

Climate Change Adaptation in Philadelphia April 17th, 2013
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## Integrated Sustainability Planning



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## 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. 02: Emerging practices from C40 Cities in climate change governance


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

as regional percentage

## Climate Adaptation Planning Process

Philadelphia's Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Initiatives


December 2011
Columbia Framework

August 2012
Internal Adaptation Framework

December 2012
Working Group Surveys Complete

June 2012
Greenworks Update

September 2012
Convened Adaptation Working Group Intensive Planning Process thru summer

## Climate Adaptation Working Group Survey

2. 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 | Moderate | Minimal |
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## Temperature Data and Trends

Philadelphia
Average number of days in center city with temperatures over $90^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$
( $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ )


## 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


Percentage Change in Very Heavy Precipitation


## Sea Level Rise Past Occurrences (NOAA)

Philadelphia, PA $\quad 2.79+1.0 .21 \mathrm{~mm} / \mathrm{yr}$


## 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





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