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ENGAGING BUSINESSES IN

EXTREME HEAT SOLUTIONS

A cityscape featuring a prominent glass skyscraper in the background. In the foreground, there is a park with lush green trees, a paved walkway, and a small gazebo. The sky is blue with scattered clouds.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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Responding to Extreme
Weather (CREW)



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Museum of Science

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ZOE DAVIS

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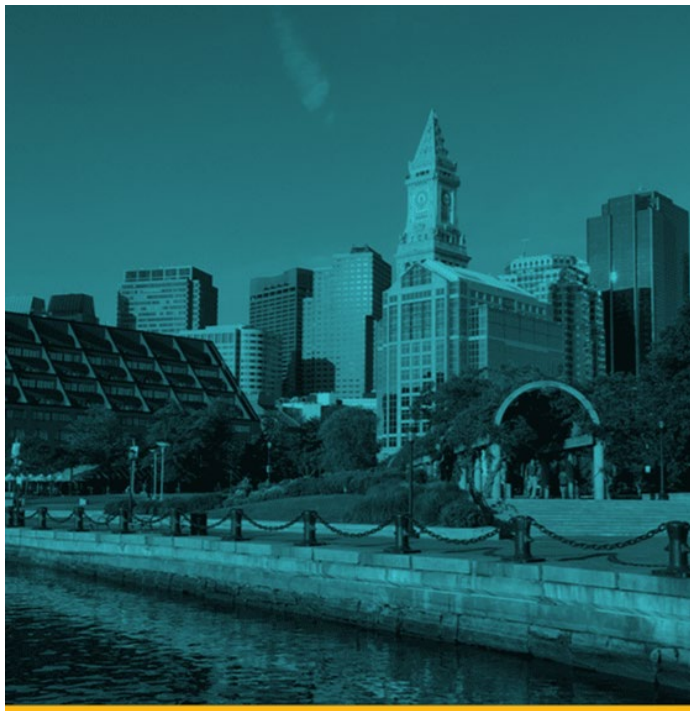
CITY OF BOSTON

HEAT RESILIENCE SOLUTIONS FOR BOSTON

Preparing for the near-term and long-term impacts of extreme heat



Climate Ready Boston, preparing for the impacts of climate change



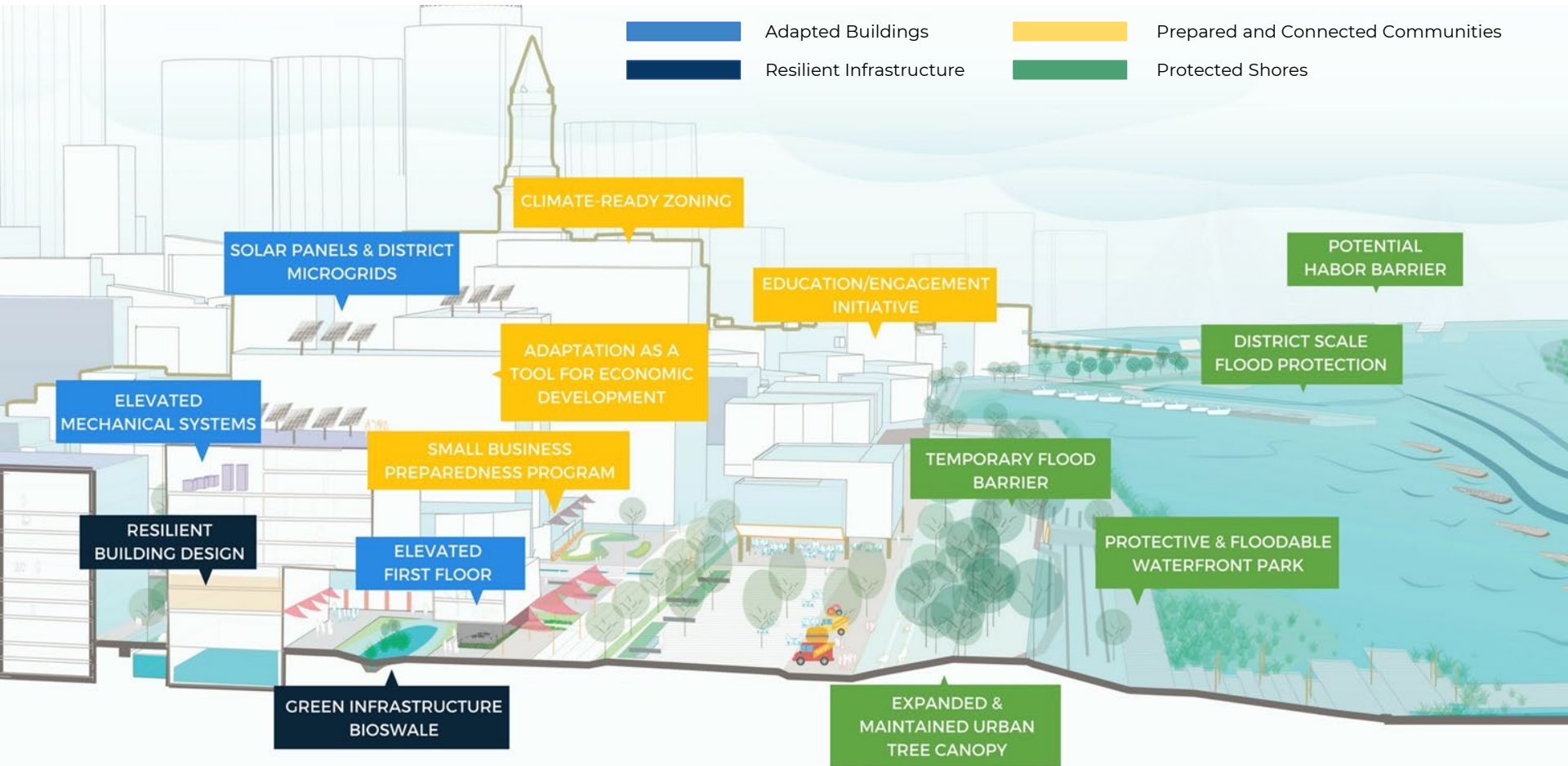
In 2016, the City of Boston released the *Climate Ready Boston* report, which included a comprehensive vulnerability assessment of current and projected risks associated with each of three climate hazards under a low, medium, and high greenhouse gas emissions scenario.

CLIMATE READY BOSTON
FINAL REPORT



DECEMBER 2014

A holistic approach to citywide climate resilience



Why is heat risk significant?

- Boston is already experiencing the effects of climate change.
- Extreme heat is the number one cause of weather-related deaths in the US
- We will experience longer and more frequent extreme heat events.

Historic Trends

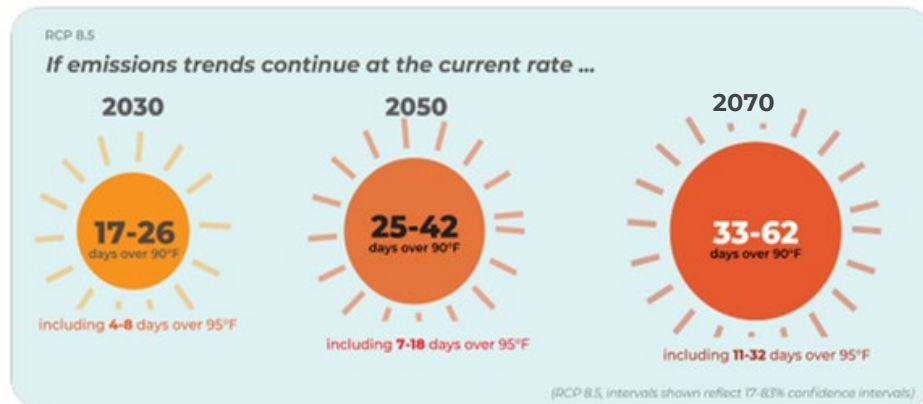
- In MA, temperatures have increased by 3.5°F since the beginning of the 20th century.
- In Boston, we typically experience ~ 10 days over 90 degrees.

Future Heat Projections

- By 2070, it's likely Boston will around 130 days over 80°F each year.
- By 2070, it's likely that Boston will have up to around 60 days over 90°F each year.

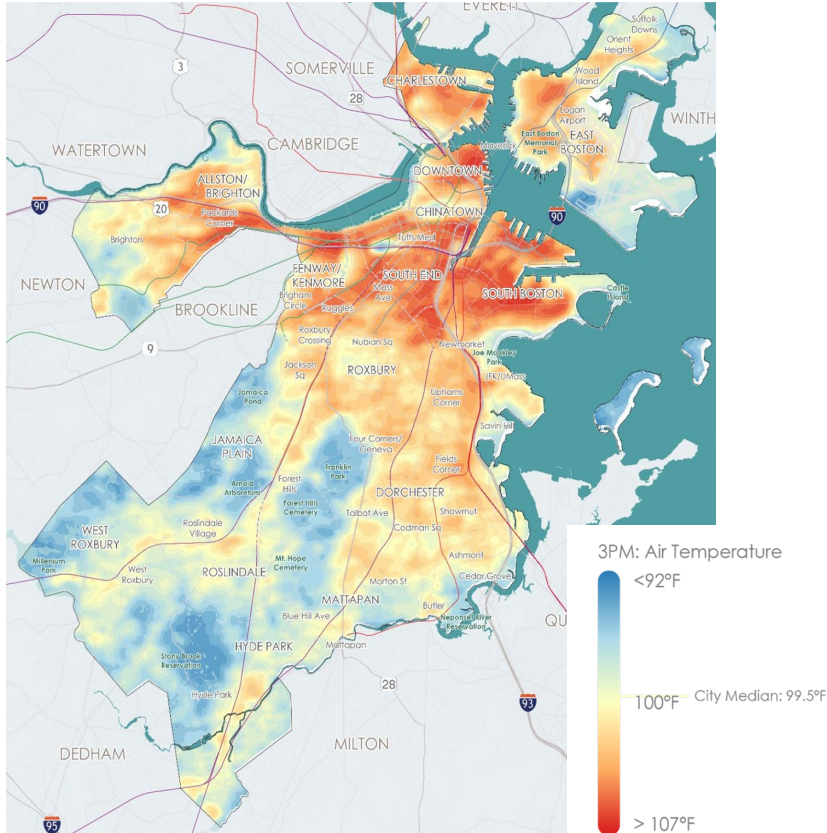


Boston could experience over 60 days of temperatures above 90 degrees per year by 2070s.

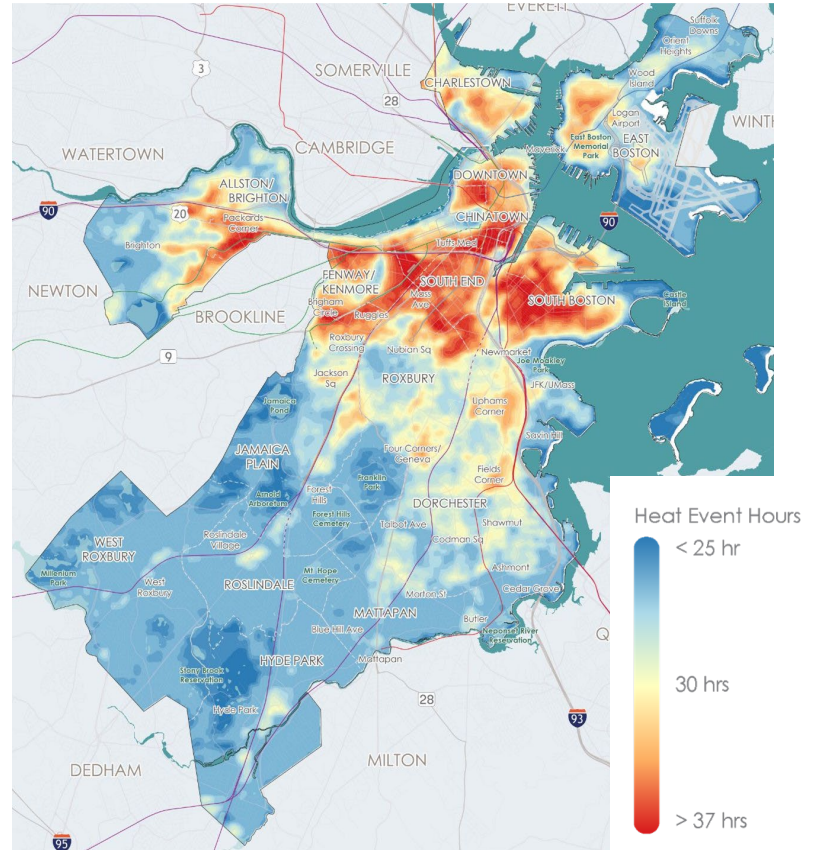


Extreme temperatures in Boston

Daytime Air Temp (3 PM)



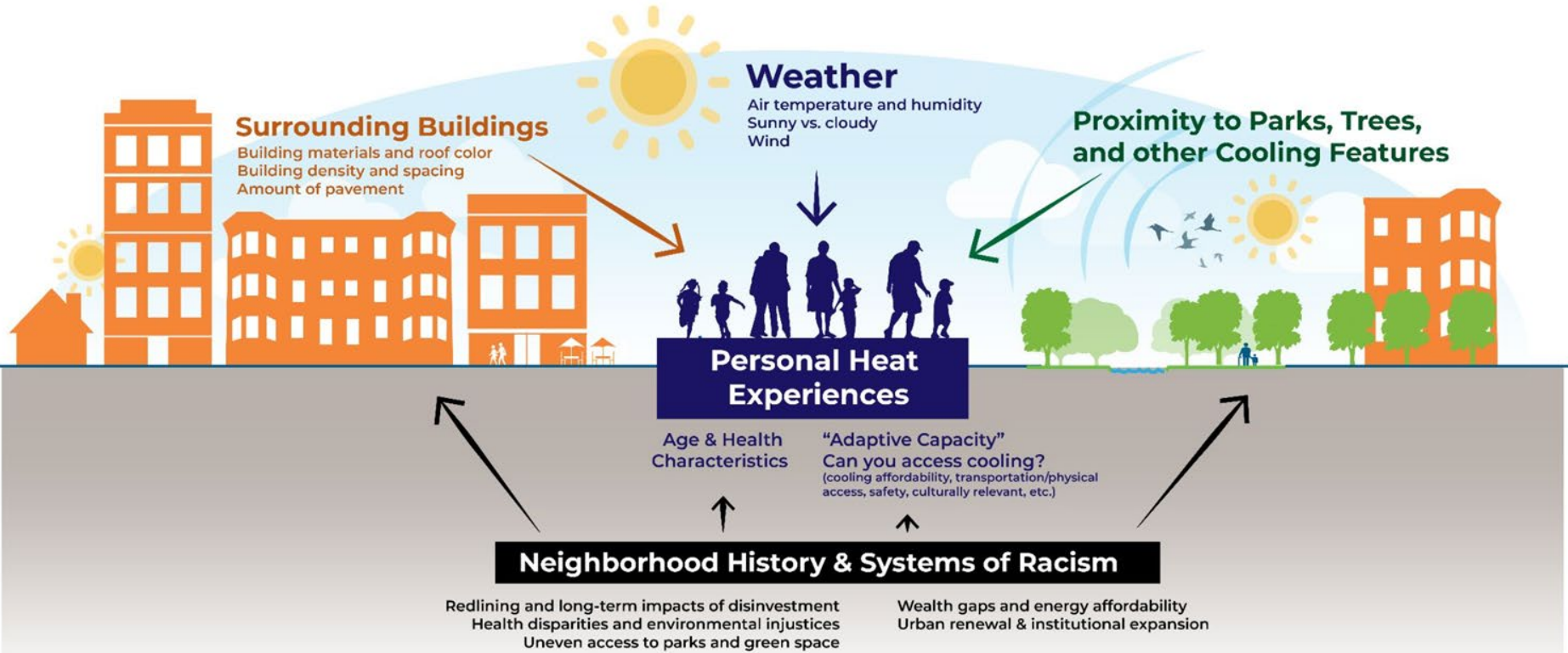
Heat Event Duration



Heat Resilience Solutions for Boston (the Heat Plan) is a citywide framework to prepare Boston for hotter summers, with particular focus on Boston's environmental justice neighborhoods.



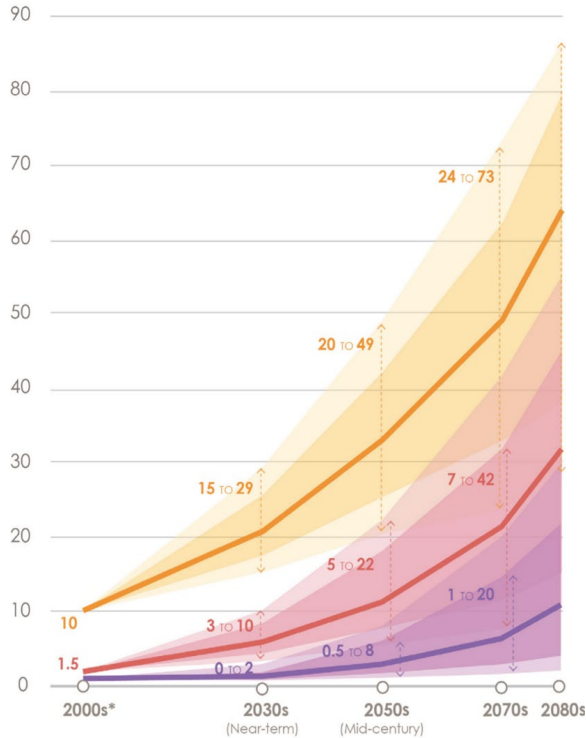
Equitable heat resilience means putting people at the center.



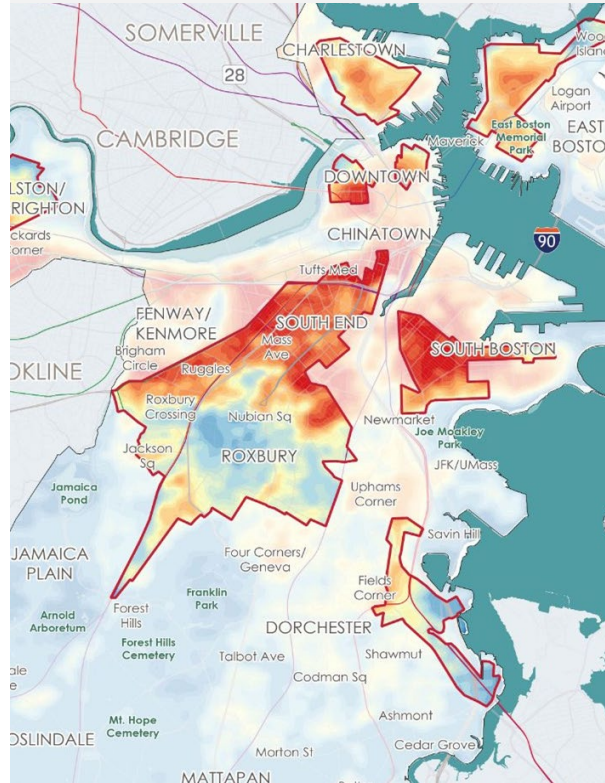
Developing the Heat Plan

Future Climate Projections

BUSINESS-AS-USUAL EMISSIONS (RCP 8.5)



Context and Existing Conditions



Community Identified Priorities



What does heat resilience mean in Boston?

Preparing people, buildings, infrastructure, and the public realm to withstand extreme heat events.

HEAT EXPOSURE

The amount of heat people, the environment, systems, or other elements experience or are subject to. Exposure considers both heat intensity and duration.

HEAT SENSITIVITY

The degree to which people, the environment, systems or other elements are affected by exposure to heat.

ADAPTIVE CAPACITY

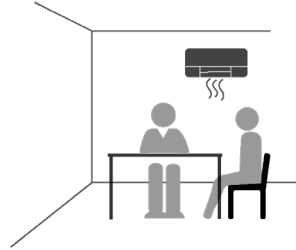
The ability to adjust to climate change, to moderate potential damages, to take advantage of opportunities, or to cope with consequences.

We must continue to prepare for both the near-term and long-term.

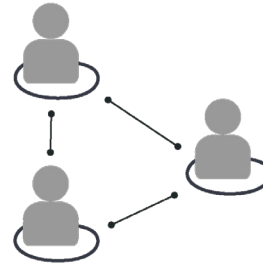
25 strategies to increase access to resource and reduce localized extreme temperatures.



OPERATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS



COOLING DURING HEAT WAVES



LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS



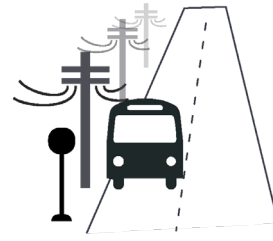
AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING



BUILDINGS



PARKS, TREES, AND OPEN SPACE



TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



PLANNING, ZONING, AND PERMITTING

Opportunities to support heat resilience strategies

HEAT EXPOSURE

HEAT SENSITIVITY

ADAPTIVE CAPACITY



BUILDINGS

- Temperature reduction design features for indoor and outdoor thermal comfort.
- Retrofits to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs.
- Cooling in commercial districts

Opportunities to support heat resilience strategies

HEAT EXPOSURE

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ADAPTIVE CAPACITY



- Climate leadership and fostering creative resilience improvements.
- Heatwave resource distribution and supporting hubs of community resilience.
- Training, best practice guides, and other resources for outdoor worker safety

Opportunities to support heat resilience strategies

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- Opportunities to work with potential employers and industry professionals.

- New careers in green jobs including energy retrofits, cool roof installations, and tree care.

- Build awareness of heat risk and resilience within the workplace.



REVEREND VERNON WALKER

COMMUNITIES RESPONDING TO EXTREME WEATHER



Climate Impacts in Greater Boston

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Communities Responding to Extreme Weather (CREW)

www.climatecrew.org



About Us



Better Future Project works to build a powerful grassroots movement to address the climate crisis and advance a rapid and responsible transition beyond coal, oil, and gas toward a renewable energy future for all.

We have three programs:

- 350 Mass
- CREW



About Us



CREW

Communities
Responding
to Extreme Weather

CREW is a young **grassroots organization** that aims to build equitable, inclusive neighborhood **climate resilience** in New England through hands-on **education, service,** and **planning.**

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Extreme Impact in Boston & Greater Boston

HEAT



More Heat

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1971 - 2000

(Baseline)

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2015 - 2044

(2030)

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2055 - 2084

(2070)

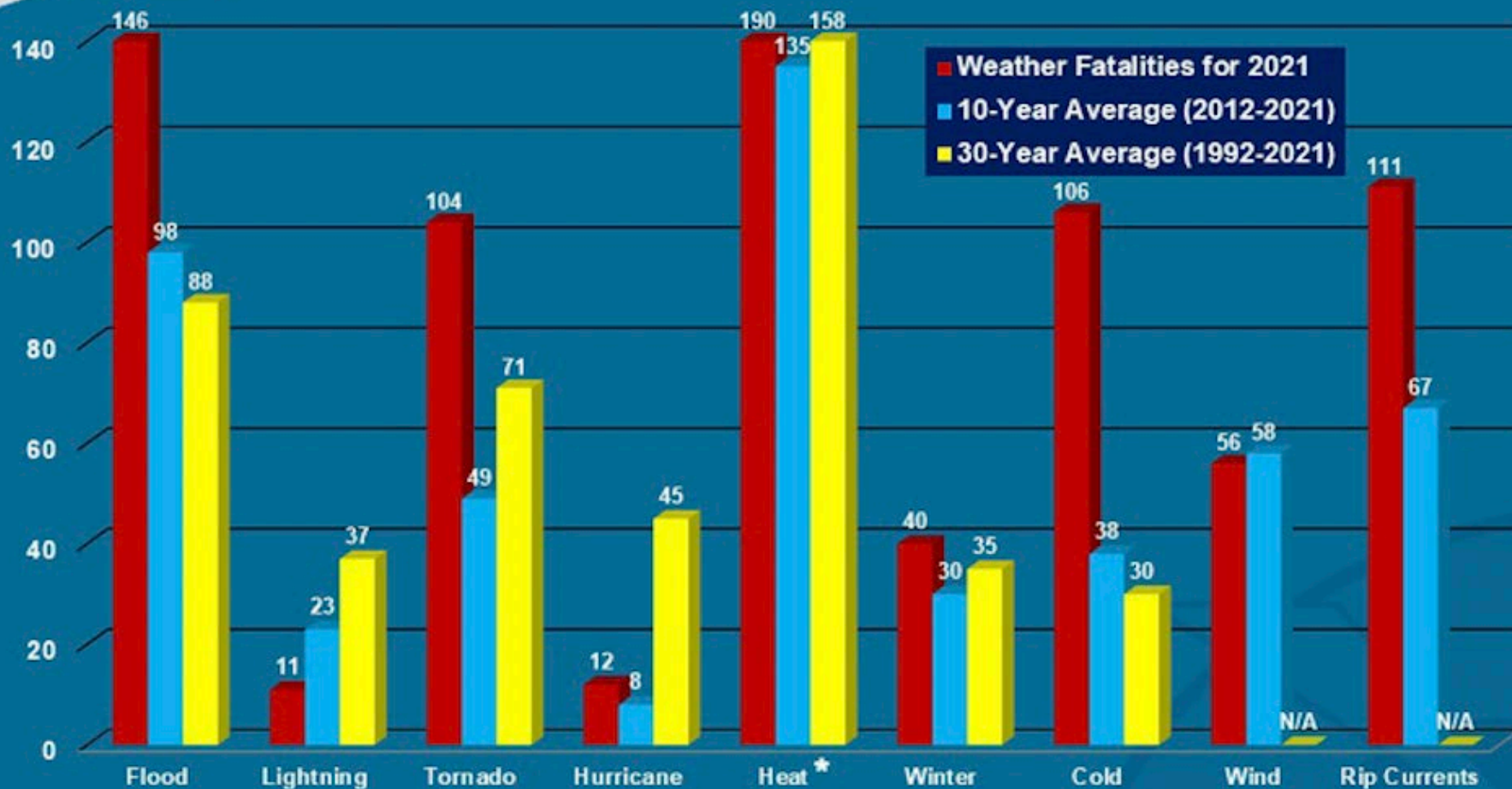
Above 90°F - Low Scenario
 Above 90°F - High Scenario
 Above 100°F - Low Scenario
 High 100°F - High Scenario

*Summer is considered to be the 91 days of June through August





Weather Fatalities 2021

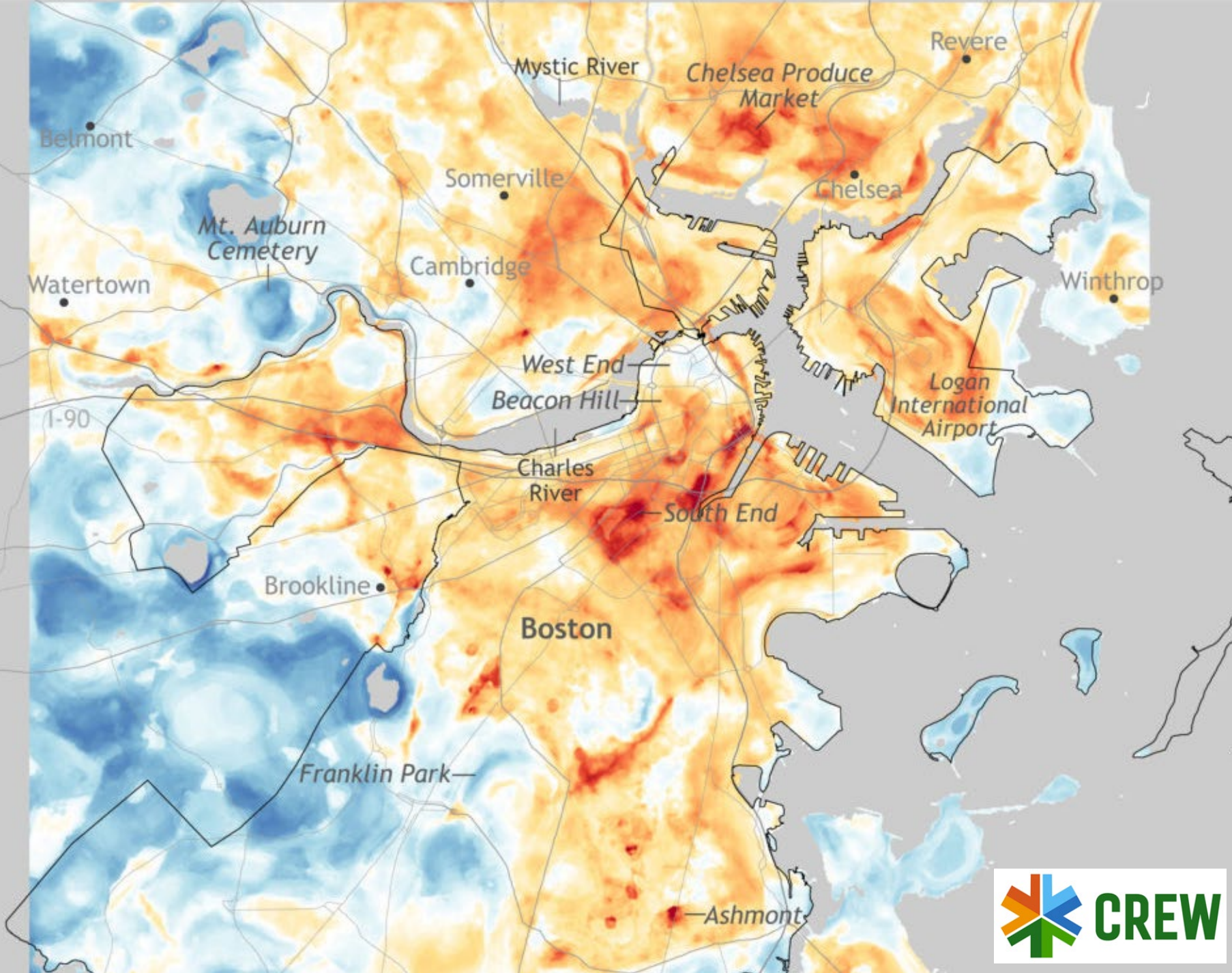


Due to an inherent delay in the reporting of official heat fatalities in some jurisdictions, this number will likely rise in subsequent updates.

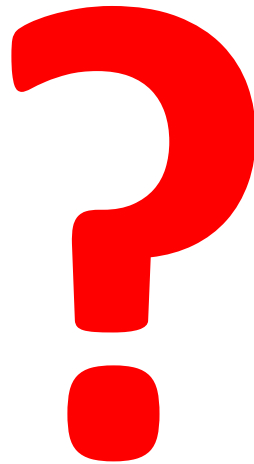
Urban Heat Island

- Neighborhoods with little tree cover, few grassy areas and a lot of concrete can be as much as 15 to 20 degrees hotter than the surrounding areas.

The urban heat island effect amplifies a heat wave's already-oppressive temperatures: areas with a lot of asphalt, buildings and freeways tend to absorb the sun's energy then radiate heat. Areas with green space — parks, rivers, tree-lined streets — absorb less.



**What social and
psychological impacts will we
expect to see?**



The Psychological Effects



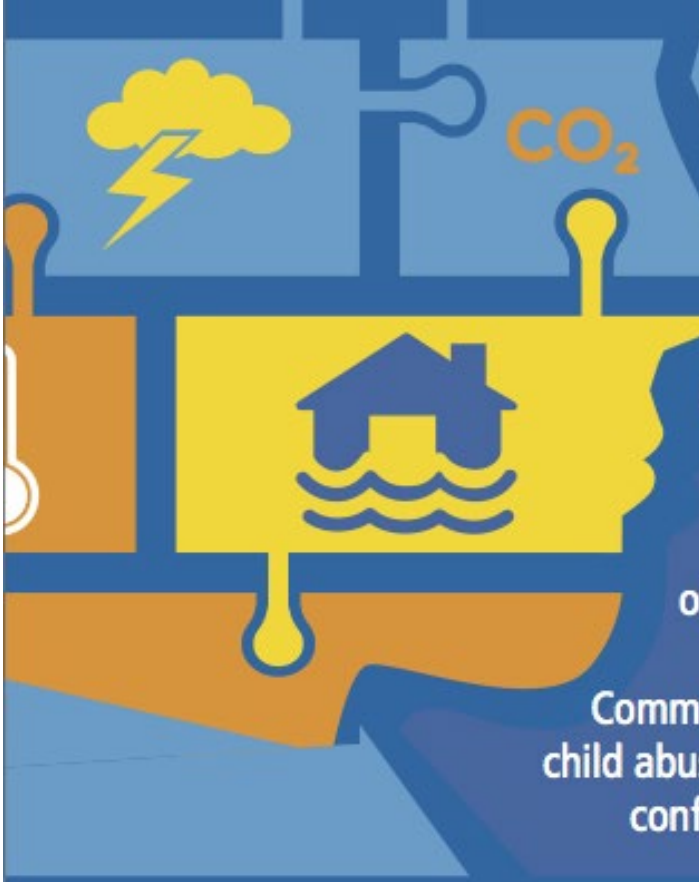


Hurricane Katrina as a Case Study

- **Up to 54% of adults and 45% of children suffer depression after a natural disaster.**
- **49% of Hurricane Katrina survivors developed an anxiety or mood disorder.**
 - **1 in 6 developed PTSD.**
 - **Suicide and suicidal ideation more than doubled.**
- **Outside of the United States, the suicides of 60,000 Indian farmers over the past three decades have been directly linked to climate change.**
 - **An increase of 5 C (9 F) on any given day was linked with 335 deaths.**



The “Crumbling Community” Effect



INDIRECT IMPACTS
Climate change can affect the way we think about ourselves, each other, and the world.

After a climate event or resulting displacement, people may experience a diminished sense of self, difficulty relating to others, diminished social interaction, and solastalgia (the loss of a sense of place, solace, and security tied to one’s physical environment). Community impacts include domestic abuse, child abuse, and violence (e.g., assault and civil conflict). Economic insecurity and physical damage are other potential effects.

COOPERATION: Establish social ties and connections with community members. This will help to withstand changes and encourage adaptation.



So:
**What does CREW do with
all of this?**





CHILL OUT
HEAT RELIEF
2PCS

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your best idea

WINDOW-MOUNT ROOM AIR CONDITIONER

5,000 BTU/hr
SMALL ROOM - 100 SQ. FT.

• COOLING & FAN SPEEDS
• QUIET & EASY INSTALLATION
• REMOTE CONTROL
• ENERGY STAR
• 1 YEAR WARRANTY

ADDITIONAL FEATURES

COMFORT... BUILT TO LAST



CHILL OUT
HEAT RELIEF™
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U.S. COAST GUARD
APPROVED WATER

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Making a Plan



Preparing for Heat:

Adapted from: <https://www.ready.gov/heat>



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- **Check-in on neighbors.**

A scenic view of a city park with a large glass skyscraper in the background and a small pavilion in the foreground. The sky is blue with scattered clouds. The foreground shows a green lawn, a paved path, and several black lampposts. A small, white, hexagonal pavilion with a grey roof is situated on the right side of the path. In the background, a tall, blue glass skyscraper stands prominently, with other buildings and trees visible around it.

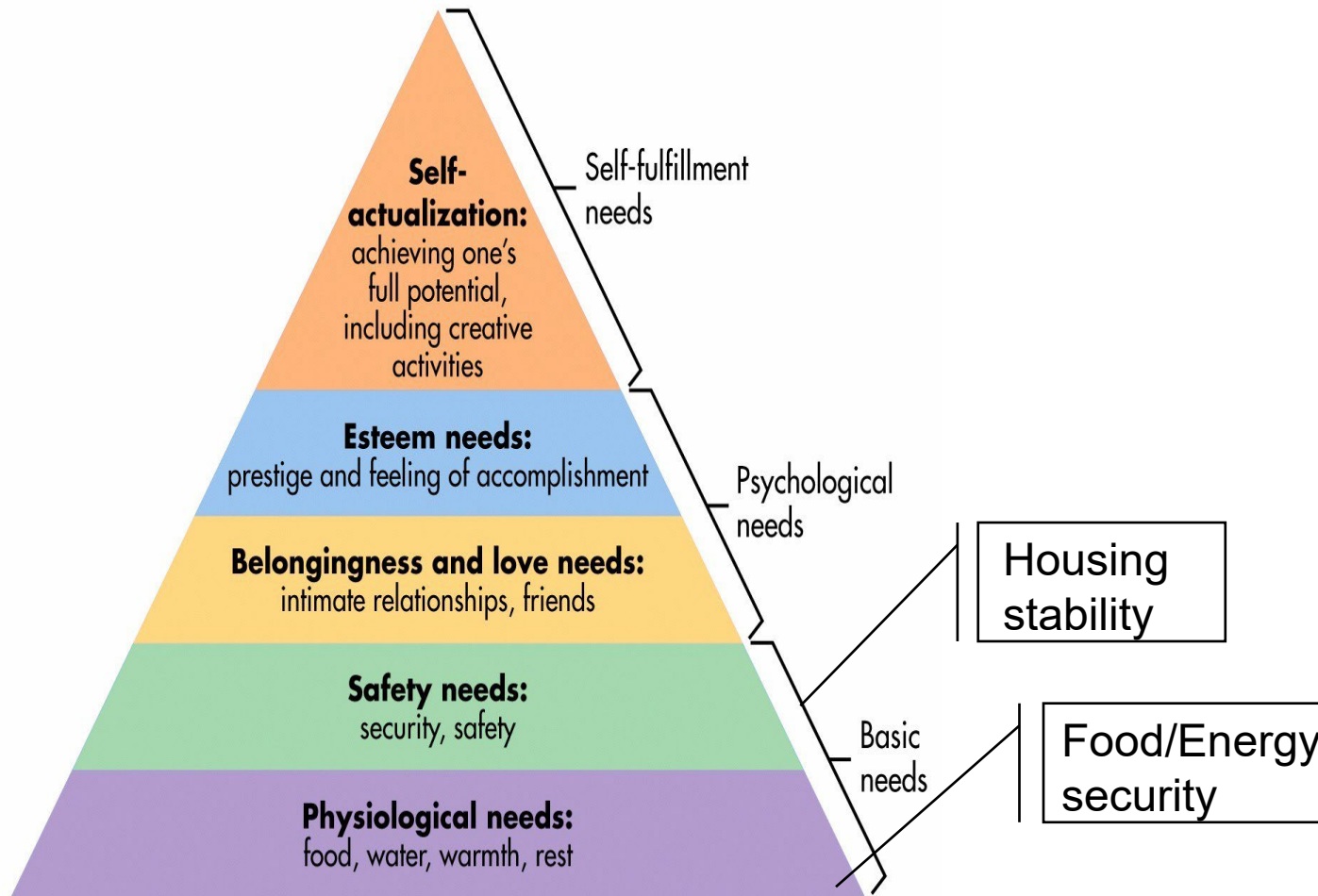
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Roadmap

1. Energy Insecurity as a foundational need for patients to thrive
2. Upstream Solutions to Energy Reduction as a Health System
3. How do you use Place Based approaches to Policy Change to address Energy Insecurity

Energy is a Foundational Social Factor



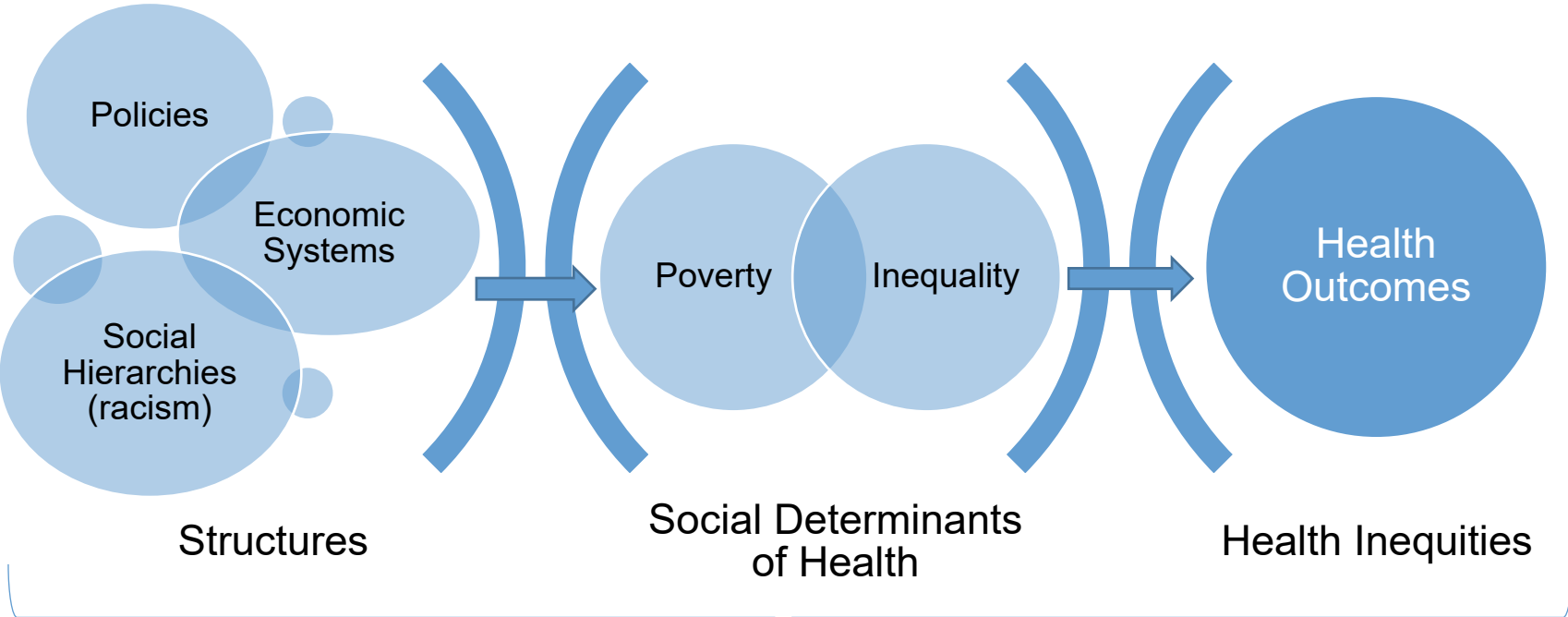
An interpretation of Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

Energy Factors Are Not Organic But Designed



Social Determinants of Health are the structural factors and conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work play pray and age.

Understanding Energy and Health requires understanding Structures, Social Determinants of Health and Inequities

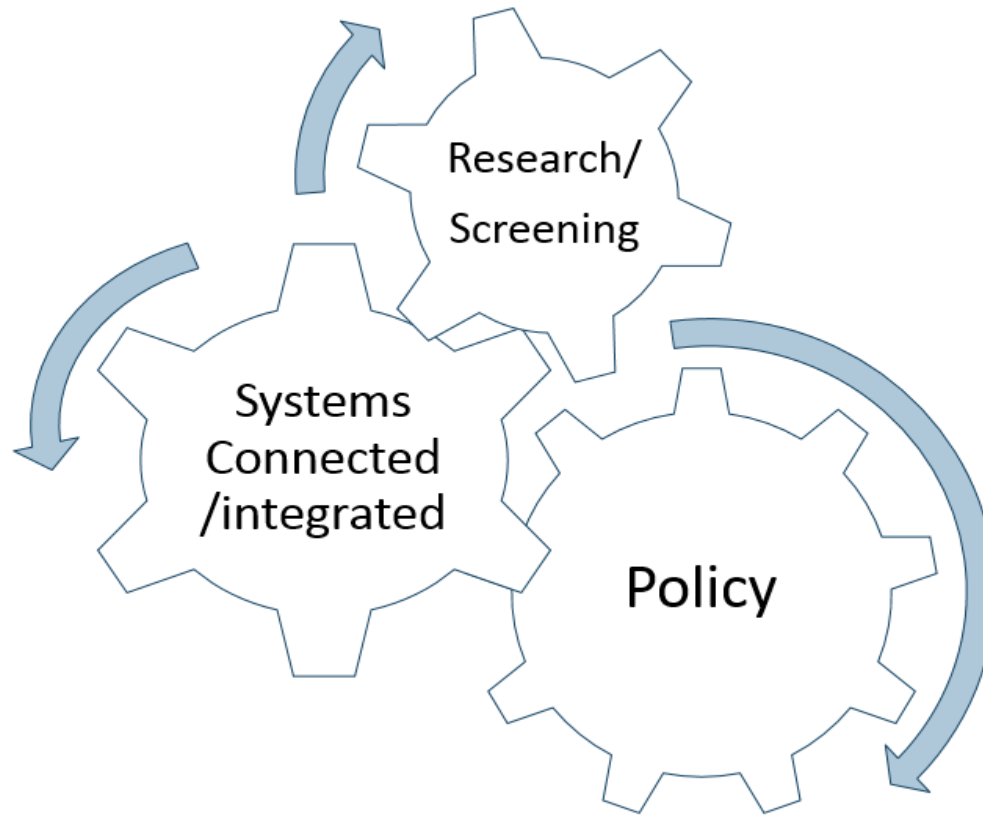


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Structural Competency




Changing Social Drivers of Energy Insecurity at Many Levels



Promoting Health Equity Through Screening, Systems, and Policy work as Anchor Institution



Identifying and sharing SDOH needs is a critical component of our ACO work and the THRIVE Screener allows us to advance this effort











BMC Health System
THRIVE SCREENER
Addressing Social Determinants of Health










Place Patient Sticker Here

Please fill this out and give to the medical assistant when you are called into the exam room. Your answers will help your care team take better care of your health and connect you with resources. Thank you!

Please check "✓" your answers:

	<p>What is your living situation today?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> I have a steady place to live</p> <p><input type="radio"/> I have a place to live today, but I am worried about losing it in the future</p> <p><input type="radio"/> I do not have a steady place to live (I am temporarily staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, abandoned building, bus or train station, or in a park)</p>	
	<p>Within the past 12 months, the food you bought just didn't last and you didn't have money to get more.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Often true</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sometimes true</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Never true</p>	
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	<p>Is this an emergency, do you need food for tonight?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
	<p>Do you have trouble paying for medicines?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
	<p>Do you have trouble getting transportation to medical appointments?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
	<p>Do you have trouble paying your heating or electricity bill?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
	<p>Do you have trouble taking care of a child, family member or friend?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
	<p>Are you currently unemployed and looking for a job?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	
	<p>Are you interested in more education?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</p>	

Please check "✓" the resources you want help with:

Housing / Shelter	Food	Paying for Medicine	Transportation to medical appointments	Utilities	Child care / Daycare	Care for elder or disabled	Job search/ training	Education
								
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I do not want to answer these questions

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The tool helps us **assess patients' needs** in the following domains:

- Housing
- Utilities
- Food
- Caregiving
- Affording medications
- Employment
- Transportation
- Education

The tool **engages patients** by asking if they want help connecting to resources and provides them with **immediate access to referral guides** available in six languages*

The screener & referral guides are **integrated seamlessly into the clinic's Epic workflow.**

- Positive screens prompt ICD-10 codes
- Requested referral guides print in the room

* Languages include: English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Arabic & Vietnamese

Reducing our Energy Use as a Health System

- First hospital-based rooftop farm
- Goal = carbon-neutral by 2030 (96% there)
- Invested in partnership with MIT on 650 acre solar-farm to help power campus

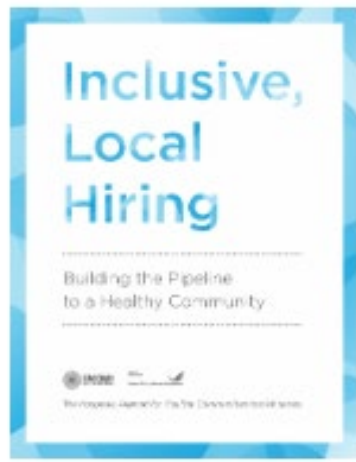


Reducing our carbon footprint—healthier hospitals, healthier people.



Supporting Resilience through Local Food Sourcing, Place-based Investing in BIPOC Wealth Creation and Local Job Development

*We can leverage our everyday business practices to **impact economic factors** that contribute to the overall well-being of our communities, and **create community wealth** through:*



Inclusive, Local Hiring: Building the Pipeline to a Healthy Community
This toolkit offers a guide for how to leverage hiring practices to advance inclusive, local job creation and career development for communities experiencing the greatest health and wealth disparities.



Inclusive, Local Sourcing: Purchasing for People and Place
This toolkit showcases examples of how hospitals and health systems are supporting diverse and locally owned vendors and helping to incubate new community enterprises to fill supply chain gaps and drive local economic growth in their communities.



Place-Based Investing: Creating Sustainable Returns and Strong Communities
This toolkit outlines place-based investing strategies that allow health systems to earn a financial return on their investments while producing a positive social, economic, or environmental impact within their geographical service areas.



BOS Collaborative Investing in Housing AND Commercial Wealth building In Transit Oriented Housing Developments



A New Grocery Store
in Nubian Square:
NUBIAN MARKET
A Halal Supermarket



We are aligning our Community Health Initiatives with Health Equity Accelerator priorities around Housing, Energy and Economic Mobility



BOS Collaborative

Leading a new **community-driven place-based** approach to open pathways to **employment and affordable housing** and create **new investing strategies** to support wealth creation.



Housing Initiative

Our housing initiatives rooted in **policy change, community partnerships, and housing investing**, to create stable, affordable housing, resulting in more consistent health and stable well-being



THRIVE

Our THRIVE program is a wide-spread **SDoH screener** that identifies social needs of our patients – one of the most common areas patients want help is in employment and education opportunities.

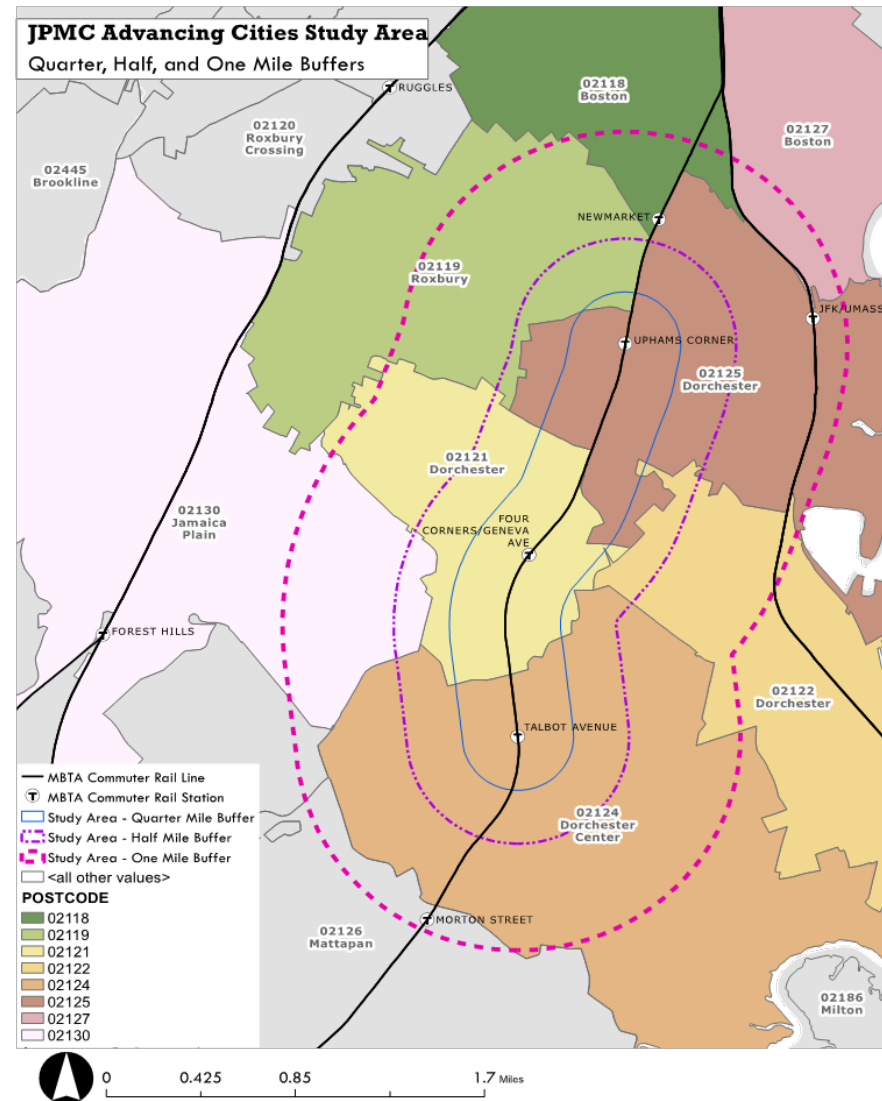
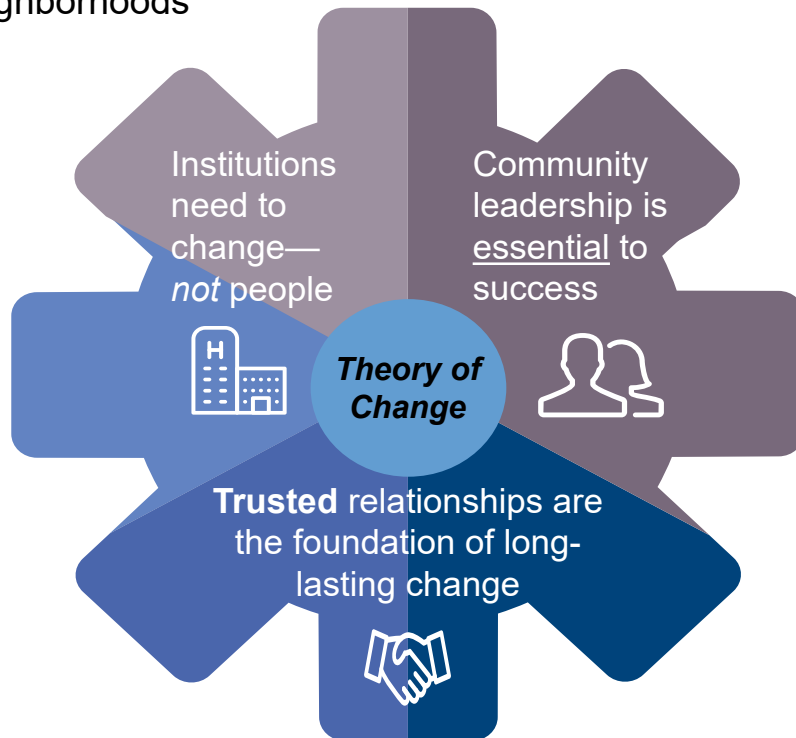


Financial Health

Health is Wealth! Expanding **financial coaching** allows BMC to address wealth building to our patients and other community members

BOS Collaborative is leading a *Systems Change* approach in a *Place-Based* way that will inform geography of Community Health Initiative

Beginning in the Bowdoin-Geneva, Codman Square, Upham's Corner, and Nubian Square neighborhoods of Boston and expanding to other adjacent neighborhoods, The BOS Collaborative is working to **address systemic problems that drive differences in economic opportunity** within segregated neighborhoods, while leveraging vibrant social connections within those neighborhoods





BIANCA BOWMAN & DR. PATRICIA FABIAN

C-HEAT PROJECT

GreenRoots and C-Heat in Chelsea & East Boston: Mitigating urban heat in low income immigrant communities

Bianca Bowman, Climate Justice Organizer, GreenRoots

Patricia Fabian, ScD, Associate Professor of Environmental Health, Boston University School of Public Health



Neighboring Environmental Justice, immigrant communities

Chelsea, MA

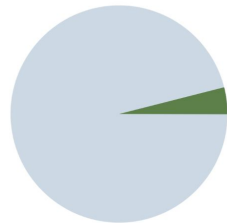
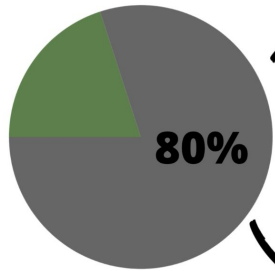
- Smallest city in MA (2 sq mi)
- 50,000+ residents
- 73% ethnic minorities
- 24% below poverty line

East Boston, MA

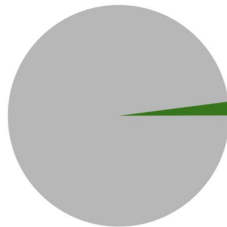
- 5 sq miles, with 3 miles used by the airport
- 55,000+ residents
- 53% Latino
- 17% below poverty line



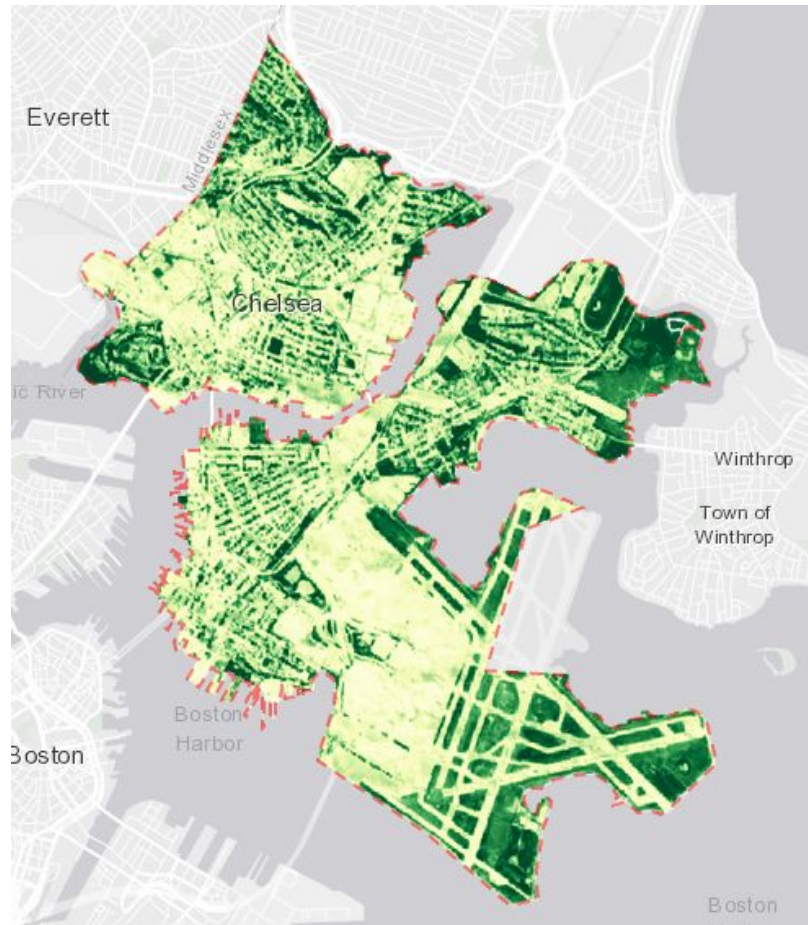
80% impervious surfaces



4% public green space

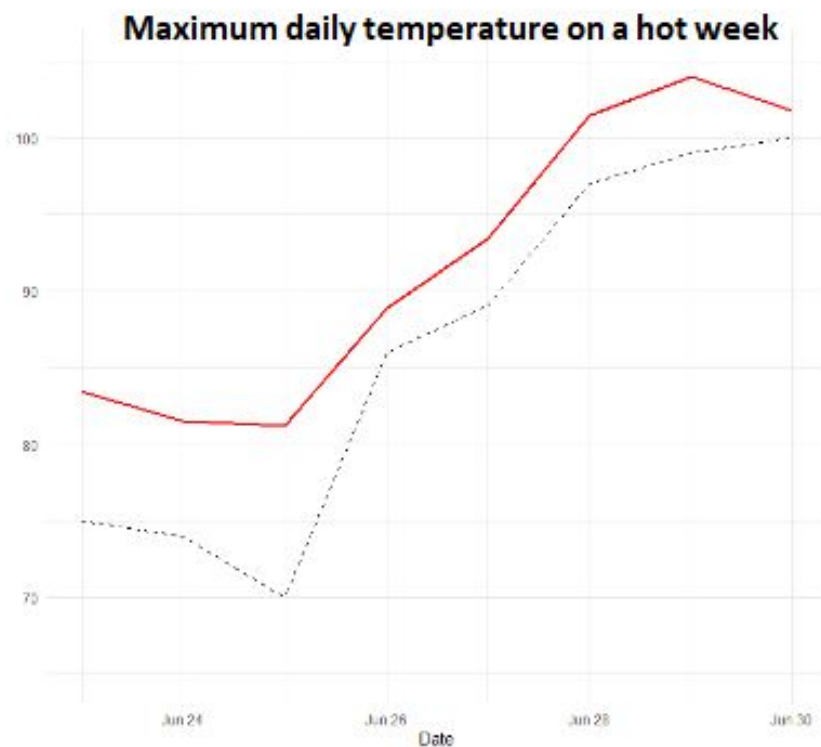


2% tree canopy



Ambient Sensors vs. National Weather Station

Chelsea & East Boston
Daily averages on a hot week
6/22/21-7/1/21



— Ambient temperature for 20 sensors installed in Chelsea and East Boston

- - - - Ambient temperature at the National Weather Station at Logan Airport

- The overall maximum daily ambient temperature was **5.7°F hotter** in Chelsea/East Boston than at the National Weather Station at Logan Airport.

GreenRoots

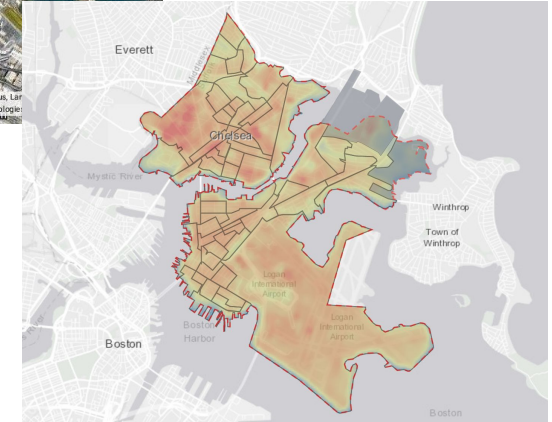
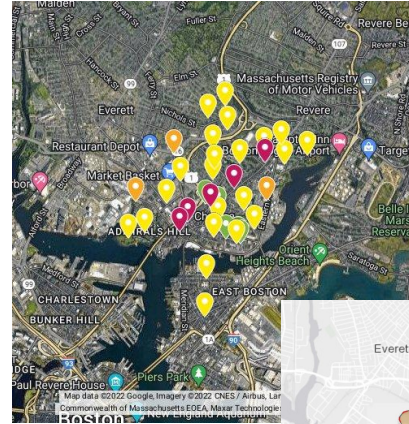


ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



GreenRoots works to achieve environmental justice and greater quality of life through collective action, unity, education and youth leadership across neighborhoods and communities.

C-Heat Project



The Chelsea East Boston Heat Study (C-HEAT) is a partnership between Environmental Health researchers Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH) and GreenRoots, Inc.



“Cool Block” Project

❖ C-Heat

Temperature sensor placement 2022

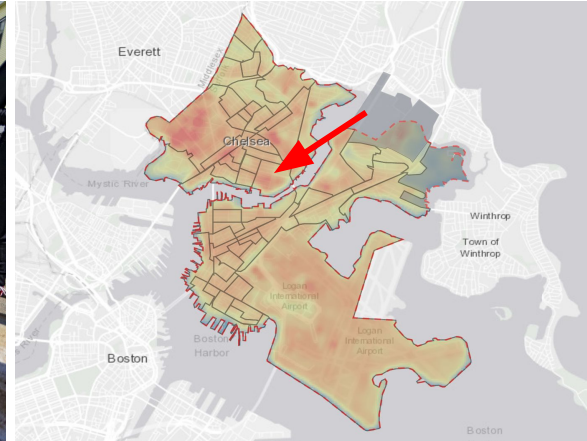


❖ “Cool block”

➤ Collaboration between C-Heat, GreenRoots, City of Chelsea



Cool block collaboration



Intergenerational community-led design processes for new green spaces and cooling-focused parks



DESIGN YOUR SPACE
DISEÑA TU ESPACIO

PICK OR WRITE YOUR IDEAS BELOW
ESCOGE Y ESCRIBE TUS IDEAS A CONTINUACIÓN

WANT IT LO QUE QUIERO

Need for dog friendly park with green space

Maybe a playground programming could really help in summer

Shade / Sombra

Play / Juegos

Seating / Asientos

Big Swimming Pool!

Parking Spaces

Somethings dog related x3

orchard

trails!

Splash pads!

community garden for fruit & herbs

seating + shade

+1 gathering space with play

sprinkler

water fountain

water table

picnic

benches

ART

CHELSEA NEIGHBORHOOD VISIONING
VISION DEL BARRIO DE CHELSEA

C-Heat Photovoice Project

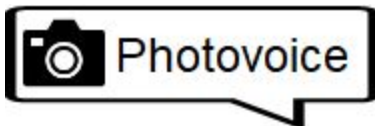




Broadway St. near Carry Ave. on Saturday around 1:30pm. Absolutely no protection from the sun. The person waiting at the bus stop and the person in the wheelchair (and who's pushing the wheelchair) are sweltering in the sun. It definitely sheds light on the need for protection in the City.

Broadway St. Near Carry Ave. el sábado alrededor de las 1:30pm. Absolutamente ninguna protección del sol. La persona que espera en la parada del autobús y la persona en la silla de ruedas (y que empuja la silla de ruedas) están sofocando al sol. Definitivamente arroja luz sobre la necesidad de protección en la Ciudad.





This picture is at Quigley park on Essex St. at 7:30am 8/23. You can see the green fire hydrant that throws out water when it is extremely hot, and there is the new water tower in the background as well! This is useful for kids and adults. The kids are usually seen playing with the hydrant but since it is cloudy and cold there wasn't anyone. The water tower is accessible to anyone. This picture to shows the community that there is accessible water to cool off with and drink.

Esta foto está en el parque Quigley en Essex St. a las 7:30 am 8/23. Puede ver la boca de incendios verde que arroja agua cuando hace mucho calor, ¡y también está la nueva torre de agua en el fondo! Esto es útil para niños y adultos. Normalmente se puede ver a los niños jugando con la boca de riego, pero como está nublado y hace frío no había nadie. La torre de agua es accesible para cualquier persona. Esta imagen muestra a la comunidad que hay agua accesible para refrescarse y beber.



Data Dashboard

census tract ([buildings](#), [roads](#), [parking lots](#), [brick](#), [asphalt](#), [concrete](#)).

- **Elderly** - % population aged 65 and older (ACS 2014-2018)

- **Children Under Aged 5** - number of children under the age of 5 (ACS 2014-2018)

- **Outdoor Workers** - % population working outside ([MAPC 2019](#))

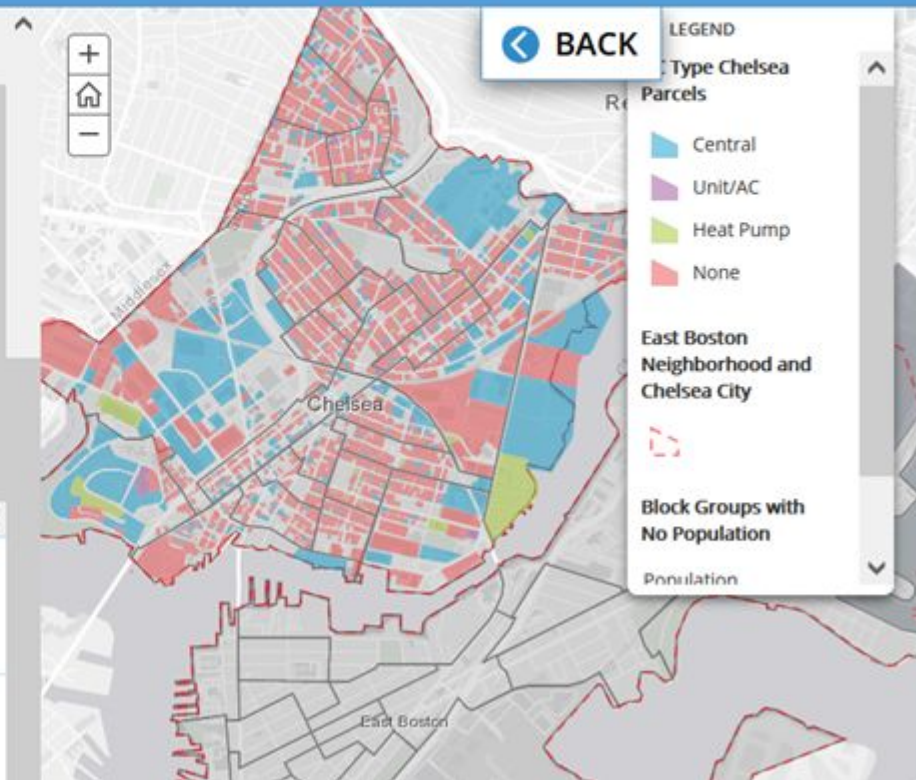
- **AC Types in East Boston** - air conditioning status for residential housing in East Boston, including no air conditioning, central air conditioning, and ductless air conditioning (City of Boston Assessing Department)

- **Window Unit AC in Chelsea** - buildings with AC window units, as recorded in Summer 2018 ([Petropoulos et al. 2020](#))

- **AC Types in Chelsea** - parcel data on AC type for Chelsea, including central air, heat pumps, window units, or no AC ([Real Property Data from the City of Chelsea for 2020](#))

Social Vulnerabilities

Environment



Current work

- Quantify the impact of cooling strategies (e.g., white roofs, trees, cool pavements) on local temperatures and neighborhood heat islands
- Investigate barriers to participation in decarbonization & weatherization programs
- Compile state and federal policies to adapt to extreme heat
- Characterize occupational heat exposures

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Las flores de mi jardín me hacen pensar en mis hijas. Nacen, crecen, son cuidadas con cariño. Pienso mucho en ellas con respecto al cambio climático. A menudo se oye el comentario: "Qué planeta le dejamos a nuestros niños?" Pero yo me pregunto: "Qué niños le dejamos al planeta?". Es importante educar a las siguientes generaciones. Todos tenemos la responsabilidad de frenar el cambio climático, e incluso pequeños cambios pueden hacer grandes diferencias!"

The flowers in my garden make me think of my daughters. They are born, they grow up, they are cared for with affection. I think about them a lot in regards to climate change. You often hear the comment: "What planet do we leave to our children? But I ask myself: What children do we leave to the planet? It is important to educate the next generations. We all have a responsibility to slow down climate change, and even small changes can make big differences!



A city skyline featuring a prominent blue glass skyscraper in the center. To its left is a building with a distinctive spire. The foreground is dominated by a lush green park with many trees, some showing early autumn colors. A paved path winds through the park, and a small white gazebo is visible in the lower right. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

Q&A

DAVID SITTFELD

An aerial photograph of a city, likely New York City, showing a dense urban landscape with a mix of brick residential buildings and modern skyscrapers. A large body of water is visible on the left side. Two semi-transparent banners are overlaid on the image: a large orange one at the top and a smaller yellow one in the center. The text on the banners is white and bold.

CLOSING REMARKS

ISABELLA GAMBILL

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Boston, showing a river (the Charles River) winding through the urban landscape. The city lights are illuminated, and there are prominent light trails from traffic on a multi-lane highway in the center. A large yellow banner is overlaid on the top left, and a logo with the letters 'A' and 'BETTER CITY' is on the right.

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