

An Integrated Framework for Resilient Infrastructure Planning

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Agenda

- Introductions & Context
- Establishing a Framework for Resilience Infrastructure Planning
- Case Study Applications
- Q&A





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University of Minnesota Climate Adaptation Partnership

- Focused on preparing for and adapting to future climate conditions
- Sector-specific expertise
- Research-based education and technical assistance
- Partnering across sectors and scales



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Minnesota Climate Mapping and Analysis Tool (MN CliMAT)





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- Developed using 6 models from the latest generation of global climate models (CMIP6)
- Dynamical downscaled to create high-resolution data for Minnesota
- Incorporates a lake model to better capture lake effects on regional and local climate patterns



MN CliMAT provides **3 emissions scenarios**:

CO2 emissions for SSP baselines

Global mean temperature



MN CliMAT provides multiple **time scales**



Daily maximum temperatures under an intermediate emissions scenario (SSP245)



Mid-century (2040 - 2059)

Late century (2060 - 2079)

End-of-century (2080 - 2099)

MN CliMAT provides multiple **time scales**

Change in average precipitation by end-of-century (2080-2099) compared to historical simulations (1995 - 2014) under an intermediate emissions scenario (SSP245)



MN CliMAT provides **30+ variables**

Precipitation values, thresholds, intensity:

- Precipitation
- # of days with precipitation greater than:
 0.01, 1, and 2 inches
- Longest dry spell (growing season)
- Maximum 1-day to 7-day total precipitation

Snow:

- Snow cover depth
- # of days with snow cover depth greater than 1 inch & 6 inches







MN CliMAT provides **30+ variables**



Temperature Averages

- Daily Maximum
- Daily Average
- Daily Minimum

and Thresholds:

- # of days with minimum temperatures above/below __F
- # of days with maximum temperatures above/below __F
- # of days that exceed (<u>90, 95,</u> <u>100</u>) F

Humidity

Relative Humidity



The number of days above 90 degrees F under an intermediate scenario (SSP245, left) and very high emission scenario (SSP585, right) by end-of-century (2080 - 2099)

MN CliMAT provides **30+ variables**:



Soils:

- Soil temp at 4 depths
- Soil moisture at 4 depths

Lakes:

- Proportion of frozen lake surface
- Temperature at lake bottom



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In the 2023 Legislative session, a bill was passed to conduct research examining how projections of future weather trends may exacerbate climate conditions, including but not limited to drought, elevated temperatures, and flooding that:

(1) can be integrated into the design and evaluation of buildings constructed by the state of Minnesota and local units of government, in order to:

(i) reduce energy costs by deploying cost-effective energy efficiency measures, innovative construction materials and techniques, and renewable energy sources; and

(ii) prevent and minimize damage to buildings caused by extreme weather conditions, including but not limited to increased frequency of intense precipitation events and tornadoes, flooding, and elevated temperatures; and

(2) may weaken the ability of natural systems to mitigate the conditions to the point where human intervention in the form of building or redesigning the scale and operation of infrastructure is required to address those conditions in order to:

(i) maintain and increase the amount and quality of food and wood production;

(ii) reduce fire risk on forested land;

- (iii) maintain and enhance water quality; and
- (iv) maintain and enhance natural habitats.

Very High Emissions: SSP585 (End) Daily Max Temp

Projected Change in Daily Maximum Temperature

Very High Emissions (SSP 585), End of Century (2080 - 2099), Spring (Mar - May)

Projected Change in Daily Maximum Temperature Very High Emissions (SSP 585), End of Century (2080 - 2099), Winter (Dec - Feb)



Projected Change in Daily Maximum Temperature

Very High Emissions (SSP 585), End of Century (2080 - 2099), Summer (Jun - Aug)

Projected Change in Daily Maximum Temperature

SSP585 (End) Precipitation



Analyzing infrastructure as a complex social, ecological, and technological system can reveal overlooked climate actions.



- Anticipates complex and interconnected risks to infrastructure systems and the policies that guide their design and use.
- Captures the benefits, trade offs, and opportunities of decisions through integrated infrastructure planning.
- Models the capacity of policy responses to meet current infrastructure goals while ensuring resilient policy capacity to the range of potential climate futures.

Map the relationship of the infrastructure SETS, goals and risk



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Built environment infrastructure includes all built or intentionally used ecological phenomena that support the design, construction, operations, or, maintenance of built infrastructure.



Watershed Scale Analysis

We want to assess water-based climate change effects at the watershed, subwatershed (huc8), the district scale, and the building/site scale.

Utilizing the watershed boundary creates more realistic values for the aggregate effects that future weather/water will have because watersheds are contained geologically.

These watershed scale analysis will hopefully be more useful to watershed managers when identifying priorities for resilient design and policy within their own watershed.













SITE #1 University of Minnesota -Twin Cities

Hydrological Soil Group:	A 0% B 0% C 50% D 50%
Elevation:	807ft ASL
GPS Coords:	112985.22 N 125934.22 E
Nearest Waterbody:	Mississippi River
Distance to Receiving Waterbody:	0.75 mi
Watershed:	MWMO
Elev. in Watershed:	Uplands
Surrounding Land Use:	Commercial
Rural/Urban/Natural:	Urban





Homeland Security Region: 6

HUC8 Watershed: MWMO NOAA Climate Region: EC





PRECIP

FLOOD/EXCESS





SITE/CONTEXT FACTORS







Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands



1,182 - 1,272 1,770 - 2,300

ELEVATION





Lakes Cass Lake-Mississippi River O BSU - Bemidji





SITE #4 Bemidji State University

Hydrological Soil Group:	A 0% B 0% C 100% D 0%
Elevation:	807ft ASL
GPS Coords:	47.48421478 -94.87145831
Nearest Waterbody:	Lake Bemidji
Distance to Receiving Waterbody:	0.79 mi
Watershed:	Mississippi River Hdwtrs
Elev. in Watershed:	Lowlands
Surrounding Land Use:	Commercial
Rural/Urban/Natural:	Urban



BSU Bemidji - Drought + Extreme Heat Risk Watershed #Days of Longest Dry Spell 100.88% Watershed #Days with precip less than .01* 95.00% Days Above 90 Deg 109.84% Days Above 100 Deg 103.61% Urban Heat Island Effect 50.00% 100% is Equal to MN Average for a Given Variable High Low **Risk Factor**

▼ Annual

★ 2100 - High Emmissions



ELEVATION

Elevation (meters above sea level)

591 - 863 1,273 - 1,362

864 - 985 1,363 - 1,464

986 - 1,087 1,465 - 1,598

1,088 - 1,181 1,599 - 1,769

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Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands



-Rivers and Streams HUC 10 Watershed Name Cass Lake-Mississippi River

SITE #3 Mankato State University

Hydrological Soil Group:	A 0% B 100% C 0% D 0%
Elevation:	608ft ASL
GPS Coords:	44.14479828 -93.99917371
Nearest Waterbody:	Lake Bemidji
Distance to Receiving Waterbody:	2.35 mi
Watershed:	Minnesota River - Mankato
Elev. in Watershed:	Lowlands
Surrounding Land Use:	Commercial
Rural/Urban/Natural:	Urban



Homeland Security Region: 1

HUC8 Watershed: MN River Mankato NOAA Climate Region: SC



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WATERBODIES









LAND COVER/USE

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SITE #8 UMN - Duluth

Hydrological Soil Group:	A 0% B 100% C 0% D 0%
Elevation:	906ft ASL
GPS Coords:	46.82038116 -92.08526632
Nearest Waterbody:	Tisher Creek
Distance to Receiving Waterbody:	1.6 mi
Watershed:	St Louis River
Elev. in Watershed:	Uplands
Surrounding Land Use:	Developed/Open
Rural/Urban/Natural:	Urban



Homeland Security Region: 2 HUC8 Watershed: ST. LOUIS RIV NOAA Climate Region: NE







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HUC 10 Watershed Name

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Figure 5.1: Modeled annual space conditioning loads by energy source for single family attached and single family detached homes in the Metro Area.



Figure 5.2: Modeled monthly space conditioning loads by energy source for single family attached and single family detached homes in the Metro Area under historic conditions.



Figure 5.3: Modeled monthly space conditioning loads by energy source for single family attached and single family detached homes in the Metro Area under climate scenario SSP 245.



Figure 5.4: Modeled monthly space conditioning loads by energy source for single family attached and single family detached homes in the Metro Area under climate scenario SSP 585.



Figure 5.5: Modeled annual energy demand for single family attached and single family detached homes in the Metro Area for baseline and improved performance, in historic and future climate scenarios.



Average Annual Hours in Heat Index Categories -Naturally Ventilated Single Family Detached



Map the relationship of the infrastructure SETS, goals and risk



A Whole Community Approach

- Not just the physical structure but the social systems, capacity and cohesion it is necessary to create
- Resilience hubs /
 resilience communities

Mitigation benefits



Adaptation co-benefits






Shelter in Place





Figure 23: Multi-Family Residential Energy Use By Type, Standard and Shelter in Place Modes

Shelter in Place



Figure 24: Multi-Family Residential PV Production and Energy Use











Figure 33: Library PV Production and Energy Use



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Average Number of Residents within 1/2 mile radius of library Saint Paul - 4,567 people Minneapolis - 6,013 people

The library prototype can support roughly 550 people in emergency disaster hub mode, approximately 10% of the population living within 1/2 mile in an average urban neighborhood.

Statistically, the supported population will include approximately: 64 people with a disability 125 people living within 150% of the poverty line 42 children under the age of 5 52 people over the age of 65

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Planning for Resilience



East Coast Case Study

Cell Signaling Technology Master Plan



Restoration of a granite quarry in Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts



Phased construction



Climate Resilience Design Standards Tool ResilientMass Action Team



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1 Result:	New Projec
Cell Signaling Technology PrivateOther	
Created By: ArianeLaxo Towns: Manchester	Project #239 Assets:

Cell Signaling Technology Project Number: 23914 (Link) Project Status: Not Scored

Tool Reporting Workflow



Overall Project Scores Output

The Ecosystem Service Benefits Score and Preliminary Climate Hazard Exposure Ratings presented below are assigned to the overall project, while the Preliminary Climate Risk Ratings and Climate Resilience Design Standards are asset-specific. The Scores and Standards are based on the questions previously answered and the location of the overall project. This information can be used to think critically about site suitability, regional resilience efforts, and adaptive site design for long-term climate resilience.

Environmental Justice

In Massachusetts, an Environmental Justice (EJ) neighborhood (census block group) is defined as meeting one or more criteria linked to the size of a census block group's minority populations, median household income, and language isolation. EJ neighborhoods typically include climate vulnerable populations, who



Does this project fall within mapped **Environmental Justice neighborhoods?**

Preliminary Climate Hazard Exposure Score

The purpose of the Exposure Score output is to provide a preliminary assessment of whether the overall project site and subsequent assets are exposed to impacts of natural hazard events and/or future impacts of climate change. For each climate parameter, the Tool will calculate one of the following exposure ratings: Not Exposed, Low Exposure, Moderate Exposure, or High Exposure. Click on the question mark to identify why your project location is

Ecosystem Benefits

The purpose of this output is to provide an overall indication of the Ecosystem Service Benefits (ESB) provided by a project, through protection of natural resources and implementation of nature-based solutions. Natural systems and ecosystem services provide great economic value and social benefit, often untapped in non-resilient



Ecosystem Benefits Scores

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Percentile: 90th Percentile Projected Annual/Summer/Winter Average Temperatures Projected Heat Index Projected Days Per Year With Max Temp > 95°F, >90°F, <32°F Projected Number of Heat Waves Per Year & Average Heat Wave Duration Projected Cooling Degree Days & Heating Degree Days (base = 65°F)		Target Planning Horizon: 2070Image: 2070	
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Critical Decision Points for Extreme Heat





Phase 1 Geothermal Area Planned Future Geothermal Expansion Area



Co-benefits of sustainability & resilience



Rainwater/greywater collection for site irrigation

Battery storage

Building load reduction and electrification strategies



West Coast Case Study

San Francisco Bay Area



Approaching Resilience

Awareness: Engage stakeholders and establish ongoing assessments to raise understanding of climate and other hazards, laying the groundwork for informed decision-making.

Coping: Provide immediate resources and strategies to individuals and organizations to manage current exposures and sensitivities to climate risks.

Impact Mitigation: Reduce near- and mid-term impacts of escalating hazards by intercepting risks through targeted interventions based on present vulnerabilities.

Adaptation: Adjust built environments and infrastructure, behaviors, policies, and financial systems to prepare for and respond to evolving climate threats through long-term adaptation pathways



Source: Climate Adaptation Partners

Building Awareness



Improving Coping Capacities



Mitigating Risks



Adapting to Risks



Risk Assessment Guiding Principles



Bay Area Climate Hazards

Climate Trends

Rising Temperature



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Sea Level Rise



Changes in Precipitation

Climate Hazards



All Hazards Approach

Compounding Hazards: A second hazard that can interact with the first, causing multiplicatively destructive consequences.





Cascading Hazards: A

progression over time and

of events.

Graphics by: UNDRR

Time Scale



Critical Decision Points



TIME (WORSENING CLIMATE HAZARDS)

Risk Tolerance Examples

	- Extreme Heat	Flooding	Drought	Wildfire	Energy Insecurity
People	No net increase in heat health events by managing exposure and readiness for coping with system failure.	No net increase in flood-related health events	No net increase in water demand beyond FDOB targets	No net increase in smoke-related, or fire-related injury. No net loss of working hours during wildfire season.	No negative health impacts; No interruption to work
Buildings	N U No net increase in heat health events by managing exposure and readiness for coping with	No net occupancy loss of residential or workplace buildings. Sustained access/emergency eq. s.	Sustained access to potable water and flushing toilets during shelter in place events; no subsidence-drive losses; Maintenance of indoor air during high dust events	d, or Idings.	No net loss in residential building functionality; Accessibility to cooling centers; Targeted drawdr vn on office functions to redirect response toward residential buildings
Open Space	system failure. m channeling	N sp D No net occupancy loss of residential or workplace buildings. Sustained access/emergency egress.	Sustained access to potable water and flushing toilets during shelter in place events; no subsidence-driven losses; Maintenance of indoor air quality during high dust	No net increase in smoke- related injury. No net loss of working hours during wildfire season. are not safely occupiable due to smoke. Districts must manage ecosystems for wildfire readiness and recovery.	No net loss in residential building functionality; Accessibility to cooling centers; Targeted drawdown on office functions to redirect
District Infrastructure	System readiness, in concert with passive strategies, for increased demand load	Demonstrable graduated flood response in alignment with flooding thresholds	nd	Districts must have demonstrable capacity to manage smoke impacts on district infrastructure.	resources toward residential buildings
Regional/ Municipal Systems ay 9, 2025	Preparation for city/municipal failures	Preparation for municipal failure and need to self-manage district resources for passive habitability and ongoing operations	Recognizing growing public water shortages, consider extent to which Google Districts can be independent of municipal water systems	Districts must have backup resources for those services provided by the municipalities (water, power) that may be purposefully taken offline as part of preemptive measures or may lose capacity during redirection efforts for wildfire responses. Building Inno	Districts must have ability to operate district infrastructure without reliance on municipal services for a designated period of time vation Conference 2024

Risk Profile



Magnitude of Potential Loss

Adaptation Pathways

State of California / County / Municipal Code Requirements

Do Even Less

Meet Existing Code Requirements Current Building Standards Pathway

Do Less

Keep to current standards only, no additional notification/ awareness or coping programs District Sustainability Pathway

Implement Sustainability

Rely on sustainability strategies identified for the district, existing notification programs & better existing development risk awareness New Development Adaptation Pathway

Partial Portfolio Adaptation

<u>Improve new</u> <u>developments</u> to respond to climate hazards and increase engagement to build awareness and coping for risks Full Portfolio Adaptation Pathway

Full Portfolio Adaptation

Improve new developments <u>and</u> <u>existing portfolio</u> to respond to climate hazards and increase engagement to build awareness and coping for risks

Buildings

Additional Resilience Strategies



- 1. Relocate critical equipment
- 2. Keep equipment cool / reduce congestion

• <u>Connect</u>

- 3. Visualize building data for occupants
- 4. Remote building management
- 5. Automation with manual override

<u>Accommodate</u>



6. Dormant spaces/ cool rooms7. Indoor exercise areas8. Demand shifting

<u>Defend</u>



9. System redundancy - PV/BESS10. System redundancy - islanding capability11. Increase interior thermal mass



Plant Stormwater Tolerant Species

Defend

Strategy Description:

Plant species characteristics are important in effective flood resilience strategies. Plant design should tend toward stormwater resistant species in areas at risk of flooding. These species will help reduce damage by encouraging the growth of root systems which stabilize banks and prevent erosion.

Performance Metrics:

- # stormwater tolerant plant species
- Area covered by stormwater tolerant plant species

Case Studies:

- <u>Plants for Swales (Minnesota</u> <u>Stormwater Manual)</u>
- Georgia Stormwater Management Manual

Hazards Addressed:





Image Source: http://www.3riverswetweather.org/

Dormant Buildings

Accommodate | Relocate

Hazards Addressed:





During hazard events buildings can be assigned to shut off or become dormant. This will allow for energy savings when there is an energy insecurity event. Buildings can be partially or fully dormant, and some active buildings may be assigned an altered program to accommodate for occupant needs. The system energy saved from the dormant buildings will allow for the preservation of cool buildings and program function during hazard events.

Altered Program Partially Dormant **Dormant Buildings**

Performance Metrics:

Case Studies:

- # of dormant or partially dormant buildings
- # of buildings with altered program
- Building America Solutions Center Design for Extreme Heat Guide





