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Beating the Heat: A 2025 Heat Policy Agenda

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

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About FAS

FAS is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. that views policymakers as key to improving societal outcomes.

FAS was founded in November of 1945 by a group of scientists and engineers that emerged from the Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge, and Los Alamos. The group's goal was to agitate for the international control of atomic energy and its devotion to peaceful uses, public promotion of science, and the freedom and integrity of scientists and scientific research.

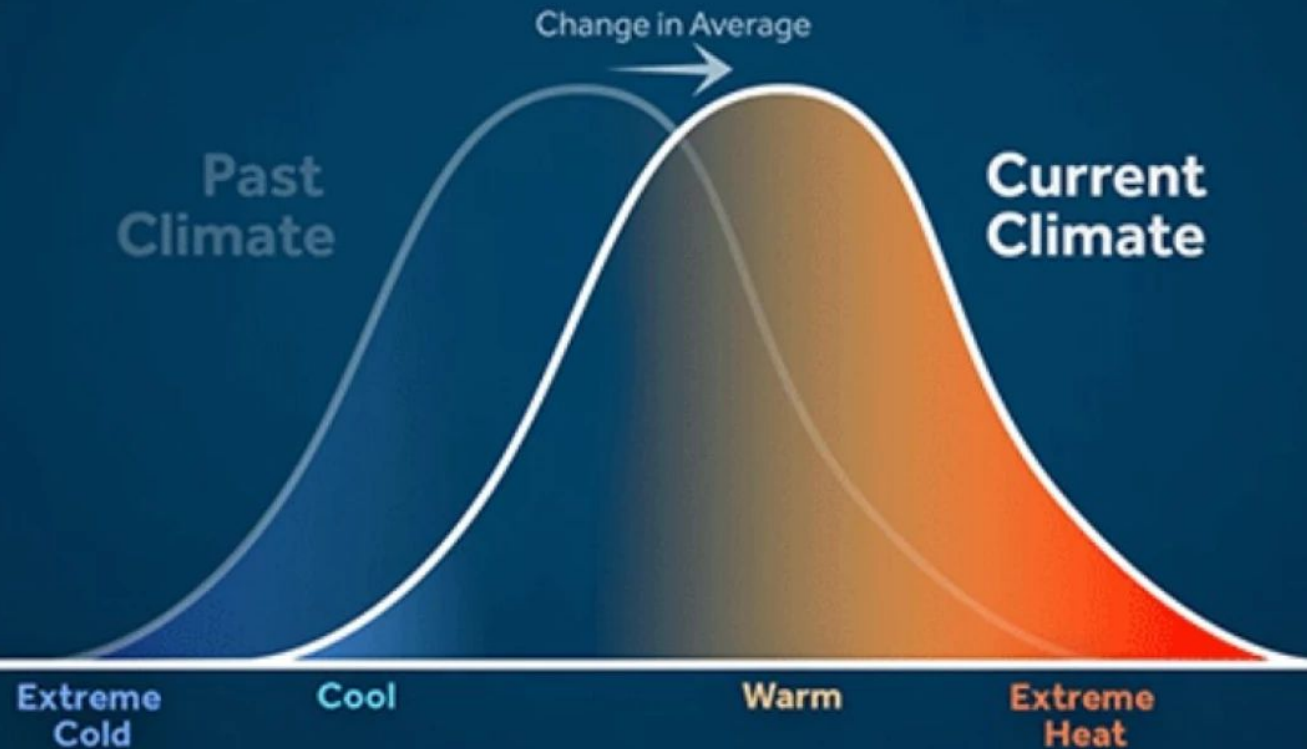
FAS has more recently expand to tackle other domain areas as well, including Climate and Environment, Emerging Tech, Government Capacity, and Clean Energy, alongside Global Risk.

We believe that science, technology, and innovation have the vast potential to generate societal good when harnessed appropriately.



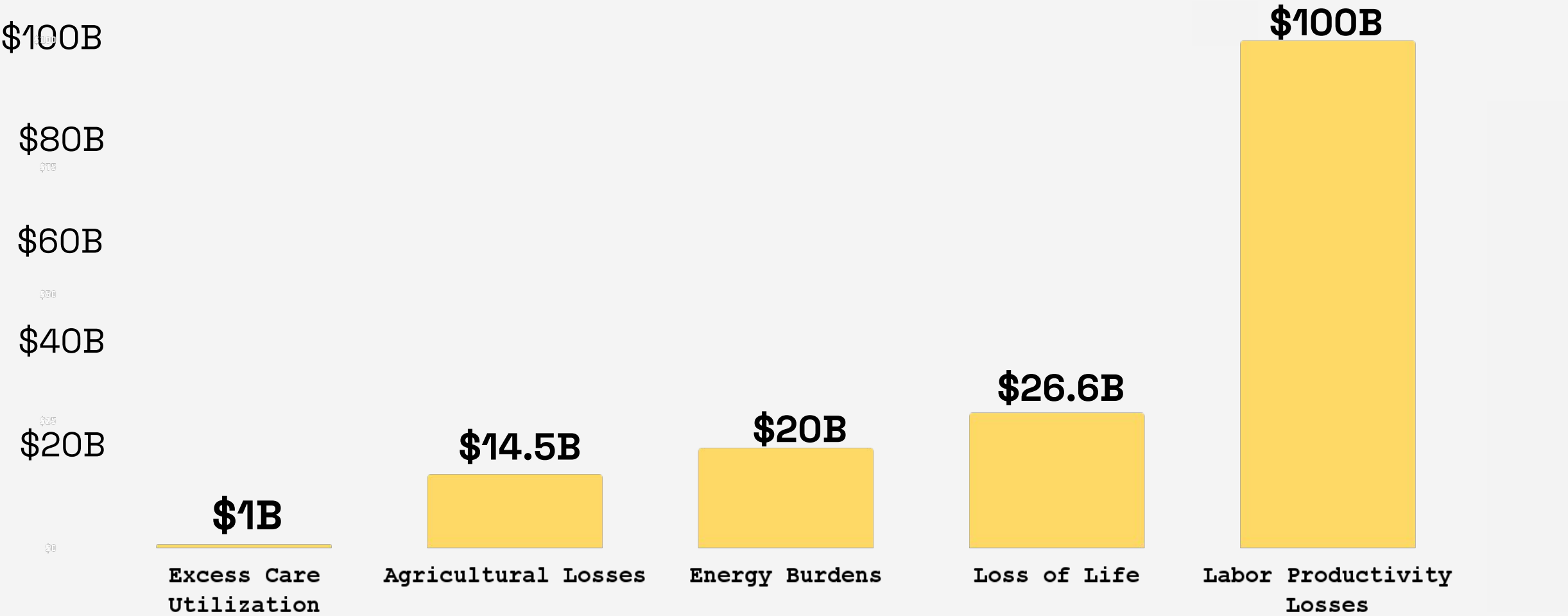
Why Do We Focus on Extreme Heat?

SMALL CHANGE IN AVERAGE **BIG CHANGE IN EXTREMES**



CLIMATE  CENTRAL

Costs of Heat Every Year +\$162 Billion



First Alert through Monday due to extreme heat in metro Phoenix

TCB

Meteorologists warn of dangerous conditions across US this summer: 'We will hear a lot about extremes'

Extreme heat threat increasing for the East Coast next week

National Weather Service issues Alaska's first-ever heat advisory

The first ever heat advisory has been issued in the state of Alaska

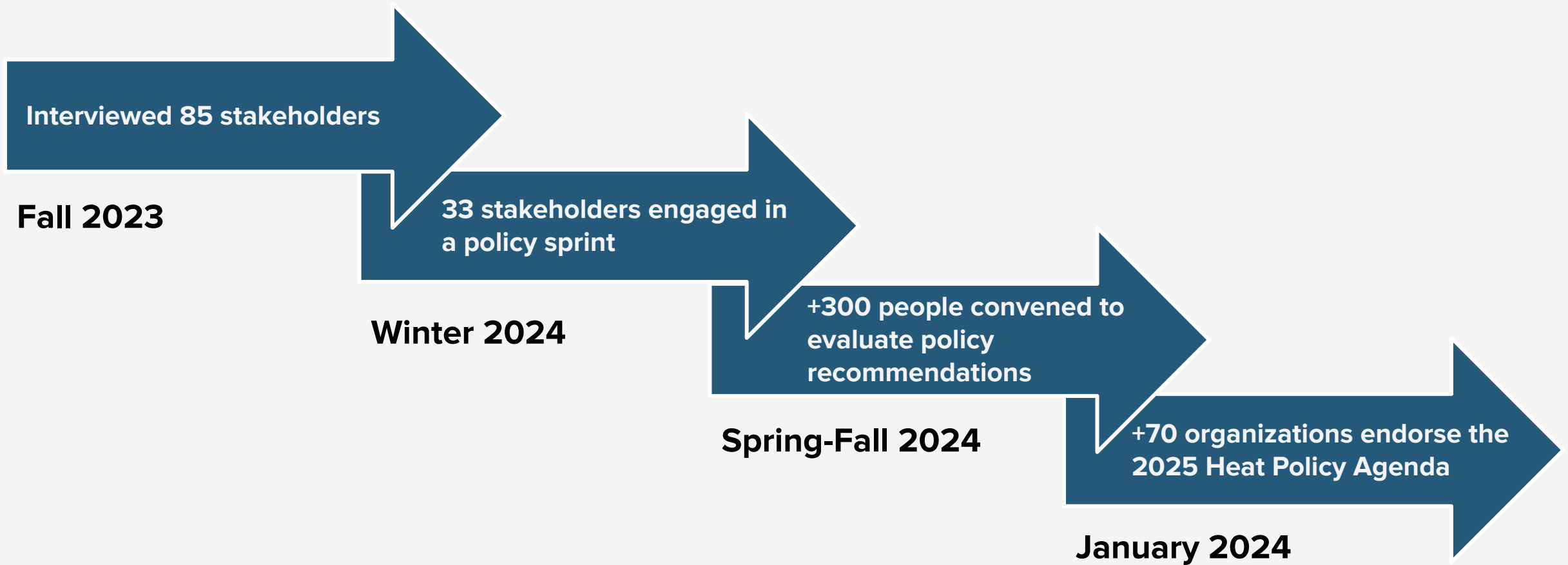
Extreme Heat Warning issued for Southern Nevada, Arizona, and California this Father's Day

Hot weather and high demand to pressure US power grid this summer, FERC says

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ARIZONA

Extreme heat watches issues for Mondays as temps reach 110+

The 2025 Heat Policy Agenda



The Federation of American Scientists 2025 Heat Policy Agenda Was Developed in Partnership with 300+ Collaborators and Supported by 70+ Organizations

2025 Heat Policy Agenda | List of Signatories

Alliance of Nurses for a Healthy Environment	Center for Invasive Species Prevention	Food Tank	Moms Clean Air Force	New America Future of Land and Housing Program	The New Buildings Institute
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees	Children's Environmental Health Network	Green Roofs for Healthy Cities	National Center for Healthy Housing	Next100	The Passive House Network
American Forests	Climate Mayors	Grid Alternatives	National Coalition for the Homeless	Organizing Resilience	Toxic Free NC
American Lung Association	Climate Power	Groundwork USA	National Consumer Law Center	Physicians for Social Responsibility	Trust for Public Land
Arizona State University's Knowledge Exchange for Resilience	Climate Resilience Center	ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability	National Council on Occupational Safety and Health	Rebuild by Design	Undaunted K12
Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs	Climate Resolve	Institute for Market Transformation	National Employment Law Project	Smart Growth America	Union of Concerned Scientists
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials	Dade County Street Response	King County, Washington	National Energy Assistance Directors Association	Smart Home America	Urban Sustainability Directors Network
California ReLeaf	Earth Ethics, Inc.	Korey Stringer Institute	National Partnership for Women & Families	Smart Surfaces Coalition	We Act for Environmental Justice
Center for American Progress	Elevate	La Isla Network	National Recreation and Parks Association	Southeast Sustainability Directors Network	WeCount!
Center for Biological Diversity	Energy Equity Project	League of Conservation Voters	National Young Farmers Coalition	Ten Across Resilience Network	Women with Broken Heals
Center for Energy Poverty and Climate	Federation of American Scientists	MetroLab Network	Natural Resources Defense Council	The CLEO Institute	Yale Center on Climate Change and Health

Examples of Progress

- *In Congress:*
 - Recommendations from the Heat Policy Agenda have already found their way into multiple introduced bills
 - The new Congressional Caucus on Extreme Heat presents an avenue for bipartisan progress
- *At the State Level:*
 - FAS regularly convenes a group of officials leading on heat policy for their states to exchange best practices and collaborate on emerging heat initiatives. This group currently includes representatives from AZ, CA, CO, NM, MA, MI, MD, MN, NC, NJ, NY, OR, PA, and WA, and is growing.
 - FAS is advising a new Extreme Heat Cohort of mayors FAS together on heat challenges.

Core Recommendations of the Heat Policy Agenda

1. **Establish a clear, sustained federal governance structure for extreme heat.**
2. **Amend the Stafford Act to explicitly define extreme heat as a “major disaster” and expand the definition of damages to include non-infrastructure impacts.**
3. **Direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to declare a Public Health Emergency in the event of exceptional, life-threatening heat waves, and fully fund critical HHS emergency-response programs and healthcare infrastructure.**
4. **Direct the Federal Emergency Management Agency to include heat preparedness as a core component of national heat preparedness capabilities**
5. **Finalize a strong rule to prevent heat injury and illness in the workplace**
6. **Retain and expand home energy rebates, tax credits, LIHEAP, and the Weatherization Assistance Program, to enable deep retrofits that cut the costs of cooling for all Americans and prepare homes against threats like power outages.**
7. **Transform the built and landscaped environment through strategic investments in urban forestry, transportation systems and infrastructure, and power infrastructure.**

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Thank you.

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City of Phoenix **Heat Response & Mitigation Initiatives**



HEAT GOVERNANCE & PLANNING



“...participants...were uncertain of how heat preparedness and response aligns with their current responsibilities. Some emergency management professionals even perceived that **heat was outside of their scope of work.**”

BAMS 2019

HEAT GOVERNANCE & PLANNING

JANUARY 2017

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Assessing Adaptation Strategies for Extreme Heat: A Public Health Evaluation of Cooling Centers in Maricopa County, Arizona

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ABSTRACT

Preventing heat-associated morbidity and mortality is a public health priority in Maricopa County, Arizona (United States). The objective of this project was to evaluate Maricopa County cooling centers and gain insight into their capacity to provide relief for the public during extreme heat events. During the summer of 2014, 53 cooling centers were evaluated to assess facility and visitor characteristics. Maricopa County staff collected data by directly observing daily operations and by surveying managers and visitors. The cooling centers in Maricopa County were often housed within community, senior, or religious centers, which offered various services for at least 1500 individuals daily. Many visitors were unemployed and/or homeless. Many learned about a cooling center by word of mouth or by having seen the cooling center's location. The cooling centers provide a valuable service and reach some of the region's most vulnerable populations. This project is among the first to systematically evaluate cooling centers from a public health perspective and provides helpful insight to community leaders who are implementing or improving their own network of cooling centers.

2014 evaluation:

“Cooling center use might be improved if signs were present or more visible to attract potential visitors.”

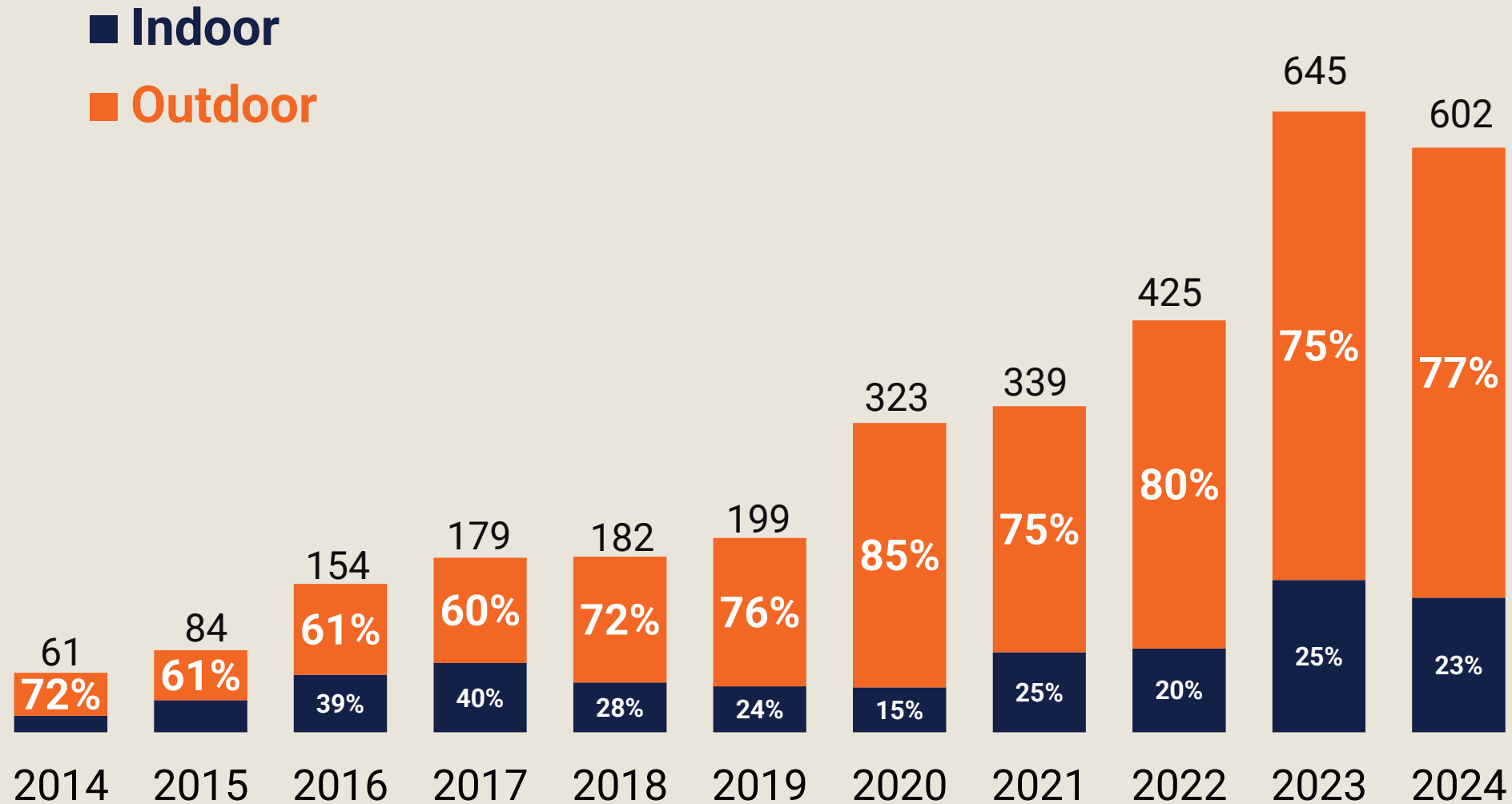
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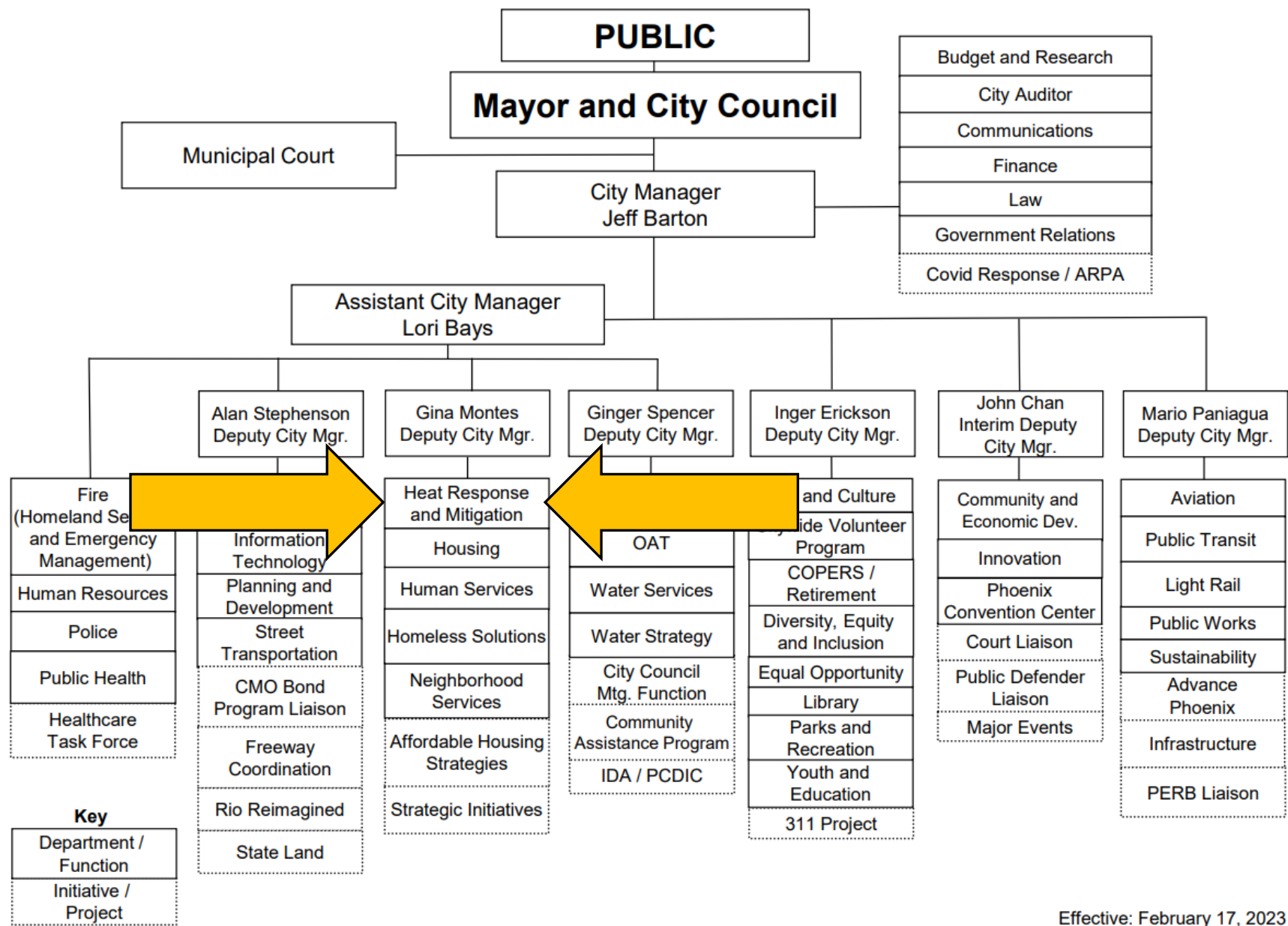


2022 action:

Phoenix Heat Office
creates and
distributes signage
for municipal sites
and community
partners

HEAT-RELATED DEATHS – MARICOPA COUNTY, AZ





Effective: February 17, 2023

CITY OF PHOENIX **HEAT RESPONSE PLAN**



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Responders**



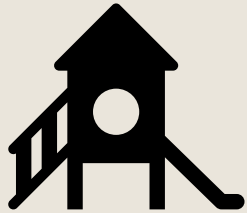
**Public Cool
Space**



**Public Drinking
Water**



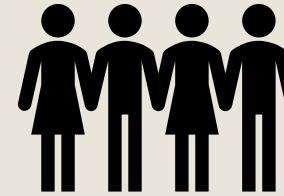
**Cool and
Safe Homes**



**Cool and
Safe Mobility
& Recreation**



**Heat Safety
for Workers**



**Community
Engagement
& Outreach**



**Collaborate
Across
Departments**

COLD WATER IMMERSION TREATMENT

- Severe heat illness protocol deployed by Phoenix Fire Department
- Deployed 311 times in 2024
- Less acute and more stable cases upon arrival to emergency room
- Improve short- and long-term outcomes upon discharge
- Sharing with local and national partners



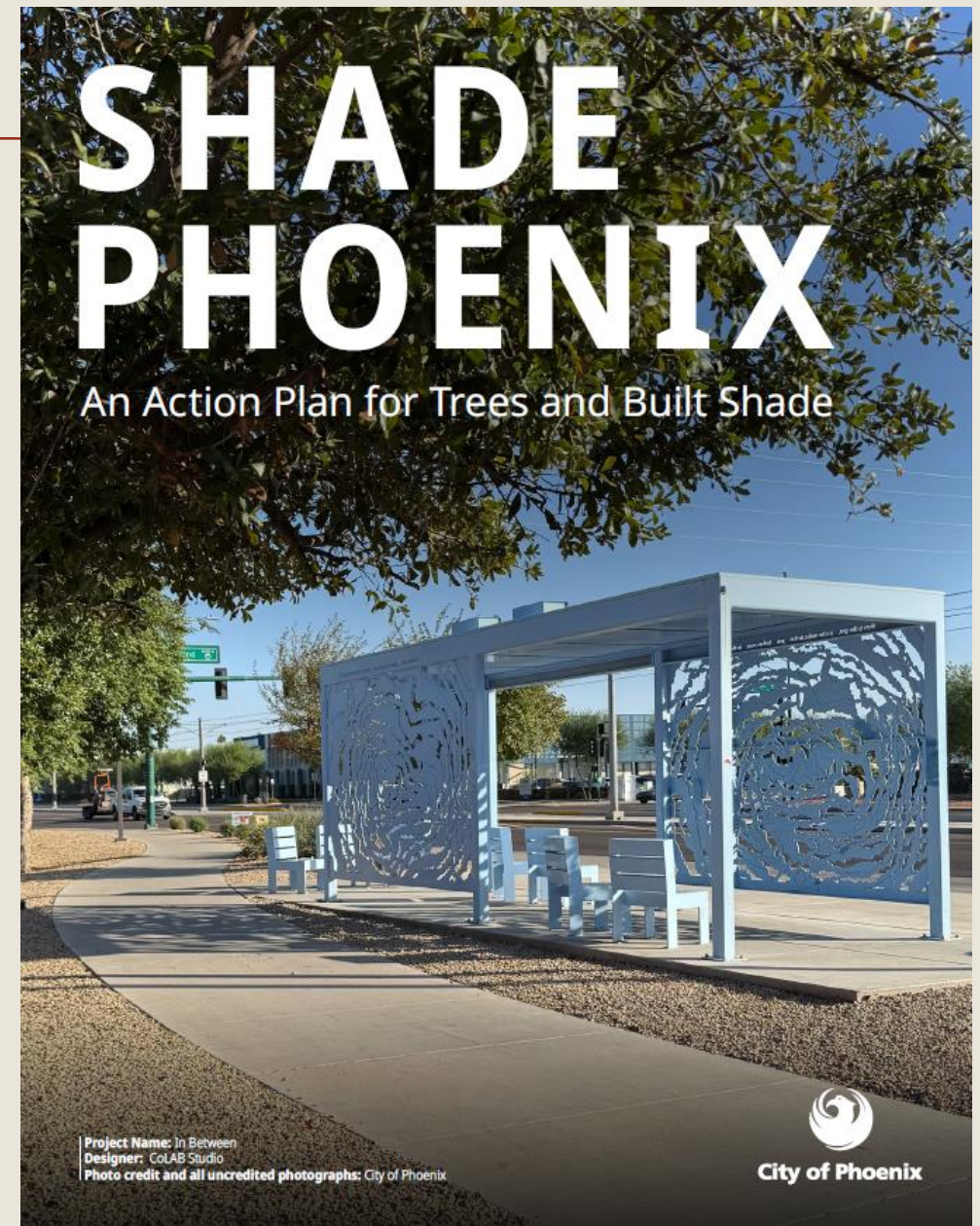
24/7 AND EXTENDED HOUR HEAT RELIEF SITES

- Selected library branch locations (ext. hours) and former café space (24/7)
- Comprehensive staffing model with health services, navigation, security
- 35,000+ visits, 5,000+ unique visitors
- 900+ residents connected to services
- Reductions in heat illnesses and deaths



SHADE PHOENIX PLAN

- First comprehensive tree and shade plan update in ~15 years
- Prioritizes public health, local context, and innovation
- \$60M in funding from local, federal, and philanthropic sources
- Input from 30 city departments, 2,000+ residents, local+natl orgs.



SHADE PLAN DATA RESOURCES – SHADE MAP



SHADE PLAN PROGRAMS

Community Canopy

- ARPA + IRA Urban and Community Forestry
- Professional planting, maintenance resources



SHADE PLAN PROGRAMS

¡Sombra!

- Bloomberg Public Art Challenge
- Temporary artist-led shade structures in public spaces



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Addressing Extreme Heat in New York State

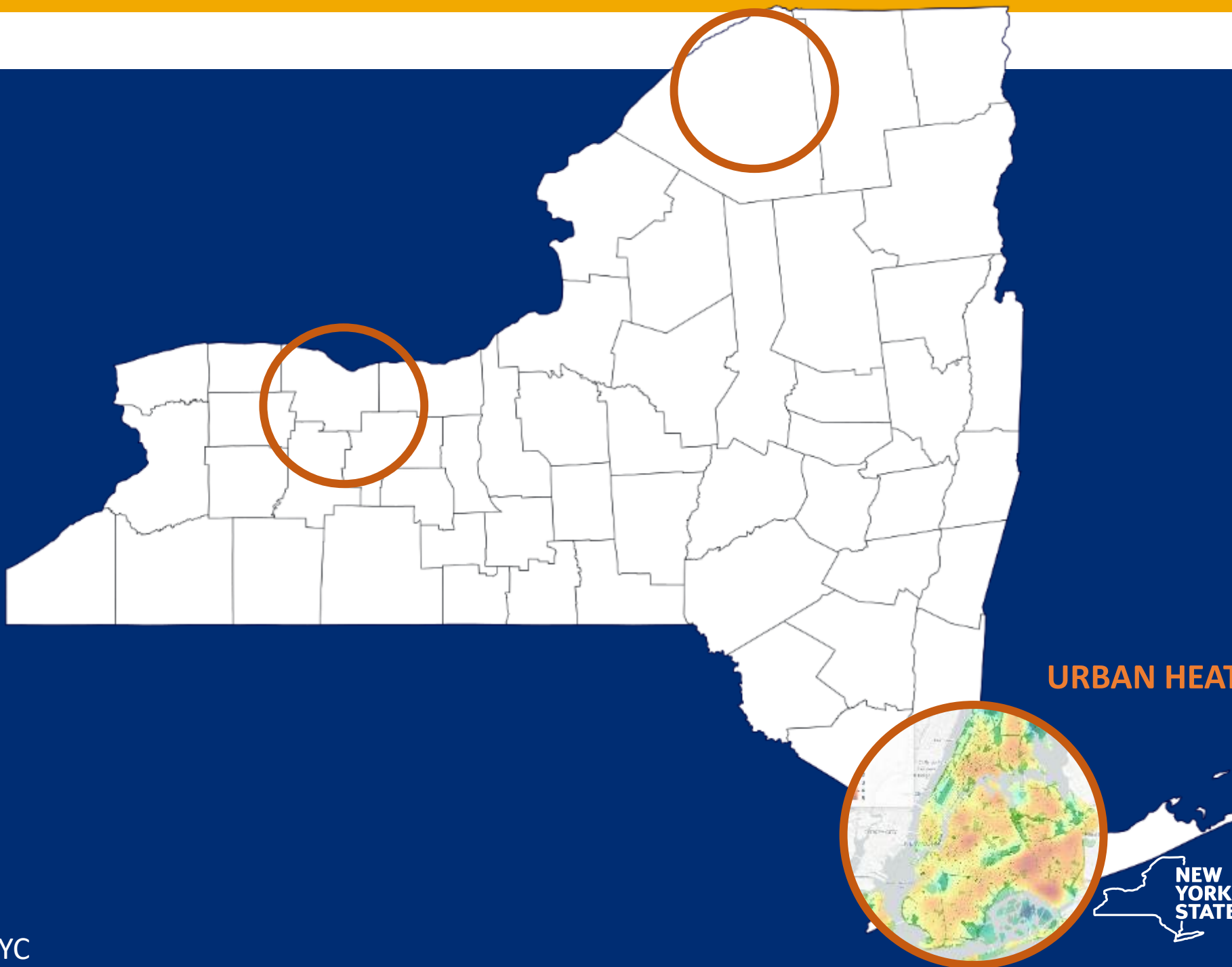
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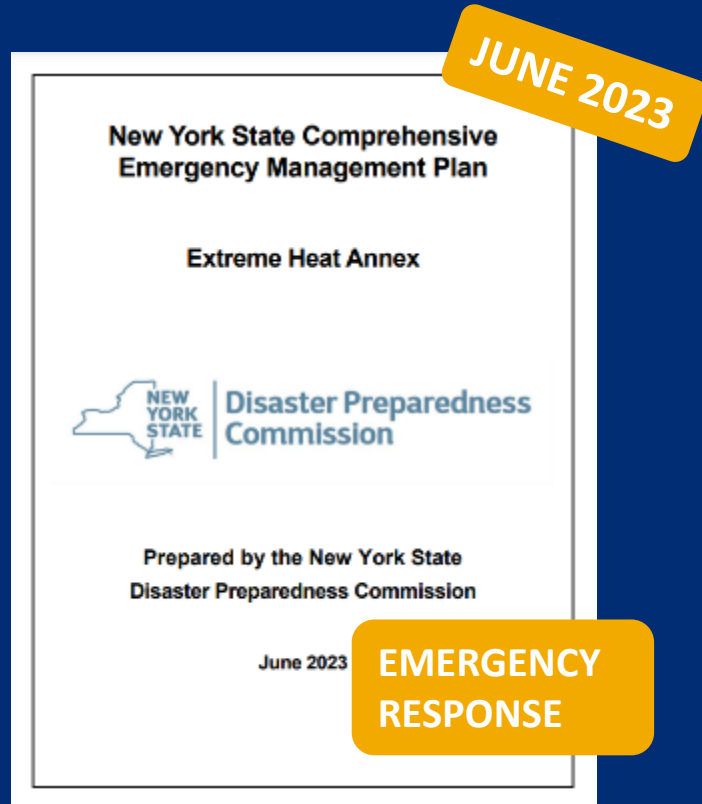
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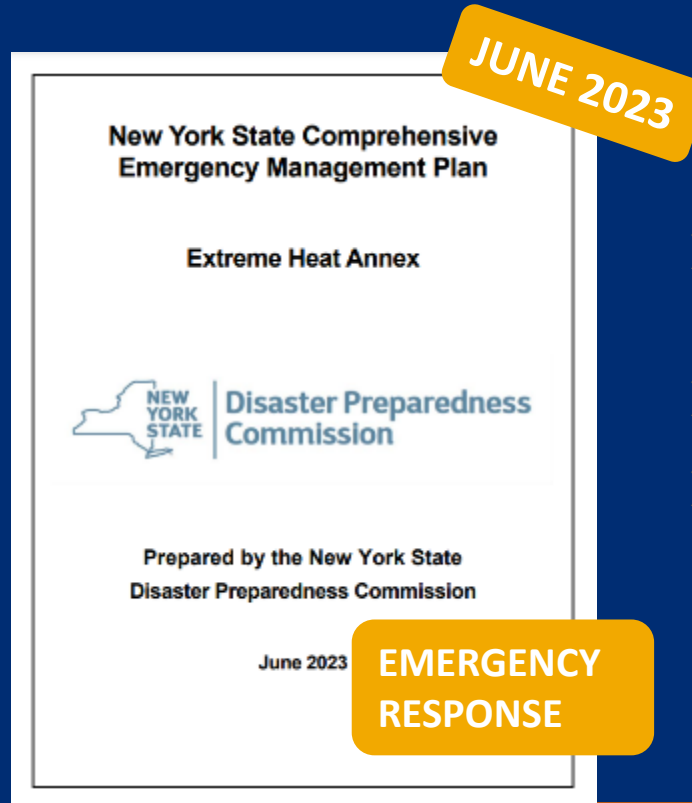


AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES



RURAL COMMUNITIES





- Led by NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services
- Released June 2023, annually updated
- Emergency response based on existing resources and capabilities

- Released in July 2024
- To enhance longer-term community preparedness, resilience and adaptation
- Develops new resources and capacities through **49 specific, state-led actions** with short and mid-range goals



Extreme Heat
Action Planning

Action Track Overview

49 actions are represented in the following 4 action tracks.

TRACK 1	TRACK 2	TRACK 3	TRACK 4
ADAPTATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION	PREPAREDNESS, COMMUNICATION, AND WORKERS' SAFETY	BUILT ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND MANAGED SPACES	ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION
Build Capacity for Adaptation Planning and Implementation	Coordinate Preparedness and Pre-event Communication	Support Resilient Built Environments	Prioritize Ecosystem- based Adaptation and Green Infrastructure Solutions
Promote Research, Development, and Innovation	Protect Workers' Health and Safety	Advance Adaptation in Educational, Institutional, and Congregate Settings	
		Develop Resilient and Equitable Infrastructure	



**Extreme Heat
Action Planning**

Coordinated Action Across State Agencies

EHAPWG Members

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Co-Chair	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) Co-Chair
Department of Agriculture and Markets (AGM)	Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)
Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS)	New York Power Authority (NYPA)
Department of Health (DOH)	Office for the Aging (OFA)
Department of Labor (DOL)	Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)
Department of Public Service (DPS)	Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)
Department of State (DOS)	Office of General Services (OGS)
Department of Transportation (DOT)	Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP)
Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES)	Office of Mental Health (OMH)
Education Department (NYSED)	Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)
Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)	State University of New York University at Buffalo (SUNY-UB)
Empire State Development (ESD)	Thruway Authority (Thruway)
Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)	

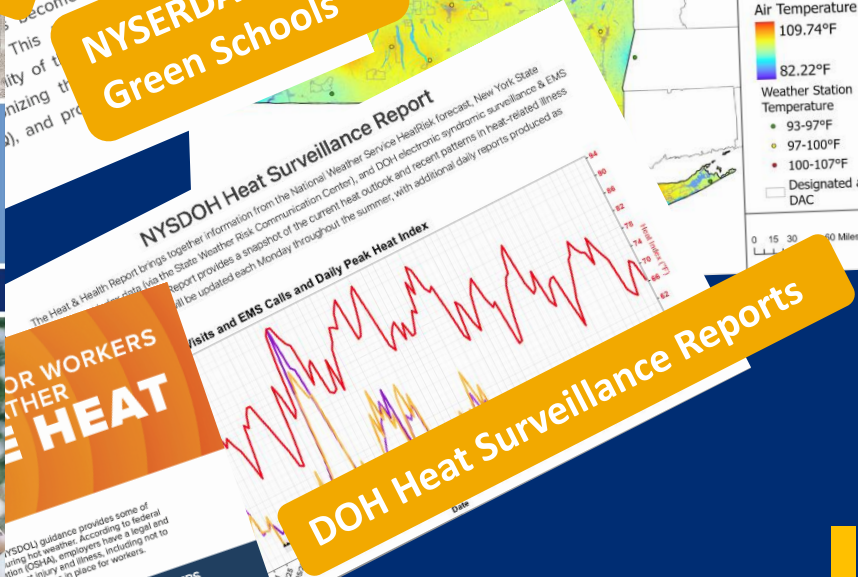
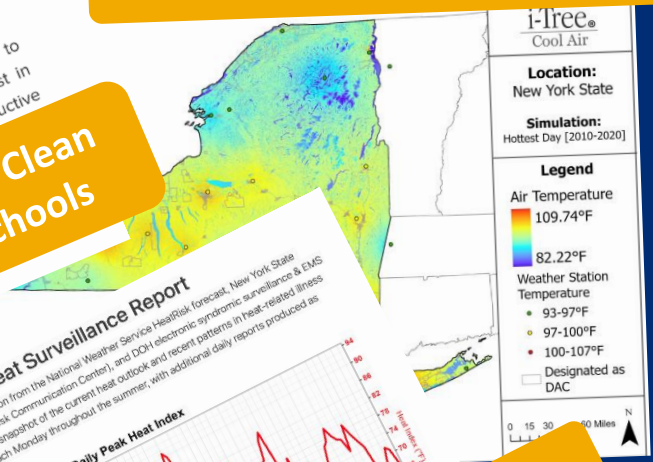


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Clean Green Schools Initiative (PON 4924)
07/2022 (Round 1); 06/06/2024 (Round 2);

NYSERDA Clean Green Schools

Draft UHI Maps



DOH Heat Surveillance Reports



EXTREME HEAT ADAPTATION PLAN



NEW YORK STATE

Extreme Heat Action Planning

EXTREME HEAT ACTION PLAN

ADAPTATION AGENDA FOR 2024–2030

Kathy Hochul, Governor | Sean Mahar, Interim Commissioner, DEC | Doreen Harris, CEO and President, NYSERDA

FOR WORKERS WITH HEAT

NYSDOH guidance provides some of the following information: According to federal OSHA, employers have a legal and ethical obligation to protect workers from heat-related illness and injury, including not to assign workers to hot environments without proper protections in place for workers.

WORKERS SHOULD TAKE THESE 4 STEPS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM EXTREME HEAT

- 1. DEVELOP AND PROVIDE TRAINING
- 2. DEVELOP AND PROVIDE A PLAN
- 3. DEVELOP AND PROVIDE TRAINING
- 4. DEVELOP AND PROVIDE A PLAN

HEAT INDEX

The heat index is a measure of how hot it feels like to the human body when combined with the air temperature. It is the best way to assess the level of heat on a website. Employers can determine the current and forecast heat index using the OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool App.

See the following link for a detailed explanation of the heat index: <https://www.osha-slc.gov/heat-safety>

DOL Employer Guidance

PUTTING THE PLAN IN ACTION!

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Extreme Heat in New York State

EXTREME HEAT IN NEW YORK STATE



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EXTREME HEAT IN NEW YORK STATE
SUMMARY OF IMPACTS AND VULNERABILITIES

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HEAT IS IMPACTING URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

In New York State, heat-health outcome are similar in urban and rural communities.

ACCESS TO COOLING IS A MAJOR CHALLENGE

A lack of access to affordable cooling at home is a major cause of heat exposure.

HEAT AFFECTS STUDENTS

Extreme heat, in combination with adverse air quality, is increasingly impacting children at schools.

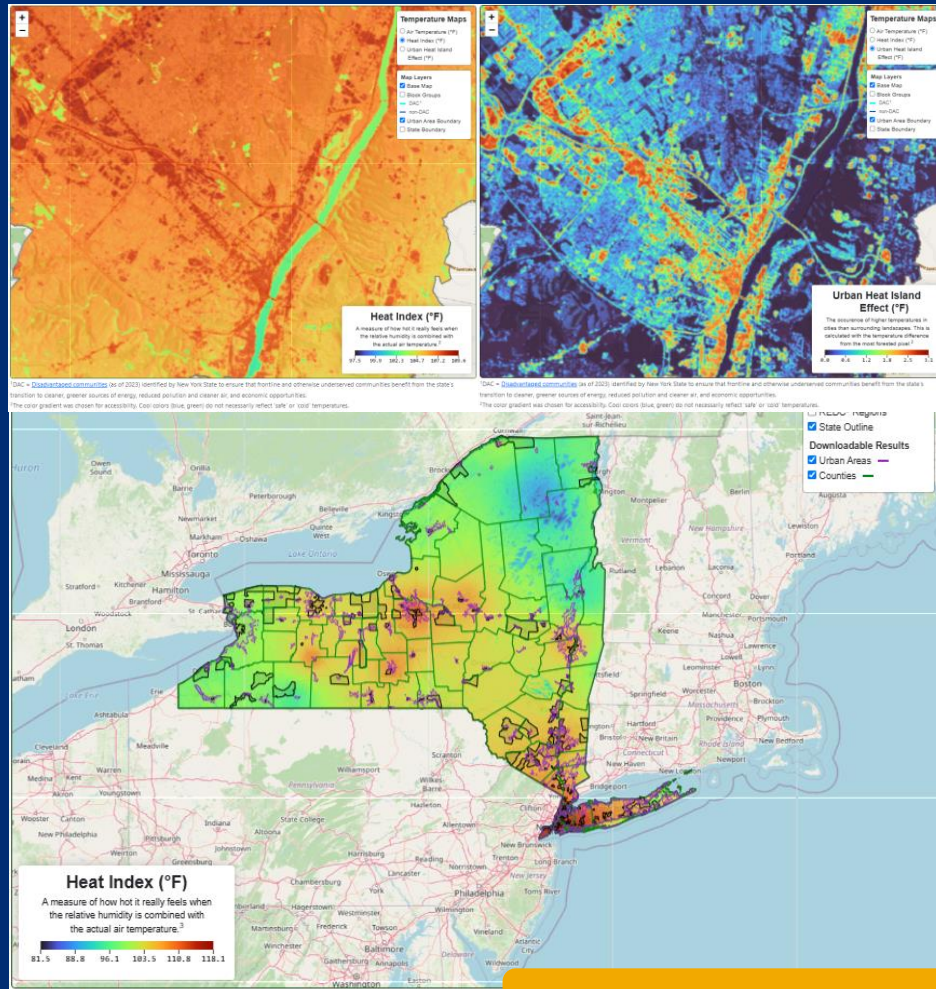
HEAT IS IMPACTING WORKERS

Both indoor and outdoor workers are at risk outdoor.

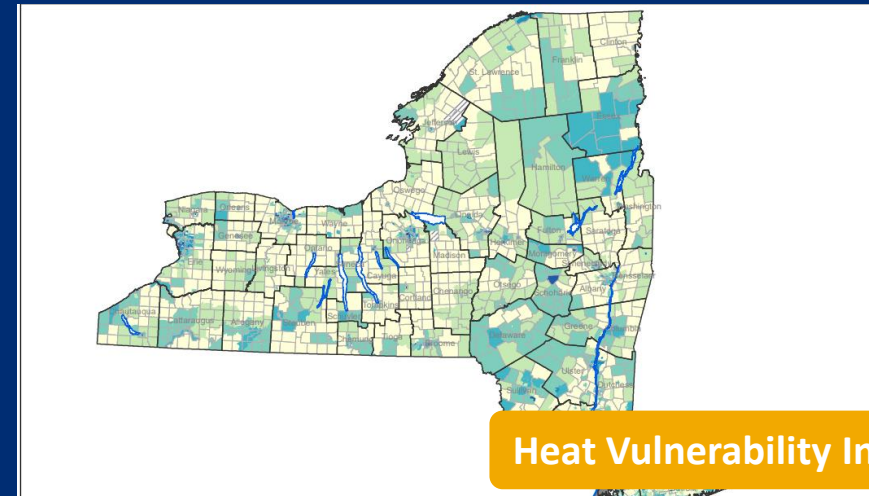


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Mapping Exposure, Understanding Impacts

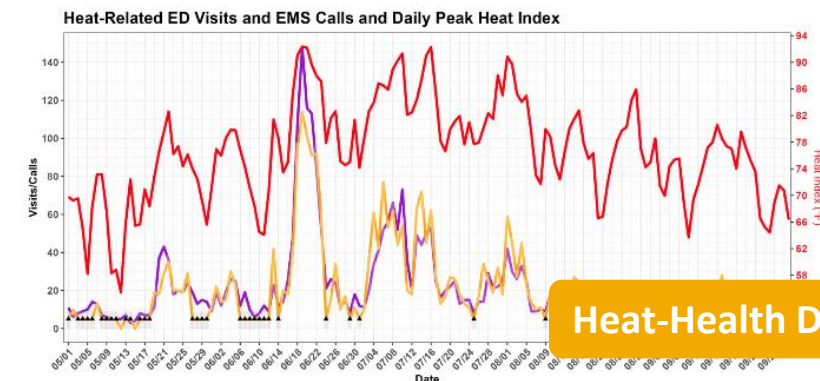


Heat Exposure Maps



NYSDOH Heat Surveillance Report

The Heat & Health Report brings together information from the National Weather Service HeatRisk forecast, New York State Mesonet heat index data (via the State Weather Risk Communication Center), and DOH electronic syndromic surveillance & EMS heat-related illness data. The Report provides a snapshot of the current heat outlook and recent patterns in heat-related illness across the state. This report will be updated each Monday throughout the summer, with additional daily reports produced as needed during hot weather.



Heat-Health Data

Heat Health Dashboard

New York State Heat Risk and Illness Dashboard

Extreme heat is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S and New York State. View outdoor weather heat conditions and heat-related illness in New York State excluding [New York City](#). Data are available May 1 - September 30 during hot weather.

The New York State Heat Risk and Illness Dashboard uses data from the [National Weather Service](#), and the [New York State Mesonet Early Warning Weather Detection System](#) (via the New York State Weather Risk Communication Center), and the New York State Department of Health.

State Dashboard

[Go to County Dashboard](#)

Heat Risk Forecast, New York State

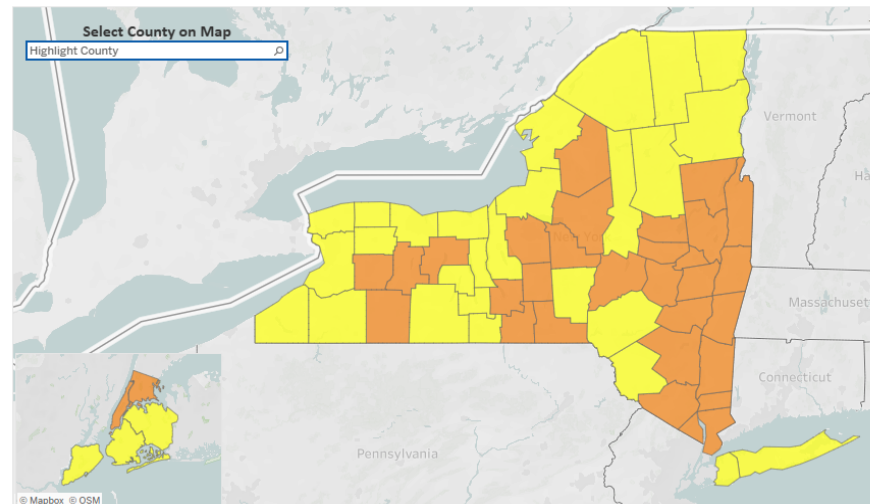
Updated 6/5/2025

Heat-related illness can be dangerous. Heat stroke, heat stress, dehydration, and dizziness increase with temperature. Your age, overall health, activity level, and access to air conditioning also can put you at higher risk of getting sick from heat.

This map shows the risk of getting sick from heat. It considers temperature and humidity, duration of heat, and people's underlying health. Select a date from the dropdown menu and plan ahead to adjust your activities when it's hot.

Select Date
6/5/2025

Risk of Heat-Related Illness	Who is at risk and what to do?
Little to no risk 0	Minimal elevated risk. Learn more about what to do when it gets hot .
Minor 1	People extremely sensitive to heat, such as older adults with underlying health conditions, should take breaks and drink plenty of fluids.
Moderate 2	People sensitive to heat and healthy individuals working or playing outdoors should take more frequent breaks and drink plenty of fluids.
Major 3	Everyone can be affected and should take breaks and drink plenty of fluids. People sensitive to heat should adjust activities.
Extreme 4	Dangerous for everyone. Everyone should adjust activities, monitor health symptoms, and spend more time in air conditioning.



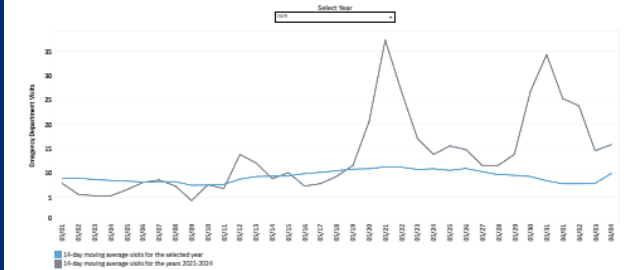
Note: Visit [NWS HeatRisk](#) for the most recent forecast

Heat-related Emergency Department Visits (14-day Moving Average), New York State excluding NYC

Updated 6/5/2025

The 14-day moving average smooths out fluctuations in daily heat-related emergency department visit data to compare trends in the latest data with historical data.

- Selected year 14-day moving average (blue) closely aligns with the average from the past few years (gray). This shows that the heat-related illness is similar to previous years for that time period.
- Selected year 14-day moving average (blue) is above (or below) the average from the past few years (gray). This shows an increase (or decrease) in heat-related illness compared to previous years for that time period.

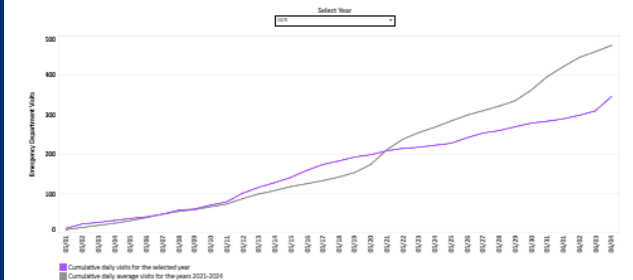


Cumulative Heat-related Emergency Department Visits, New York State excluding NYC

Updated 6/5/2025

The cumulative daily heat-related emergency department visits are compared with historical data to help assess the heat impact of the selected year.

- Selected year cumulative average visits (purple) more than previous year cumulative average visits (gray). There is more heat-related illness burden in the selected year. This could be due to more frequent, widespread, or intense heat events.
- Selected year cumulative average visits (purple) similar or less than previous year cumulative average visits (gray). There is less heat-related illness burden in the selected year. This may suggest milder temperature conditions or improved public health interventions.



Percent of Cumulative County Days with Heat Index of 85°F or Greater, New York State excluding NYC

Updated 6/5/2025

This chart compares the cumulative percentage of county days when heat index was above 85°F with historical data to identify if people are being exposed to more heat than in previous years. County days track the number of counties with a heat index of 85°F or higher on a particular day. Heat index of 85°F or higher, especially with prolonged exposure or physical activity can lead to heat-related illness.

- Selected year cumulative percentage (blue) above previous year (gray). Population exposures to hot weather for the selected summer are more than in past years.
- Selected year cumulative percentage (blue) below previous year (gray). Population exposures to hot weather for the selected summer are less than in past years.



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Cool & Healthy Schools

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DECEMBER 14, 2024 | Albany, NY

Keeping Kids Safe: Governor Hochul Signs Legislation to Protect Students and Teachers From Extreme Heat

New Law Ensures Safe and Comfortable Learning Environments by Setting a Maximum Temperature for New York School Classrooms

Clean Green Schools Initiative (PON 4924)

Due Date: 07/27/2022 (Round 1); 06/06/2024 (Round 2); 12/30/2025 (Round 3)

Description

The P-12 Schools: Clean Green Schools Initiative is available to help public schools that traditionally lack resources to invest in infrastructure improvements become healthier, more productive learning environments. This Program aims to improve the environmental sustainability of those schools by reducing school energy loads, decarbonizing their building portfolio, improving indoor air quality (IAQ), opportunities.

NYSERDA Clean Green Schools



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Creating Cool Corridors

Environment

JULY 25, 2024 | Albany, NY

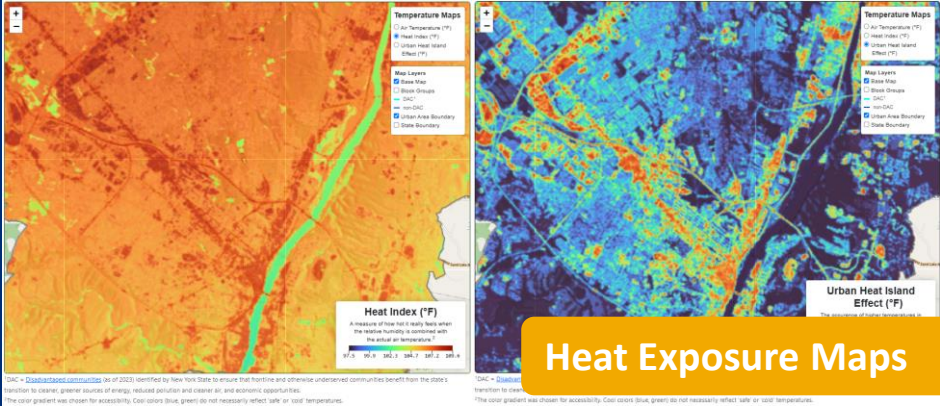
Governor Hochul Announces More Than \$7.1 Million in Urban and Community Forestry Grants to 23 Projects Statewide

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY

Inflation Reduction Act-Funded Projects Plant Trees and Increase Community Forest Resiliency in Disadvantaged Communities

Planting Projects Will Contribute to Governor's '25 Million Trees by 2033' Goal

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the recipients of the Urban and Community Forestry Grants funded by the U.S. Forest Service through the historic Inflation Reduction Act. Grants totaling more than \$7.1 million will support 23 urban forestry projects, particularly in disadvantaged communities most burdened by environmental pollution and the effects of climate change. The awards directly complement Governor Hochul's 2024 State of the



Heat Exposure Maps

PE7 Action: Heat Emergency Plan

6 Points

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A. Why is this action important?

B. How to implement this action

C. Timeframe, project costs, and resource needs

D. Which local governments implement this action? Which departments within the local government are most likely to have responsibility for this action?

E. How to obtain points for this action

A. Why is this action important?

Extreme heat events, like heat waves, are often referred to as "silent killers" because they can last for multiple days and their impacts are not always easy to observe. They can be particularly dangerous to children, the elderly, the sick, the socially isolated, and non-English speaking populations. According to the Fourth National Climate Assessment, average annual temperatures in the Northeast are expected to increase by 4.0°F to 5.1°F by 2050. The Northeast region is also predicted to see an increase in the frequency, intensity, and duration of extreme heat events occurring each year. With these changes, New York can expect to see an increase in heat-related illnesses and deaths. Because these health impacts can be reduced by having a heat emergency plan and local adaptation resources in place ahead of a heat event, the Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program recommends that municipalities foster efforts to create heat emergency plans.



Thank You

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A Call to Action

Heat Safety in Agriculture

Hannah Smith-Brubaker





Pasa is a nonprofit that supports sustainable farms and equitable food systems through farmer-driven education, research and community.

We're based in Pennsylvania and increasingly engaging with farmers and partners across the Mid-Atlantic, Northern Appalachia and the Northeast.

Protecting Farmworkers



- **Climate change continues to raise temperatures.**
- **Heat related injuries and deaths continue to climb.**
- **Heat injuries and climate change are inextricably intertwined.**

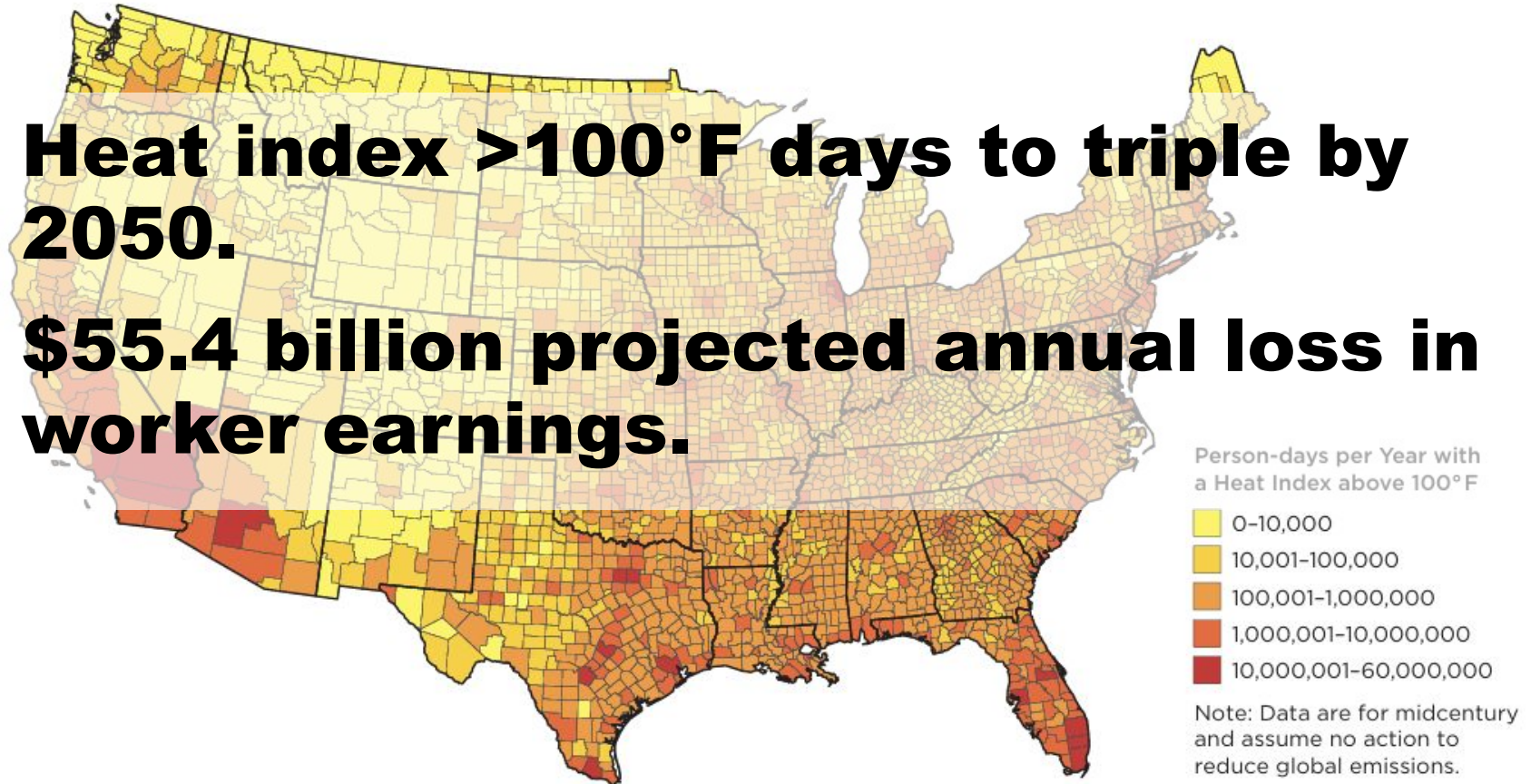
The Human Cost

- **Farmworkers are 20x more likely to die of heat-related illnesses.**
- **Lack of plans and communication can be fatal.**
- **These deaths are preventable.**



Climate and Economic Impacts

- **Heat index $>100^{\circ}\text{F}$ days to triple by 2050.**
- **\$55.4 billion projected annual loss in worker earnings.**



Farm Responses - Weavers Way

Co-op



- **Adjusted schedules, reduced field hours.**
- **Shade structures, electrolytes, hydration.**
- **Safety committee created.**

Farm Responses - New Morning Farm




- **Natural cooling from trees and creek.**
- **Daily EMS reminders.**
- **Team leader for heat safety.**

Policy Gaps & State Efforts

- **Only 5 states have enforceable heat standards.**
- **Florida banned local heat protections.**
- **Federal OSHA protections still pending.**



What a Federal Standard Could Do

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- A photograph of a man wearing a straw hat and a light-colored shirt, drinking from a white cup in a large green field. Other workers in hats are visible in the background under a clear blue sky.
- **Mandate rest, shade, water, training.**
 - **Create clarity and consistency.**
 - **End the patchwork system.**

Protecting People Strengthens Agriculture

Protecting workers:

- **Boosts productivity.**
- **Reduces turnover and medical costs.**
- **Creates a level playing field for ethical farms.**



Protecting Livestock & Crops Strengthens Agriculture As Well

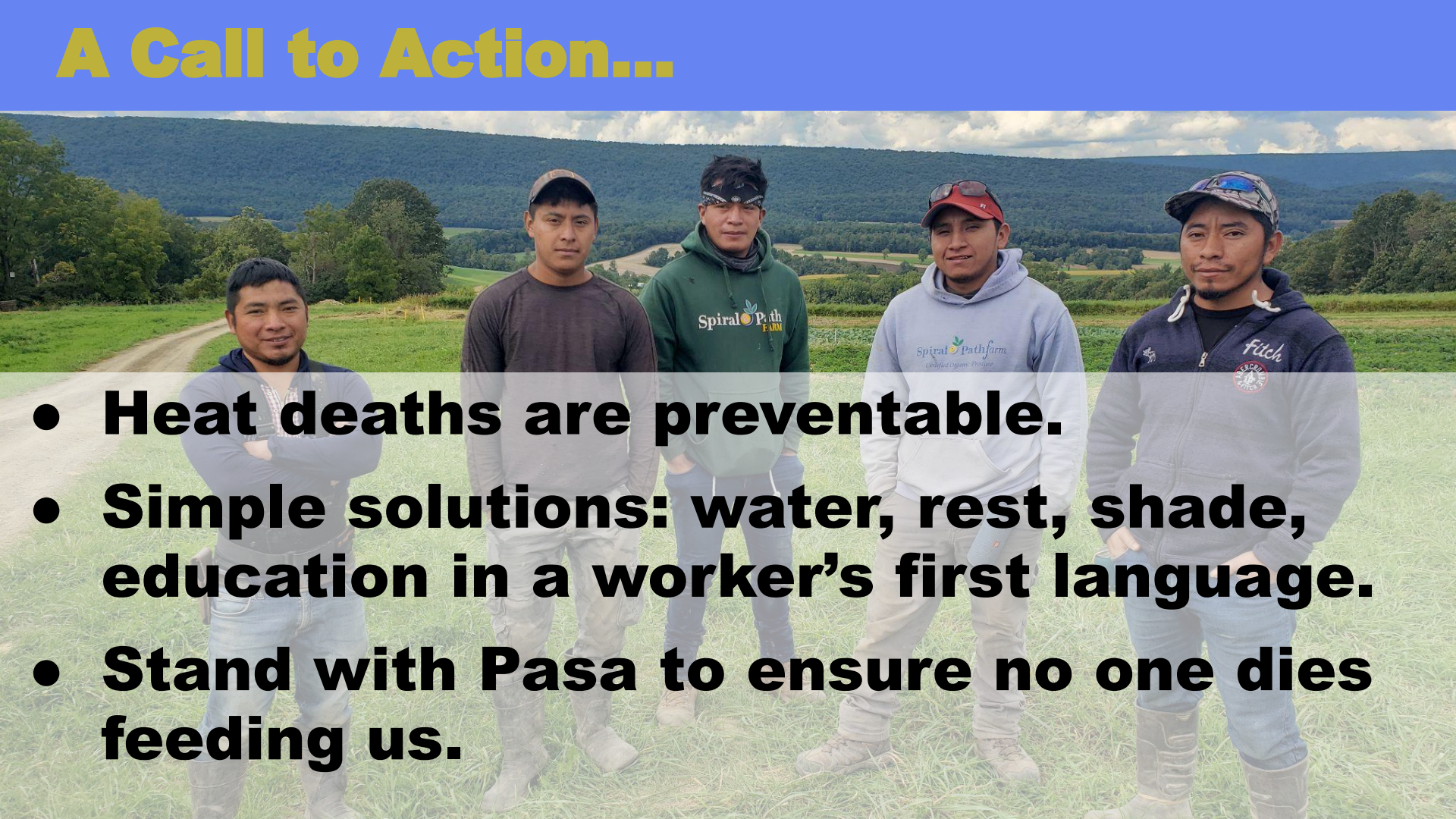
- **Reduced milk yields and lower grain and produce production.**
- **Pollination (required for nearly all of plant agriculture) is out of sync.**
- **Near dire need for publicly funded research.**

Animals need shade too!



- **Adding trees to pasture (silvopasture) for shade reduces heat stress and increased feed conversion - We need a farm bill!!!**

A Call to Action...

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- **Heat deaths are preventable.**
 - **Simple solutions: water, rest, shade, education in a worker's first language.**
 - **Stand with Pasa to ensure no one dies feeding us.**

Programs/Resources: Live Links

Certification: [Fair Food Program](#)

Reports: [Union for Concerned Scientists](#), [Environmental Defence Fund and La Isla Network](#), [US Dept of Agriculture](#)

Technology: [AIHA Heat Stress App](#)

Legislation: [Seeds and Breeds for the Future Act](#)

Extension: [Signs of Heat Illness](#)

Webinars: [Heat Prevention Listening Session](#)



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SMUD: Extreme Heat Planning and Approach

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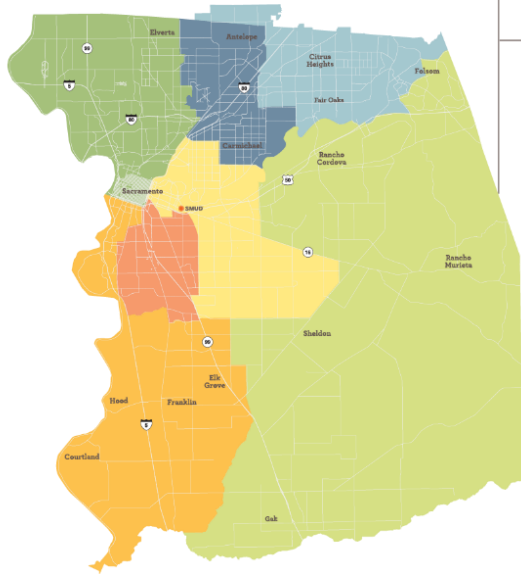
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SMUD is your community-owned, not-for-profit electric service.

6th largest
community-owned
in the U.S.



75+
Years
Est. 1946

2023
Power mix
about
78%*
carbon-free



The most
ambitious goal
of any large
utility in the
United States

~**645,000** Customers

~**2,300** Employees

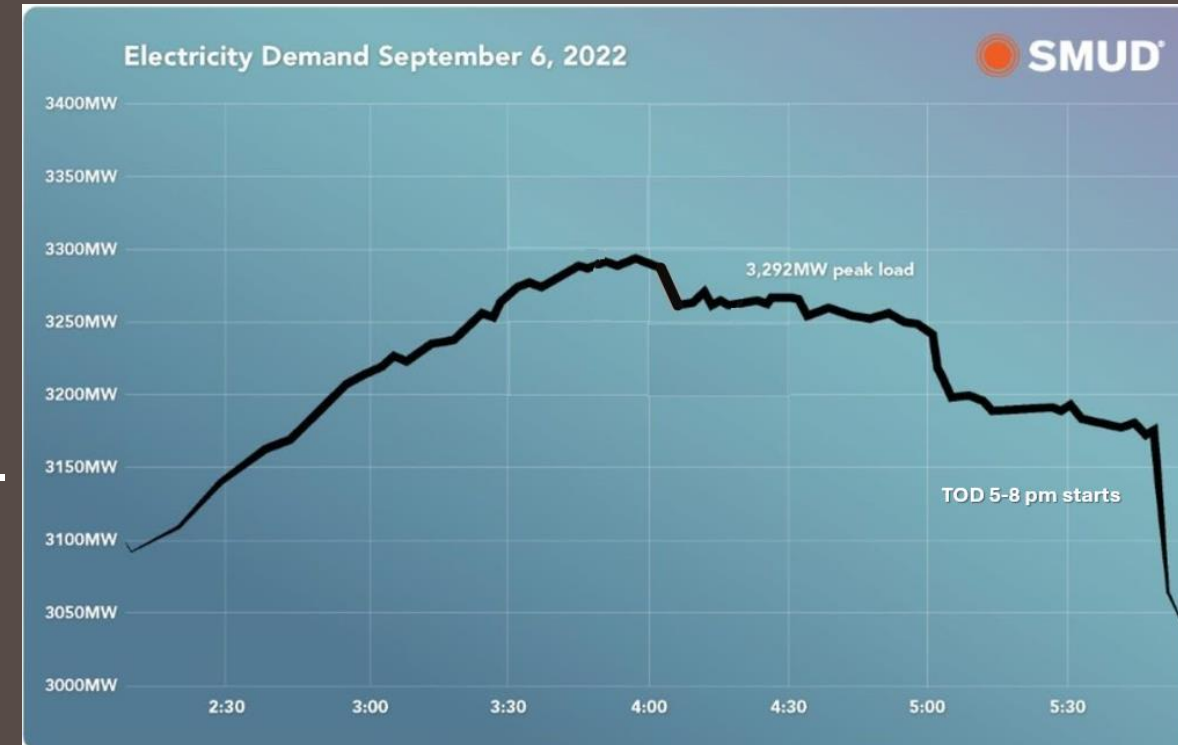


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SMUD's rates are among the lowest in California,

Extreme Heat Events Planning & Approach

- Annual review/revision of Capacity/Energy Shortage Contingency Plan
 - Outlines SMUD's energy shortage response processes.
- Annual Heat Event Tabletop exercise and Summer Briefing
 - Tests energy shortage process/procedure.
 - Tests rotating outage process/procedure.
 - Includes basic heat preparedness training and briefings from local partners (National Weather Service, Fire & Emergency Services, Local Emergency Management, etc.).
 - After-Action Report and Improvement Plan created following the exercise.



Community Project Spotlight

La Familia Counseling Center's Opportunity Center

- First climate resiliency center in Sacramento!
- Leveraging several federal and state grants including an
- Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant from the EPA
- Services will include:
 - Fully-equipped career center
 - Computer lab
 - Parenting classes and support
 - Health and mental health resources
 - Employment services
 - Collaborative spaces for community partners
- Will also serve as a cooling center during extreme heat events
- **SMUD will incentivize building and kitchen electrification, solar and storage, EV charging, and infrastructure.**



School-Hosted Community Resiliency Center



A shelter for community members when the grid is down during extreme weather events/emergencies

Combines community solar and community resilience

Innovative design:

- Front-of-the meter solar
- Behind-the-meter energy storage
- Electric school buses with V2B capability

Free shade tree program



- Since 1990, SMUD, in partnership with the Sacramento Tree Foundation (Sac Tree), has planted more than 630,000 shade trees in the Sacramento area.
- Trees and other plants have a natural cooling effect, making vegetation a simple and effective way to reduce heat islands.
- The Sacramento Shade program expanded both the number and types of trees offered; up to 10 free trees per customer and over 30 varieties to choose from.

Wildfire Mitigation Plan



SMUD's priority is delivering safe, reliable, sustainable, and economical electric service.



Minimize the probability that SMUD's transmission and distribution system may be the origin or contributing source for the ignition of a wildfire.



Implement a Wildfire Mitigation Plan that embraces safety, prevention, mitigation, and recovery as a central priority for SMUD.



Implement a Wildfire Mitigation Plan that is consistent with state law and objectives.

Thank you.

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