

ADDRESSING HEAT IN DELAWARE

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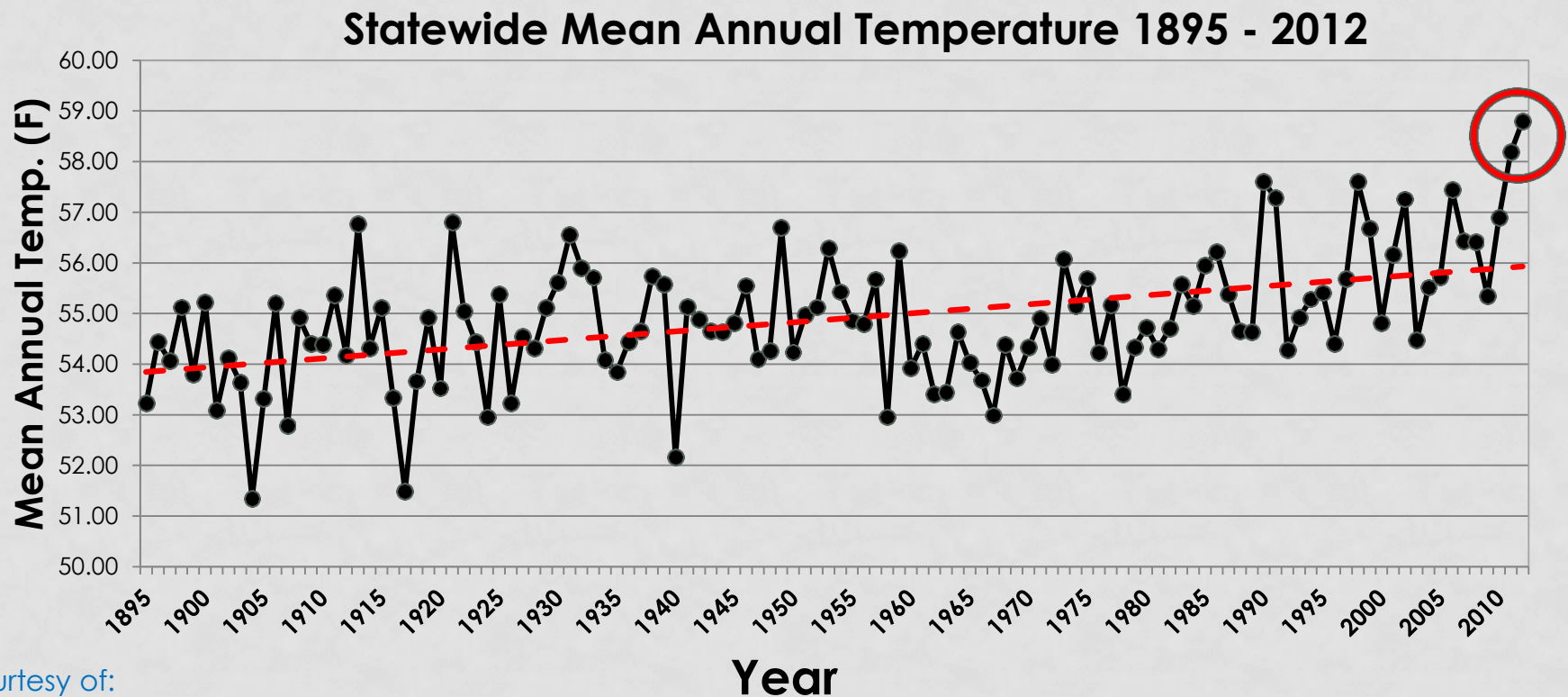
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ADDRESSING HEAT

- **Issue:** Historic and Future Temperature Trends in Delaware
 - Courtesy of UD's Dept of Geography and Office of the State Climatologist
 - Courtesy of Dr. Katherine Hayhoe
- **Short-term Adaptation Solution:**
 - Statewide Heat Health Warning System
- **Long-term Mitigation and Adaptation Solutions:**
 - Measures to Cool Communities

HEAT IN DELAWARE: ANNUAL TEMPERATURE PATTERNS FROM 1895 - 2012

An upward trend in mean annual temperature since 1895.... $+0.2^{\circ}\text{F} / \text{decade}$

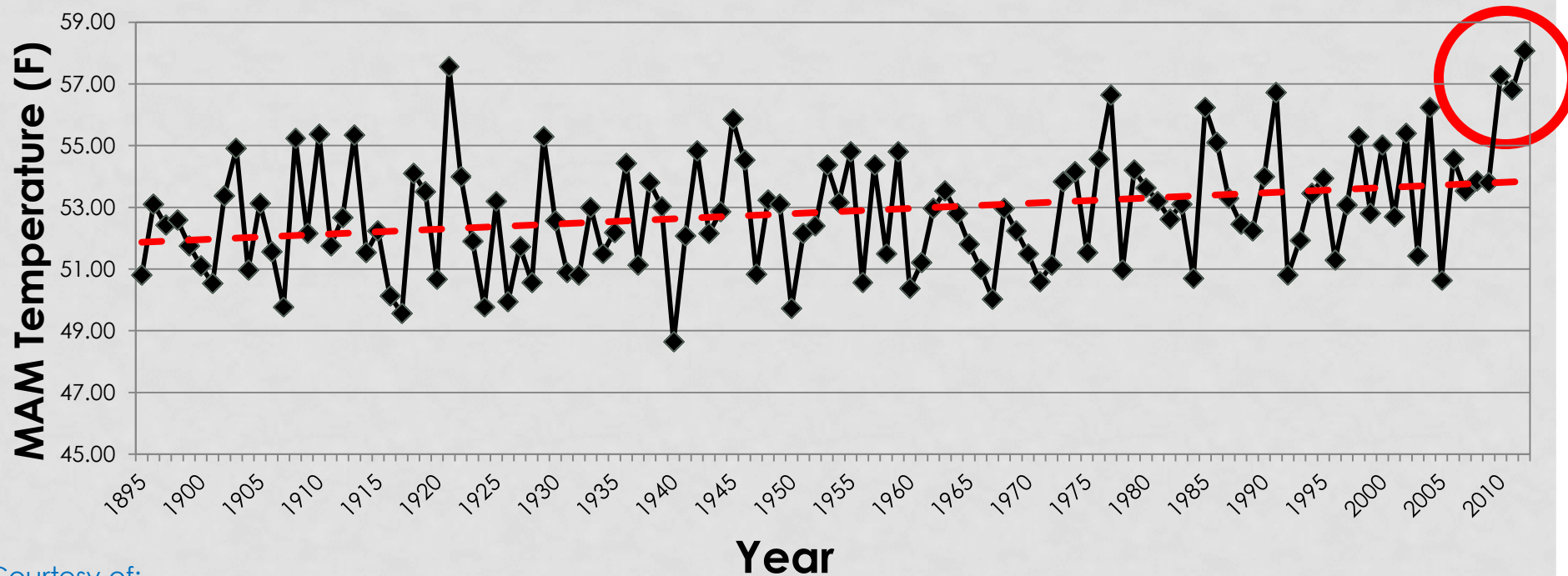




DELAWARE'S HISTORIC SPRING TEMPERATURE PATTERNS: 1895-2012

An upward trend in spring temperature since 1895.... $+0.2^{\circ}\text{F}$ / decade

Regional Spring (MAM) Temperature 1895 - 2012

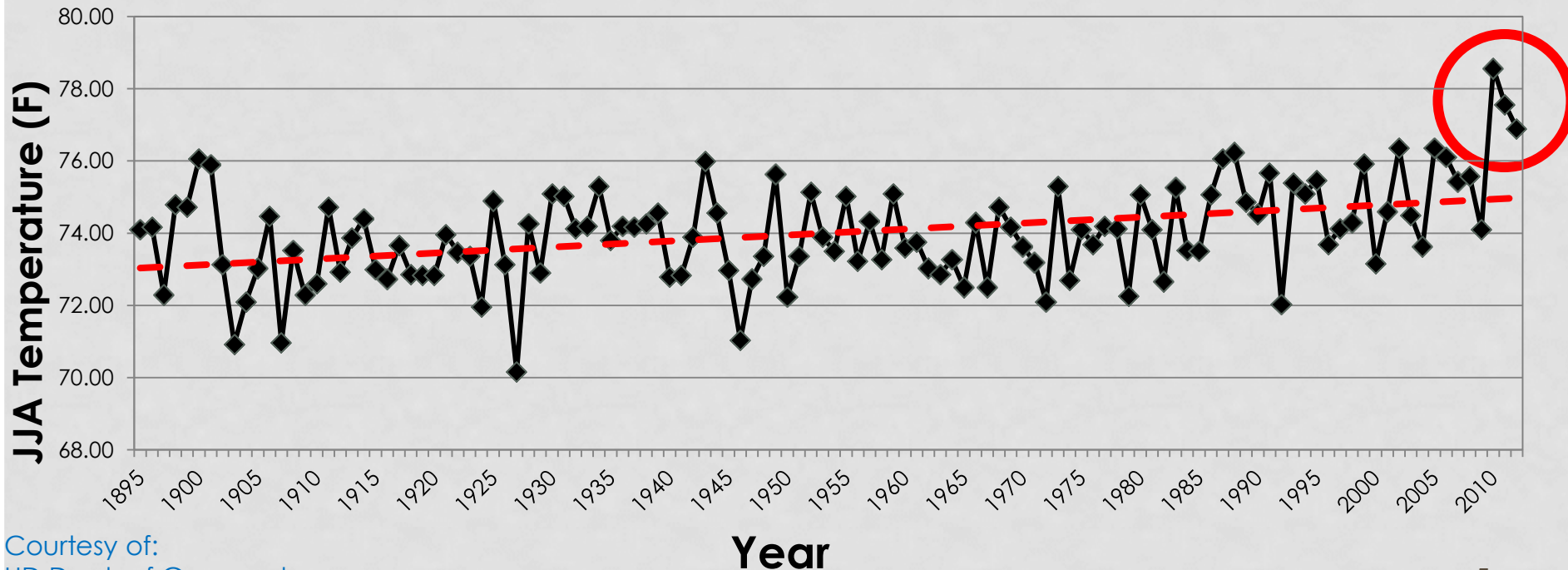


DELAWARE'S HISTORIC SUMMER TEMPERATURE PATTERNS: 1895-2012

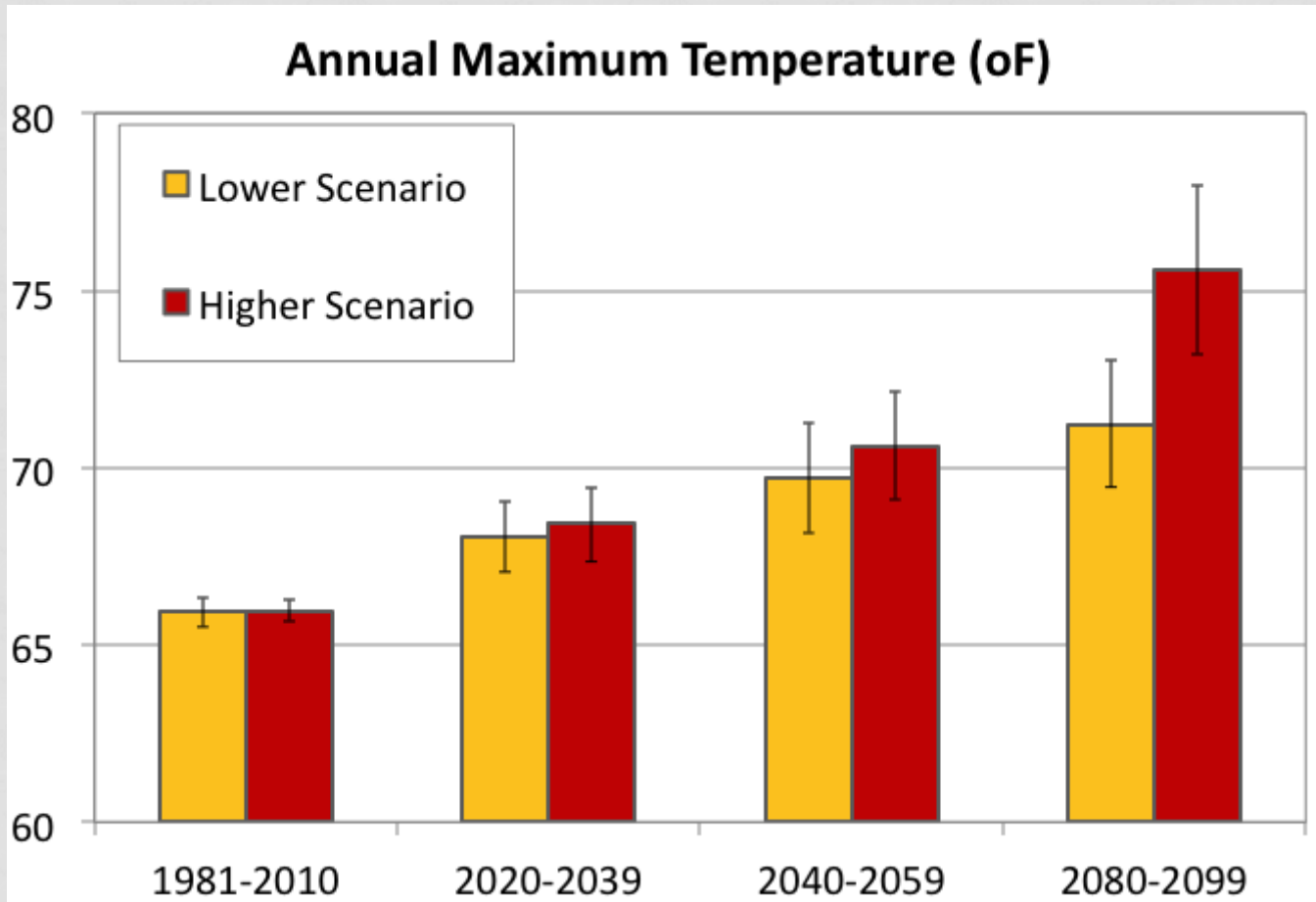


An upward trend in summer temperature since 1895.... $+0.2^{\circ}\text{F} / \text{decade}$

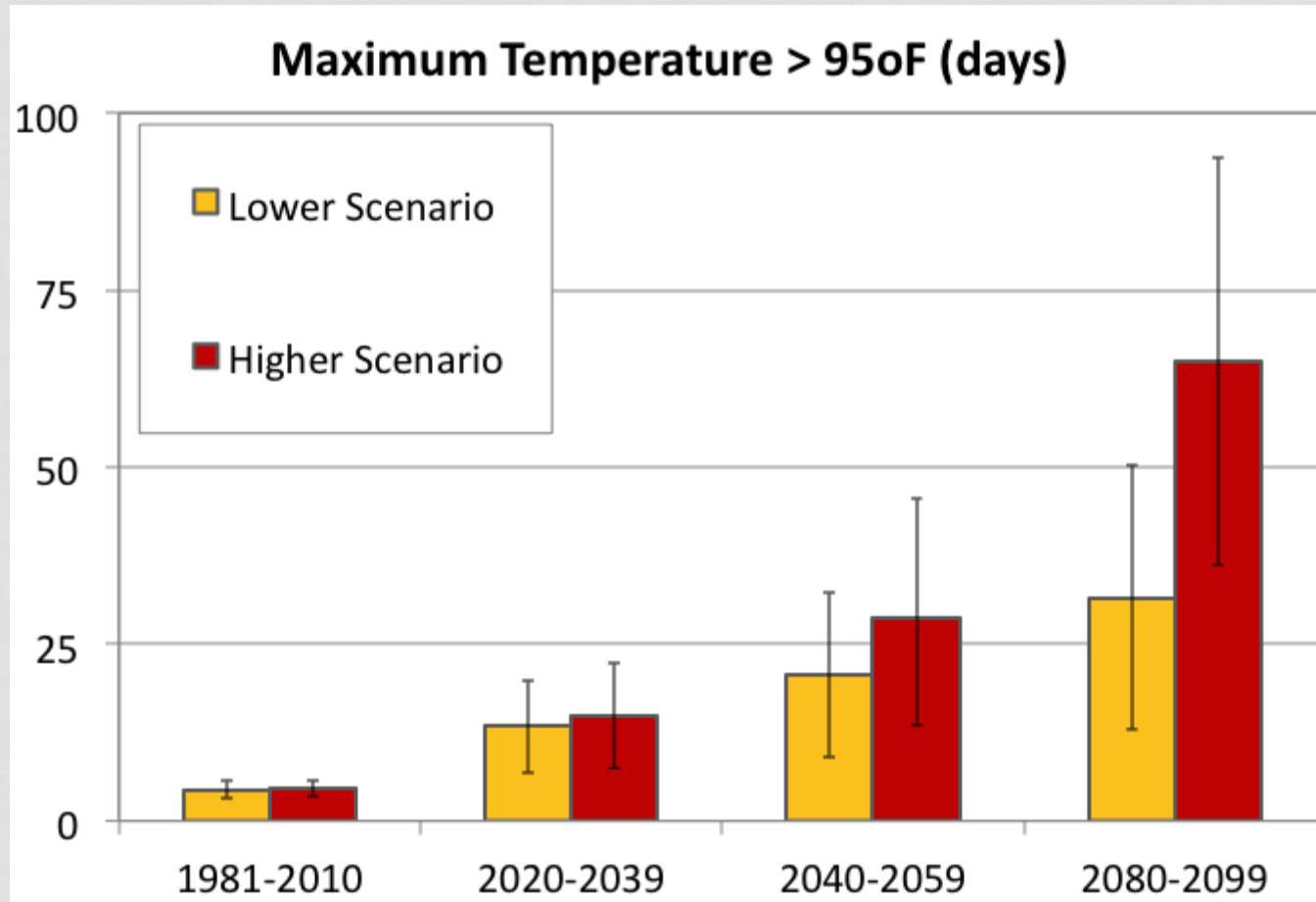
Regional Summer (JJA) Temperature 1895 - 2012



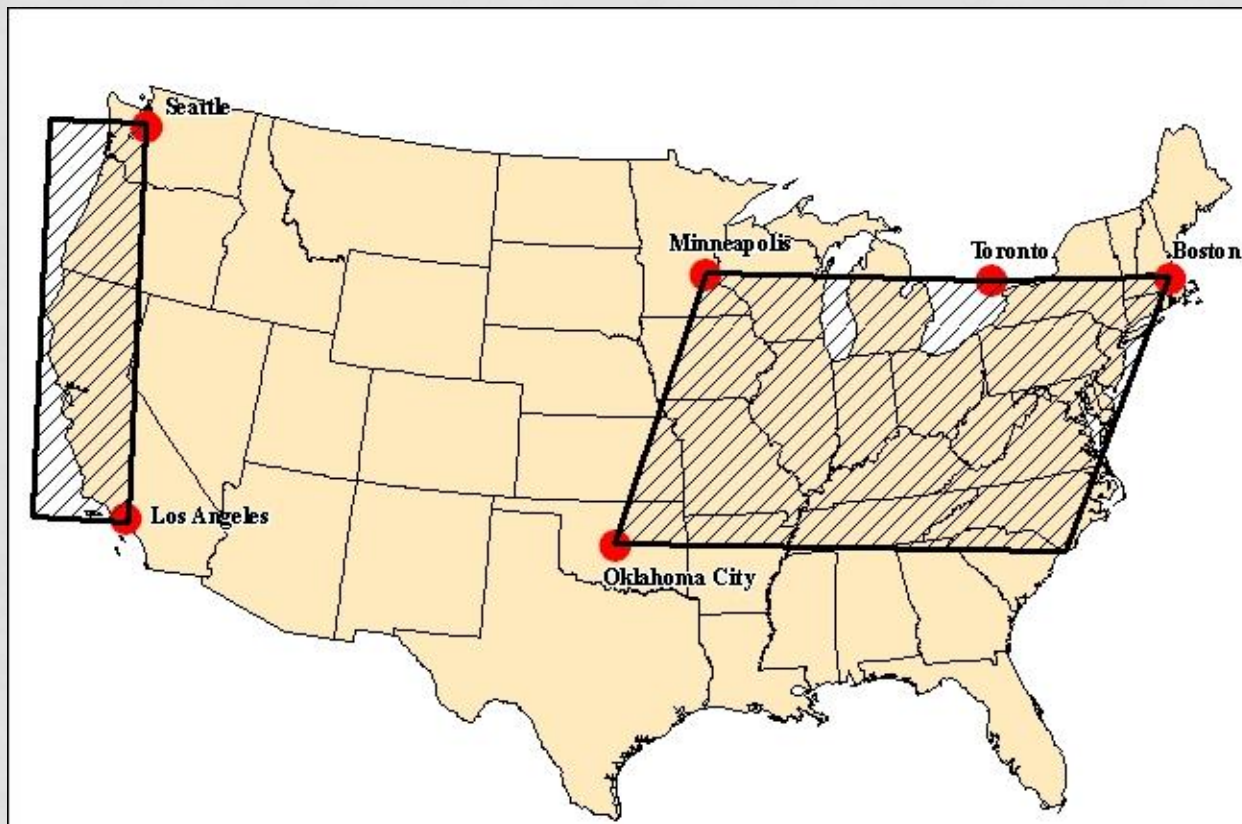
FUTURE PROJECTIONS: ANNUAL MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE THROUGH 2099



FUTURE PROJECTIONS: MAXIMUM DAYS OVER 95 DEGREES F THROUGH 2099



AREAS IN THE U.S MOST VULNERABLE TO HEAT-RELATED MORTALITY



The key: highly variable day-to-day summer weather.

HEAT HEALTH WARNING SYSTEMS

- A custom-made forecasting system based on actual weather-health relationships, as determined by daily variations in human mortality

Synoptic Heat-Watch Warning Network Phoenix | Yuma (PSR)

System levels:

- EXCESSIVE HEAT WARNING**
Dangerous heat stress conditions, which historically have led to excess mortality, are forecast to occur within the next 24 hours.
- HEAT ADVISORY**
Heat stress conditions, which might be associated with excess mortality, are forecast to occur within the next 24 hours.
- HEAT WATCH**
Potentially life-threatening heat stress conditions are forecast to occur in the next 24 to 48 hours.
- HEAT OUTLOOK**
Potentially life-threatening heat stress conditions are forecast to occur in the next 48 to 120 hours.
- NO ADVISORY**
Weather conditions are not forecast to be oppressive.

The synoptic-based heat-health watch warning network is based on evaluating the negative health impact of oppressive air masses, as expressed by excess mortality, in each locality. Forecast data, as defined by PFMs, are compared to historical meteorological conditions that have led to such mortality increases, and advisories, watches, and warnings are called accordingly.

These systems utilize the Spatial Synoptic Classification, about which more can be learned [here](#). Where oppressive conditions are forecast to occur, the consecutive day run of such conditions will appear in parentheses following the SSC type.

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PHX forecast issued 07/01/2008 14:50:08

Time	09Z	15Z	21Z	03Z
July 1 WARNING Maximum temperature near record levels Temperature / Dew Point	91 / 51	93 / 51	110 / 49	105 / 48
July 2 WATCH Maximum temperature near record levels Temperature / Dew Point	93 / 46	93 / 51	109 / 48	105 / 45
July 3 OUTLOOK Maximum temperature near record levels Temperature / Dew Point	92 / 46	92 / 48	110 / 45	111 / 43
July 4 OUTLOOK Maximum temperature near record levels Temperature / Dew Point	98 / 43	88 / 45	103 / 46	111 / 44
July 5 OUTLOOK Maximum temperature near record levels Temperature / Dew Point	98 / 47	89 / 51	103 / 49	110 / 47

POSITIVE OUTCOMES RESULTING FROM SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

- Lives have been saved ^A
- Effectiveness can be checked
 - forecasting effectiveness (false positives or negatives)
 - accuracy in estimating health impacts of offensive weather ^B
 - noting if we are saving lives
- Increased NWS/Stakeholder cooperation
 - More sophisticated intervention activities developed

^A Ebi, KL, 2004. Heat watch warning systems save lives. *Bull. Am. Met. Soc.* 85:1067-74

^B Michelozzi, P. 2004. Impact of heat waves on mortality - Rome. *J. of Am. Med. Assn.* 291:2537-38

NEXT PHASE: DEVELOPING INTERVENTION ACTIVITIES

- Coordinate public broadcasts by the media; coordination between the Weather Service and Health Departments
- Public distribution of tips to the population on how to stay cool
- Opening a “heatline”, run by medical personnel for citizen to call in for advice
- Extra personnel in emergency rooms
- Utilization of the “buddy system”
- Suspend utility cutoffs
- Open air conditioned shelters; outreach to the homeless
- Development of a city heat/health task force
- Many more.....



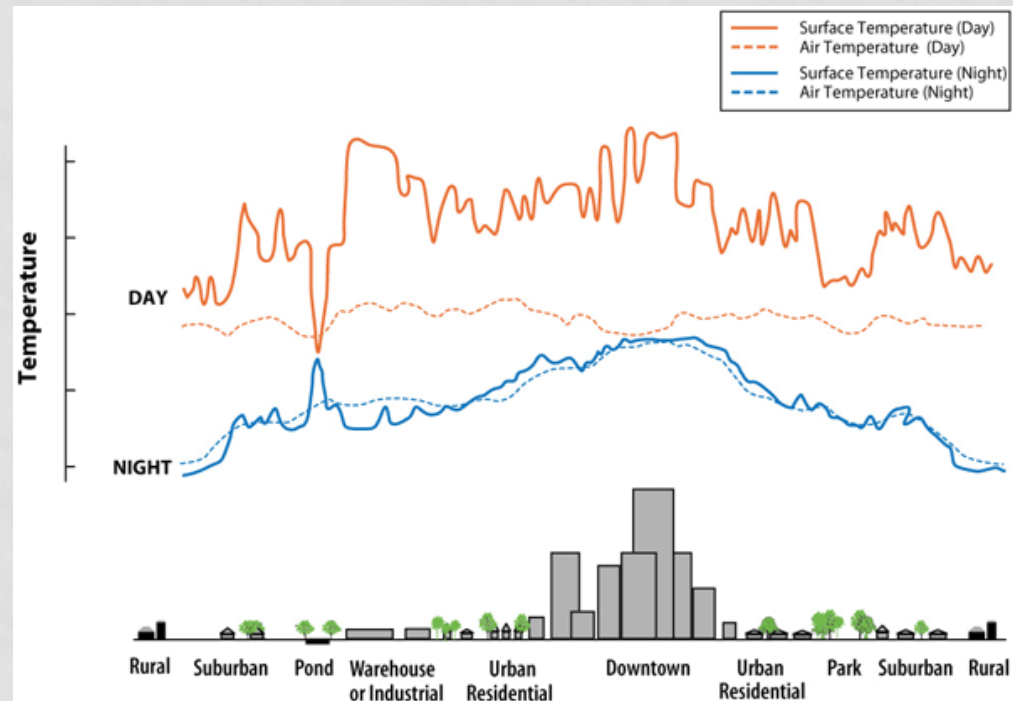
HEAT ISLAND EFFECT

Definition

- Micro-scale temperature differences between urban and rural areas
- Urban areas can be 9 – 27 ° F higher than rural areas

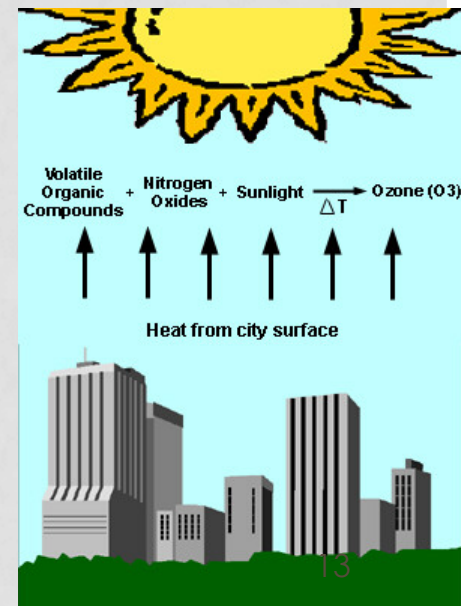
Causes

- Reduced vegetation
- Materials used to build urban infrastructure
- Urban geometry

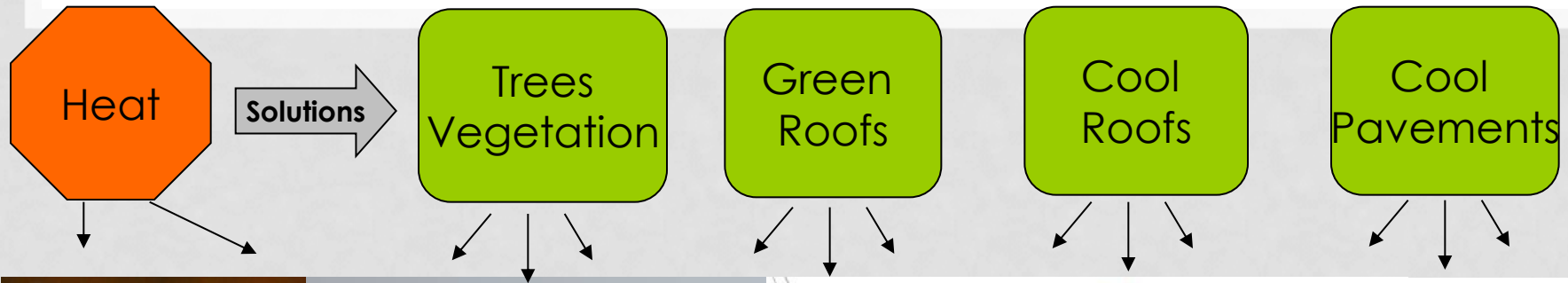


HEAT ISLAND IMPACTS

- **Increased energy use**
 - 5 – 10 % of summertime electricity demand is used to cool heat islands
 - 1.5 – 2.0% E demand \uparrow for every 1 $^{\circ}\text{F}$ \uparrow in the summer
 - Longer peak periods; pressure on E grid; brownouts, blackouts
- **Air quality and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions**
 - Increased GHG emissions
 - Increased air pollution
 - Increased ground-level ozone formation
- **Water quality**
 - Warmer water runoff = ecological shock in waterways
 - Increased water runoff = more pollutants in waterways
- **Human health**
 - Respiratory difficulties
 - Heat cramps, heat exhaustion
 - Non-fatal heat stroke/sun stroke
 - Heat related mortality



LINKAGES = MORE COOLING OPPORTUNITIES



SCALES FOR IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES (HELPFUL FOR MEASURING CO-BENEFITS)

- Individual building
 - Roofs (green and reflective)
 - Vegetation (shade trees and more)
- Community/Neighborhood
 - Street design (e.g., tree lined, vegetation, pavements)
 - Open vegetated land use (e.g., parks, green spaces)
- City/Regional
 - All mitigation strategies (e.g., pavements, trees, vegetation, roofing)
 - Integrate into land use plans, selection of materials

GREEN ROOFS IN DELAWARE

- Girl Scout Lodge, Hockessin
- Baywood Greens Golf Course, Long Neck
- Barclays Headquarters, Wilmington
- Colburn Lab at University of Delaware, Newark
- B'nai B'rith Temple, Newark
- Dover Public Library, Dover
- Bethany Blues Restaurant, Bethany Beach



IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS

Policy Mechanisms

- Procurement
- Resolutions
- Tree and Landscape Ordinances
- Comprehensive Plans and Design Guidelines
- Zoning Codes
- Green Building Programs and Standards
- Building Codes
- Air Quality Requirements

Voluntary Mechanisms

- Demonstration Projects
- Incentive Programs
- Urban Forestry and Community Tree Planting Programs
- Weatherization
- Outreach and Education
- Awards

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