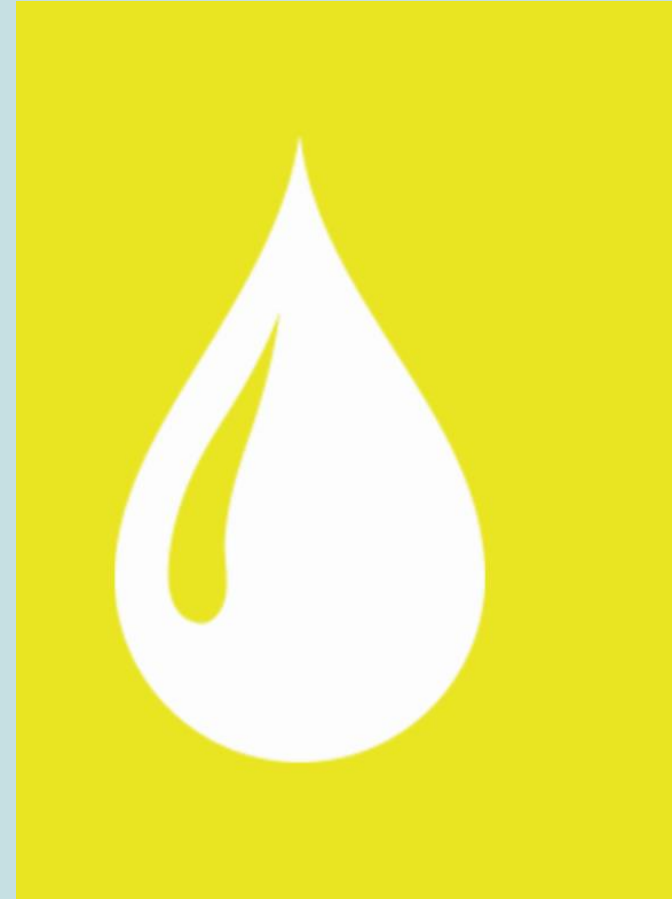
OK, MAYBE **THIS** ONE IS.





What about sweat?

- *Everyone* can relate to sweat.
- Sexy?



Sweaty Back = Sweck

Sweck

Sweck or “sweaty back,” usually presents itself as a big disgusting sweat stain on one’s back. Sweck has been known to cause body odor, friend loss, and regrettable hugs.

“Aren’t you going to hug her goodbye?”

“Wouldn’t be right man, I’ve had some major sweck all day. Don’t wanna put her through that.”

Sweaty Belly = Swelly

Sweaty Knees = Swees

Sweaty Bottom = Swottom

Fast forward many months,
and lots of testing later...



INTRODUCING THE SWEATUATION



A photograph of a man and a woman hugging in front of a wall covered in graffiti. The man is wearing a green shirt and the woman is wearing a red shirt. The wall has various graffiti tags, including "U.S. 46", "RIP EDDIE", and "SWUG". A white line with a dot at the end points from the text "A SWUG THIS SUMMER." to the graffiti on the wall.

**THERE'S A 97% CHANCE
YOU'LL EXPERIENCE
A **SWUG** THIS SUMMER.**

LET'S TALK SWEATY HUGS. LET'S TALK CLIMATE CHANGE.



Live better in a hotter Philadelphia.

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10 OUT OF 10 WILL
EXPERIENCE **SWELLY** IN
PHILLY THIS SUMMER.

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**SWECK IS AT AN
ALL-TIME HIGH
IN PHILADELPHIA.**

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Pilot

- 6 weeks (Summer '15)
- Fishtown neighborhood

Postings



Outreach



Social Media Contest





TELL US WHAT YOU THINK THE SWEATUATION IN PHILLY IMPROVE YOUR SWEATUATION WIN A BIKE

HERE'S THE SWEATUATION IN PHILLY

The climate's changing. It's getting hotter and wetter and yes, sweeter in Philadelphia. In fact, it's more sweat than we've ever seen. But there are ways we can live better in this sweaty situation.

IMPROVE YOUR SWEATUATION

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PHILLY CARES: See how our partners are helping
improve the sweatuation.

WIN A BRAND NEW BICYCLE

STAY CONNECTED: Sign up and stay in the loop on all things sweaty.

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LIVING MORE COMFORTABLY IN A
HOTTER, WETTER PHILADELPHIA
IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK.



GET A RAIN BARREL



GET A TREE



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS



CELEBRATE PROGRESS



RIDE A BIKE

< PREVIOUS

NEXT >

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Results



Press

From Geekadelphia and Green Philly Blog...

...to Natural Resource Defense Council and
a professor at UVA

- **3.6 million** impressions online
- Website visited **10,495** times

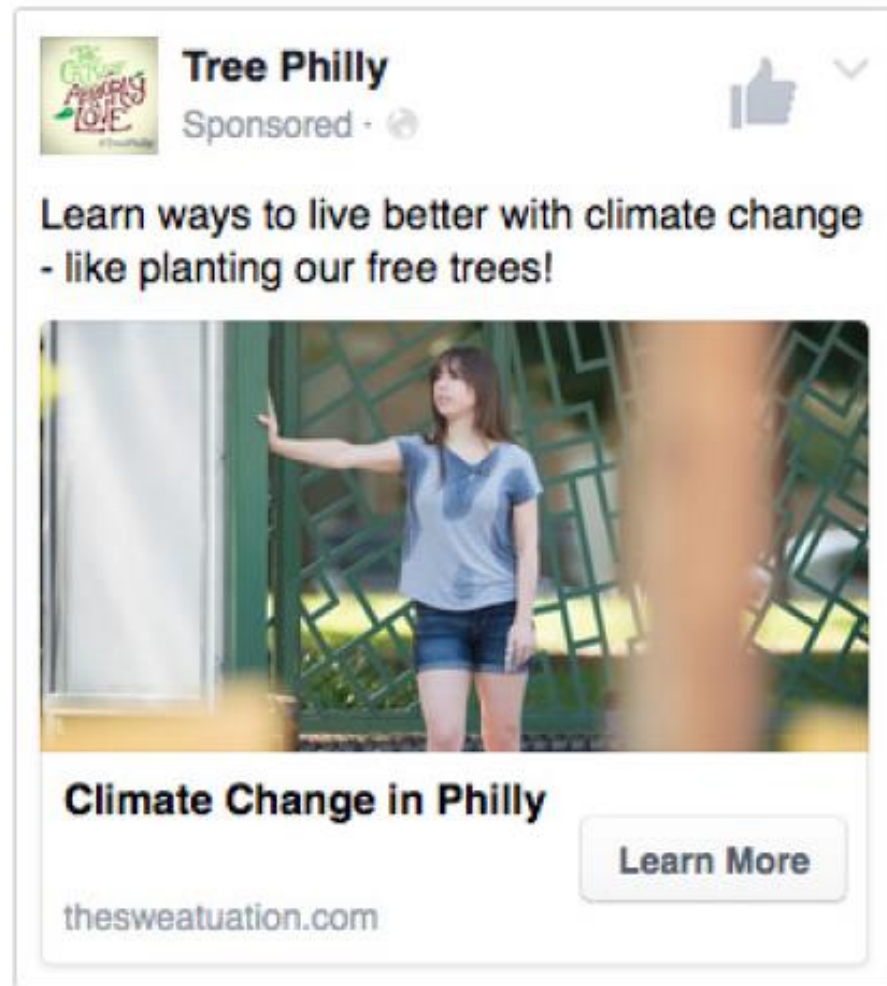
Survey

- **200** responses
- **35%** seen the campaign at least once
- Of those, **43%** had talked about the campaign with their friends, family, and neighbors

“How Did The Campaign Make You Feel?”

- *It definitely made me more aware of the changing climate.*
- *Eye catching and caused me to investigate further.*
- *Nice to get confirmation that what I felt was really happening!*

How did our partners feel about it?







Next Steps for Sweatuation?

- Pilot in DC summer '16
- Sweatuation 2.0 in all 4 cities in summer '17

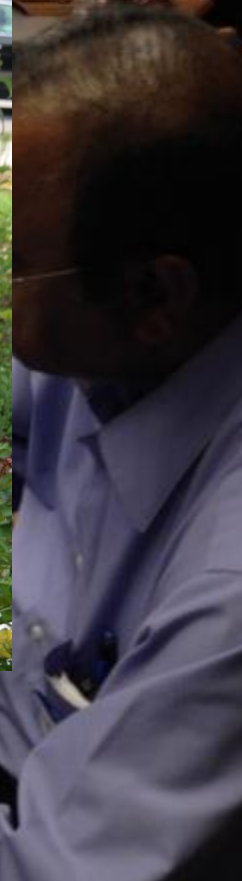
How does this relate to network building?

- Informal:
 - Opportunities, not expectations
 - Decentralized
 - Fun



Network To Date

- 150 members, 50 organizations
- Climate Matters Newsletter each week
- Building a community
- Changing practice



Resources

- www.CUSPproject.org
- www.ClimateCentral.org
- www.ConnectingOnClimate.org
- www.ecoAmerica.org

Thank You!

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