

#### Climate Change Adaptation in Philadelphia April 17th, 2013 Alex Dews - Policy and Program Manager, Mayor's Office of Sustainability Scott Schwarz - General Counsel, Philadelphia Water Department

# Integrated Sustainability Planning



# Climate Volatility and Change

Since 2010, Philadelphia has experienced:

The snowiest winter ever The two warmest summers ever The most days over 90 degrees ever The warmest July ever The wettest month ever The wettest year ever Two hurricanes And a direcho.



### MEASUREMENT AND INFORMATION SHARING



#### Fig. 07: Cities that incorporate reduction targets into master planning, by region

<b>69</b> %	100%	<b>89</b> %	80%	80%	80% Southeast Asia	25%	South and
Total	Africa	Europe	East Asia	America	and Oceania	America	West Asia
29 out of 42	3 out of 3	8 out of 9	4 out of 5	8 out of 10	4 out of 5	2 out of 8	0 out of 2



## **Climate Adaptation Planning Process**

#### Philadelphia's Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Initiatives

#### MITIGATION

Energy-Efficient Capital Investments

Energy Load Demand Management

Greenworks Loan Fund

GHG Working Group & Carbon Disclosure Project

Greenhouse Gas Inventories

Smart Meters

**Energy Efficiency Fund** 

EnergySense and Smart Ideas

Recycling

Integrated Utility Bill Management System EnergyWorks City Car Management Plan LED Traffic Lights LEED Legislation Greenworks Rebate Fund Weatherization Assistance Program Solar/PV Projects Green2015 Cool Roofs Ordinance Plant One Million, TreePhilly Green Streets, Alleys, Roofs, Parking Air Management Services Smog Reduction Plan Anti-idling ordinance

Reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled & Bicycle Commuting

Hybrid Diesel Buses

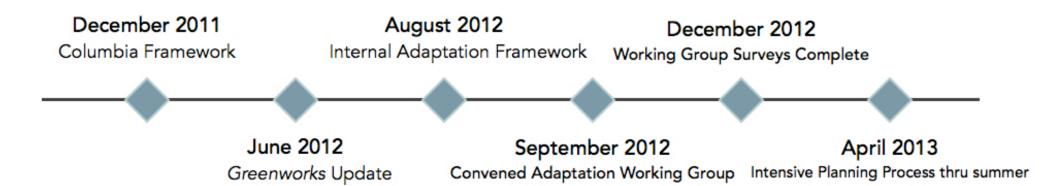
#### ADAPTATION

Green City, Clean Waters

Rain Gardens Heat Alert System Heat Emergency Cooling Locations Heat Education Campaign Water Quality Standards Emergency Plans Percy Street Porous Pavement

Stream Restoration

Get Healthy Philly Resilient Infrastructure: South Street and 40th Street Bridge



## Climate Adaptation Working Group Survey

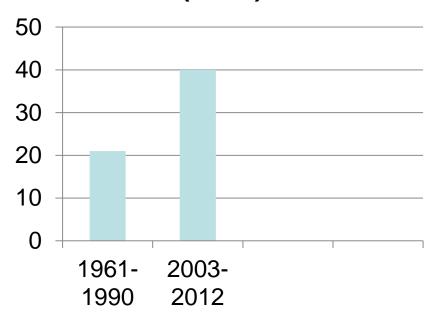
The scientific literature identifies the following most likely effects of climate change for the Philadelphia region. Please rank each of the following in terms of significant impact on your department:

	Significant	Somewhat significant	Moderate	Minimal or no impact
Sea level rise	41.7% (5)	33.3% (4)	0.0% (0)	25.0% (3)
Extreme heat events, annual/seasonal temperature increases	45.5% (5)	54.5% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)
Drought	16.7% (2)	41.7% (5)	16.7% (2)	25.0% (3)
Increase in heavy downpours, increased annual/seasonal precipitation	58.3% (7)	33.3% (4)	0.0% (0)	8.3% (1)

# **Temperature Data and Trends**

### Philadelphia

Average number of days in center city with temperatures over 90°F (30°C)



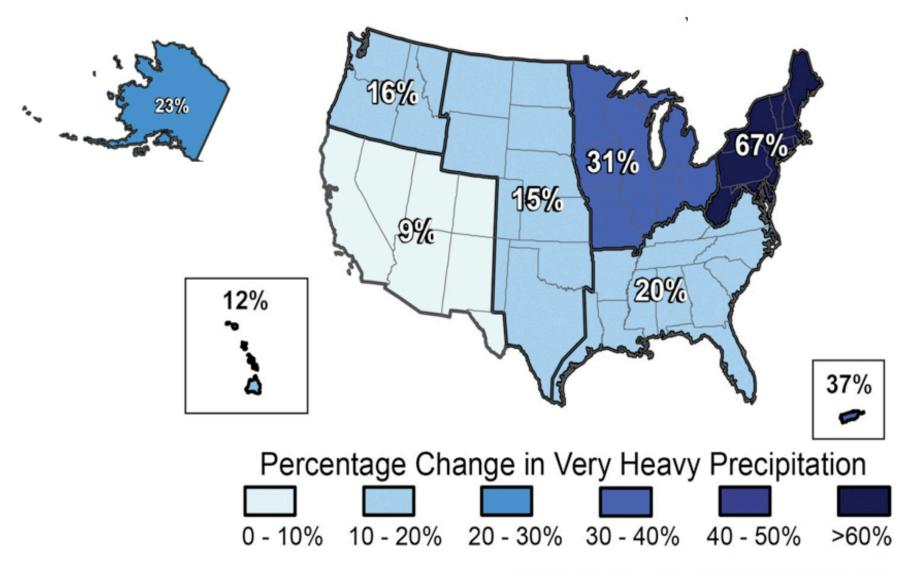
### **United States**

"Since the 1970s, unusually hot summer temperature have become more common in the United States, and heat waves have become more frequent."

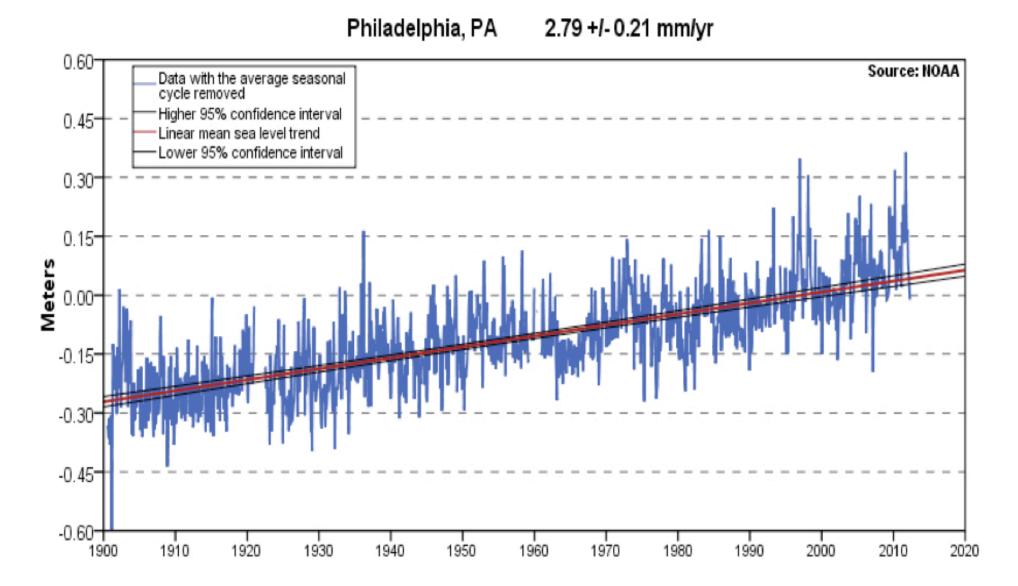
Source: EPA Report, Climate Change Indicators in the United States, 2012.

### **Observed Increases in Heavy Rainfall**

Increases in the amount of precipitation falling in heaviest 1% of daily events, 1958-2007



## Sea Level Rise Past Occurrences (NOAA)



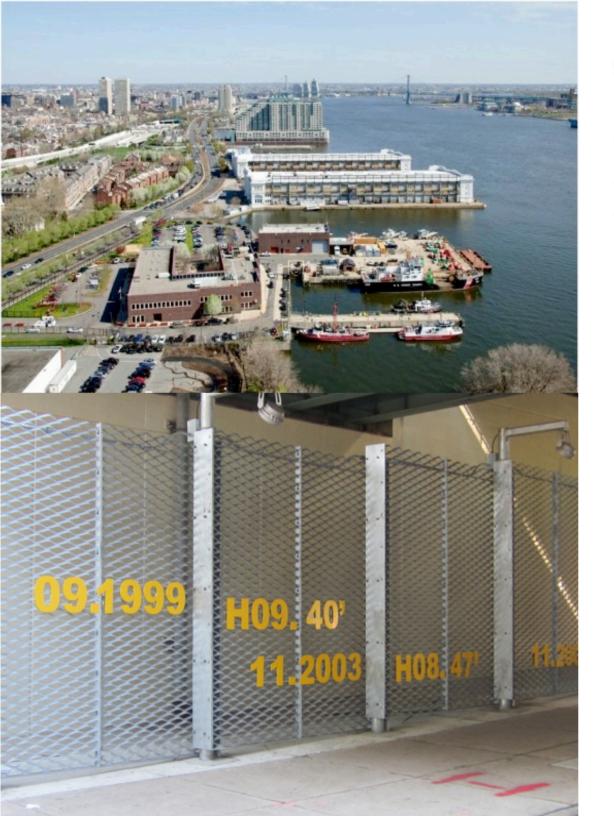
# Public - Percy Street Porous Paving



# Private - Parcel based Stormwater Billing and SMIP Program



www.phillystormwater.org



Washington Avenue Green and Race Street Connector

## Stormwater Management Development Standards



# **Energy Efficiency and Demand Response**





# Air Quality and Heat Health Alert Programs

READY KOTIFY		AQI Value	Actions to Protect Your Health From Ozone
Sign up for ReadyNotifyPA When stuatons arise in Southeastern PenneyVania that may aftert you and your family. ReadyNotifyPA lets local officials notify you guickly by E-mail, or text message to your cell	◙◙⊉↑₩₽	Good (0–50)	None
phone or other E-mail residied device. Be among the first to find out and stay informed during an emergency. For more information about what to do during an emergency and to sign up for ReadyNotityPA, visit: www.phila.gov/ready		Moderate (51–100*)	Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.
or call 3-1-1	READY PHILADELPHIA Stay Cool Guide:	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (101–150)	The following groups should <u>reduce</u> <u>prolonged</u> or <u>heavy</u> outdoor exertion: • People with lung disease, such as asthma • Children and older adults • People who are active outdoors
	How To Protect Your Health- When It's Hot	Unhealthy (151–200)	The following groups should <u>avoid</u> <u>prolonged</u> or <u>heavy</u> outdoor exertion: • People with lung disease, such as asthma • Children and older adults • People who are active outdoors Everyone else should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.
		Very Unhealthy (201–300)	The following groups should <u>avoid all</u> outdoor exertion: • People with lung disease, such as asthma • Children and older adults • People who are active outdoors Everyone else should limit outdoor exertion.

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