



*Climate change adaptation by city  
and state health departments*

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# The public health impacts of climate change

- Extreme heat events
- Climate-sensitive diseases (e.g. West Nile Virus)
- Air Quality

## Action taken under PlaNYC

- *Climate Risk Information*
  - New York City Panel on Climate Change, 2009
- PlaNYC Climate Change Initiative #2:  
*Work with vulnerable neighborhoods to develop site-specific protection strategies*

## Examples of programs in other cities

- Seattle, WA:  
Vulnerable Populations Action Team (VPAT)
- Chicago, IL:  
Extreme Weather Operations Plan

## Moving forward...

- Sabrina McCormick on NYC programs:  
“... fragmented and reactionary”
- Maintain communication channels with at-risk, hard-to-reach populations.
- Have a coordinated plan of action!