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# April 28: Planning for a Changing Climate

# U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit and the Climate Explorer

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### Meet the Challenges of a Changing Climate

Learn about potential climate hazards so you can protect vulnerable assets.

LEARN ABOUT THE STEPS TO RESILIENCE >

**READ CASE STUDIES OF BUILDING** RESILIENCE >

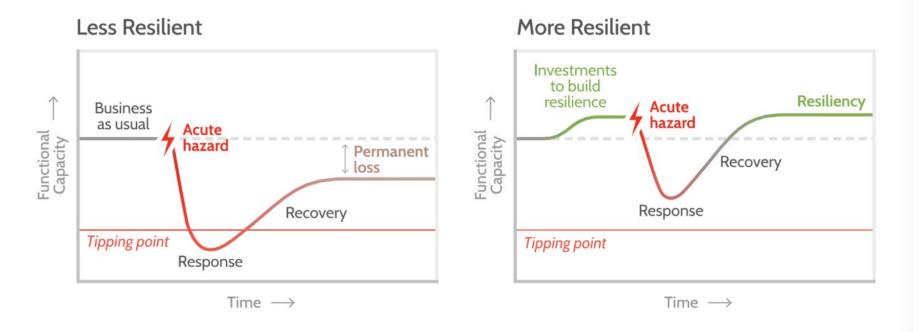
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### What is Resilience?

Resilience is the capacity of a community, business, or natural environment to prevent, withstand, respond to, and recover from a disruption.



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### Key points:

- Climate change threatens indigenous peoples' livelihoods and economies. Its impacts are projected to be especially severe for many of the 567 federally recognized tribes in the United States that depend on traditional places, foods, and lifestyles.
- Observed and future impacts from climate change threaten indigenous communities' access to traditional foods such as fish, game, and wild and cultivated crops. These resources have provided sustenance as well as cultural, economic, medicinal, and community health for generations.
- Of the 567 federally recognized tribes in the United States, 40 percent (229 tribes) live in Alaska Native communities. The rapid pace of rising temperatures, melting sea ice and glaciers, and thawing permafrost in Alaska is having a significant negative impact on critical infrastructure and traditional livelihoods in the state.
- Indigenous health is based on interconnected social and ecological systems that are being disrupted by a changing climate. Its impacts threaten sites, practices, and relationships with cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial importance that are foundational to indigenous peoples' cultural heritages, identities, and physical and mental health.
- Some native coastal communities are being forced to relocate to higher ground after experiencing more extreme storm surges, flooding, and sea level rise, which can impact cultural integrity and access to vital resources.
- · Indigenous peoples often work proactively with a variety of partners to integrate traditional knowledges with technology tools and diverse research methods. However, institutional barriers severely limit some communities' adaptive capacities. Barriers include limited access to traditional territory and limitations of existing policies, programs, and funding mechanisms that account for the unique conditions of indigenous communities.

### **Browse Topics**

**Built Environment** 

Coasts

Ecosystems

Energy

Food

Health Marine

Transportation

#### Tribal Nations

- Assessment and Planning
- Adaptation
- Mitigation
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Relocation
- Capacity Building

Water

### Topic and Regional Narratives

User-friendly information, illustrations, and links for exploring the expected impacts on communities under a changing climate







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#### Featured Tools

Climate-Smart Conservation: Putting Adaptation Principles into Practice > Climate Registry for the Assessment of Vulnerability (CRWM) >

Adapted on Workbook

Adapt Alaska + Arctic Adaptation Dichange >

Climate Change Adaptation Planning Manual for Coastal Masters and Marine-Dependent Common News

Climate Change Adaptation Resource Center (ARC-III) >

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# Digital tools for climate resilience

Checklists, worksheets, guidebooks, data locators, map layers, and other information to help people understand weather and climate-related risk.



Farmers and ranchers use this carbon accounting tool to estimate their operation's greenhouse gas emissions and capacity for carbon sequestration, and to evaluate the impacts of alternative management strategies on their net emissions.

Read more >



This suite of decision support tools provides weather, climate, drought, and cropping data for agricultural advisors, producers, and decision makers in the nation's Corn Belt.

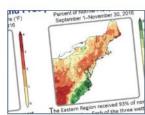
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### Ezhitwaad: A Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu

This menu aligns with the Adaptation Workbook and other published adaptation menus. providing a framework to integrate indigenous and traditional knowledge, culture, language, and history into the climate adaptation planning process.

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### Eastern Region Quarterly Climate Impacts and Outlook

Each issue of this two-page report describes weather and climate highlights from the previous guarter, and indicates the most likely temperature and precipitation conditions for the upcoming quarter.

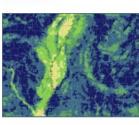
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### **Emergency Preparedness and** Response: Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

Look to this website from the CDC to find out how to protect your, your family's, and your community's health and safety before, during, and after a natural disaster or severe weather event.

Read more >



#### **EnviroAtlas**

Access a range of interactive maps and resources to explore the benefits people receive from nature. Map analysis tools can help you understand potential ecological and human health outcomes of various activities.

Read more >



### **Application to Protect Source** Waters (DWMAPS)

Community members can use this online mapping tool to find information about drinking water in their communities; professionals and planners can use the tool to update source water assessments and prioritize source water protection measures.

Read more >



### **Environmental Sensitivity** Index

Access maps to check the sensitivity of coastal resources to oil spills.

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### **Case Studies**

Short stories about how people are confronting their climate-related hazards



Locations of the 28 Tribal Nations case studies currently in the U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit



College of Menominee Nation's Sustainable Development Institute Builds Capacity for Tribal Climate Change Adaptation

The Institute—a regional service provider for many Tribal Nations— has developed a unique sustainable development model that incorporates traditional knowledges.

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Iñupiat Work to Preserve Food and Traditions on Alaska's North Slope

Residents of North Slope Borough, Alaska, look to solar-powered ice cellars and other strategies to preserve their traditional whaling lifestyle.

Read more >



### Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes: Applying the Values Taught by Our Ancestors

Incorporating elders' wisdom in the process of systematically analyzing climate impacts and vulnerabilities in nine categories of tribal life prioritizes actions to take to enhance the evolution of an ancient culture, while protecting tribal traditions.

Read more



### Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Plans for Change on the Olympic Peninsula

With valuable cultural and dietary assets at risk from sea level rise, this Pacific Northwest Tribe developed a plan to identify community adaptation priorities and concerns, and charted a course of action to address them.

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### Defending in Place: Shaktoolik's Adaptation Plan Supports Local Decision Making

Faced with challenges that force some villages to relocate, three governing entities worked together to come up with a single plan to keep residents and buildings safe while a longer-term solution is developed.

Read more >



## How Vulnerable Are Salmon to a Changing Climate?

Researchers in Washington's South Fork Nooksack River are seeking to better understand the potential impacts of climate change on water quality and salmon recovery—a process they hope can be replicated and scaled in other watersheds across the country.

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### Looking to the Future on Alaska's North Slope

As ice retreats and energy resources along Alaska's North Slope become more accessible, diverse stakeholders consider potential futures and develop a science-informed view of the implications of development in the region.

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### Mescalero Apache Tribe Adapts to a Warmer and Drier Climate

In the face of a changing climate, the Tribe is building capacity—and climate resilience—through forestry management, habitat protection, and an innovative approach to healthy eating.

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### STEPS TO RESILIENCE

These steps help you document climate hazards that could harm the things you care about, decide which situations you most want to avoid, and come up with workable solutions to reduce your climate-related risks.

- 1 Explore Hazards
- 2 Assess Vulnerability & Risk
- 3 Investigate Options
- 4 Prioritize & Plan
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Consider the things your community cares about, and explore the weather and climate-related hazards that could damage them.

Engage your community to consider what could happen.

### **Assets**

### Property and Public Services

- Businesses
- Homes
- Critical facilities
- Cultural resources

### Roads & Mobility

- Ability to move people & goods
- Access to food &health care

### Economy

• Jobs & Employees

### People & Socioeconomics

- Services for sensitive populations
- Housing

### Hazards



#### Wildfires

From 1980 to 2018, 16 billion-dollar wildfires were responsible for more than ~\$79 billion in damages and 344 deaths.



### Drought

From 1980 to 2018, 26 billion-dollar droughts were responsible for more than \$244 billion in damages and the second highest number of deaths of all hazards with 2,993 deaths.



### **Inland Flooding**

From 1980 to 2018, there were 29 billiondollar flood events that were responsible for over \$123.5 billion in damages and 543 deaths.



#### Tornadoes

U.S. tornadoes cause \$400 million in damages and kill about 70 people every year.



### **Hurricanes**

From 1980 to 2018, hurricanes caused the most damage (\$920 billion) and caused the most deaths (6,487). Each event averages \$22 billion in damages.



### **Coastal Flooding**

Coastal floods are caused by events such as high tides, storm surges, strong waves, and heavy precipitation. The average frequency of high-tide flooding is already 50% greater than in year 2000.



#### **Winter Storms**

From 1980 to 2018, 16 billion-dollar winter storm events were responsible for more than \$47 billion in damages and 1,044 deaths.



#### Landslides

U.S. landslides cause over \$1 billion in damages and kill 25 to 50 people every year. They affect all 50 states and U.S. territories.

Extreme weather and
climate-related events tha
could result in damage to
your assets are potential
hazards. To zero in on the

hazards that are relevant for

your location, ask:

#### Common Weather and Climate-Related Hazards □ Avalanche ☐ Heat Wave □ Riverine Flooding Coastal Flooding ☐ Hurricane Strong Wind Cold Wave Ice Storm ☐ Tornado Drought □ Landslide □ Wildfire Hail □ Lightning ■ Winter Weather

- What types of weather events have caused damage in your region in the past?
- What does "normal" weather look like during each season?
- What trends do long-term records of weather observations show?
- What climate conditions are projected for future decades in your location?

Explore past storms in the Storm Reports Database »	Check past climate conditions in Climate at a Glance »	Check future climate projections in the Climate Explorer »
Check drought status in the U.S. Drought Portal »	View your state's climate trends in State Climate Summaries »	Check future shoreline locations in the Sea Level Rise Viewer »



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Determine which of your assets are most vulnerable.

Gather data to understand your risk (both financial and societal).

Same exposure to flooding, different vulnerability





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Make a list of the potential solutions your community is willing to support.

Check what other communities who faced similar problems have done.

# Identify options: Target all aspects of vulnerability and risk



Reduce Exposure

**Build Adaptive Capacity** 



Reduce Sensitivity of Key Systems



**Build Capacity for Response and Recovery** 



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Decide which projects in what order will do the most to reduce risk for your community.

Your vulnerability and risk assessments will serve as documentation of your process as you apply for grants or raise funds.

# Among your approved options, set priorities based on "traffic light" voting by stakeholders across a number of categories

Approved options	Ability to increase resilience	Economic feasibility	Low environmental impact	Ability to implement in our county
Option 1				
Option 2				
Option 3				
Option 4				
Option 4 with Option 3				



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Implement the top project on your prioritized list. Continually move on to the next project as resources become available.

Monitor your progress. Go back to Step 1 annually to keep your community aware of changing hazards and risk. Learn about potential climate hazards so you can protect vulnerable assets.

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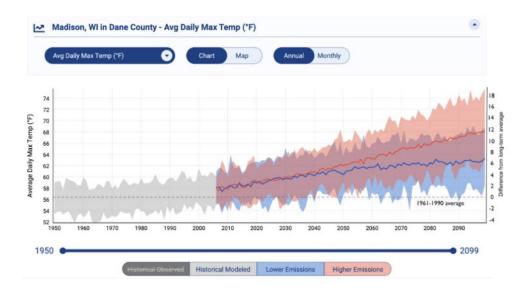
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### CLIMATE EXPLORER

Explore interactive graphs and compare time-series maps showing climate projections and observations for any county in the contiguous United States. You can also explore historical temperature and precipitation observations at hundreds of climate stations, and view observed and projected days of high-tide flooding at more than 90 coastal tide-gauge stations.



ACCESS AN INTRODUCTORY
VERSION OF THE TOOL >







Explore graphs and maps of historical and projected climate variables for any county in the contiguous United States.

### New!

Climate projection charts are now available for boroughs in Alaska.

To get started, enter a county, city, or zip code

Houston, TX



or choose from the following suggested cities:

New York City, NY

Los Angeles, CA Chicago, IL

Phoenix, AZ

Anchorage, AK

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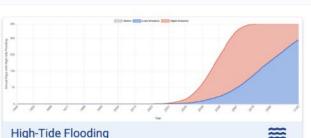
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Select one of the following for Phoenix, AZ in Maricopa County







### Check past and projected values for climate variables.





Compare past and projected future conditions in your county.



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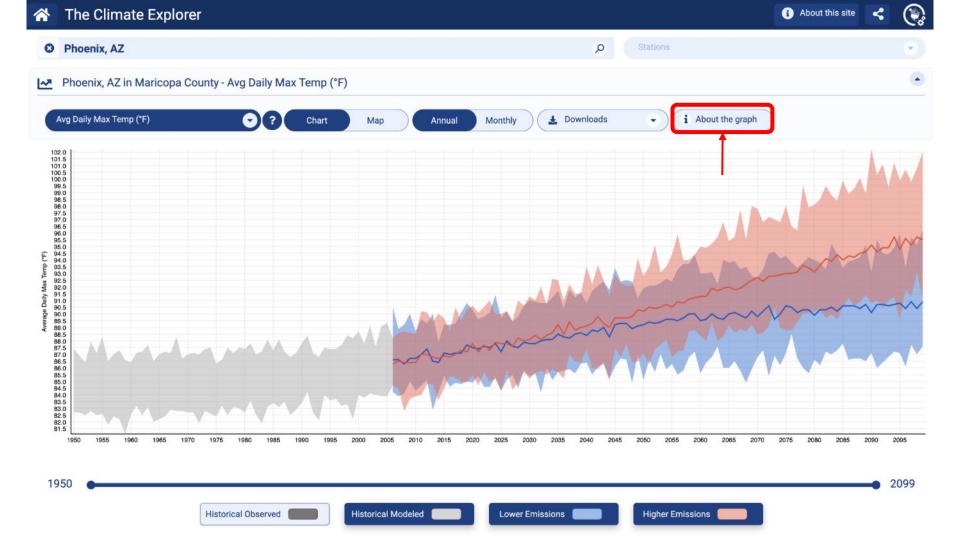
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Compare daily weather at local observing stations to long-term

Check how often temperature or precipitation has exceeded userdefined values.

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### READING THE LOCAL CLIMATE CHARTS



Observed annual averages, shown as the difference from the long-term average for the late 1900s. The horizontal line from which bars extend up and down is the average from 1961-1990.

Note: Checking how observations vary within the range of historical modeled values can help you recognize how future observations may vary about the range of projected values. Historical Modeled



Range of climate model output for historical period (1950-2006). Also called hindcasts or simulations.

Lower Emissions



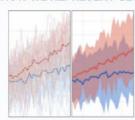
Range of climate model projections for 2006-2100 if global emissions of heat-trapping gases are stabilized by 2040 and then dramatically reduced. Blue line shows weighted mean of all projections at each time step.

**Higher Emissions** 



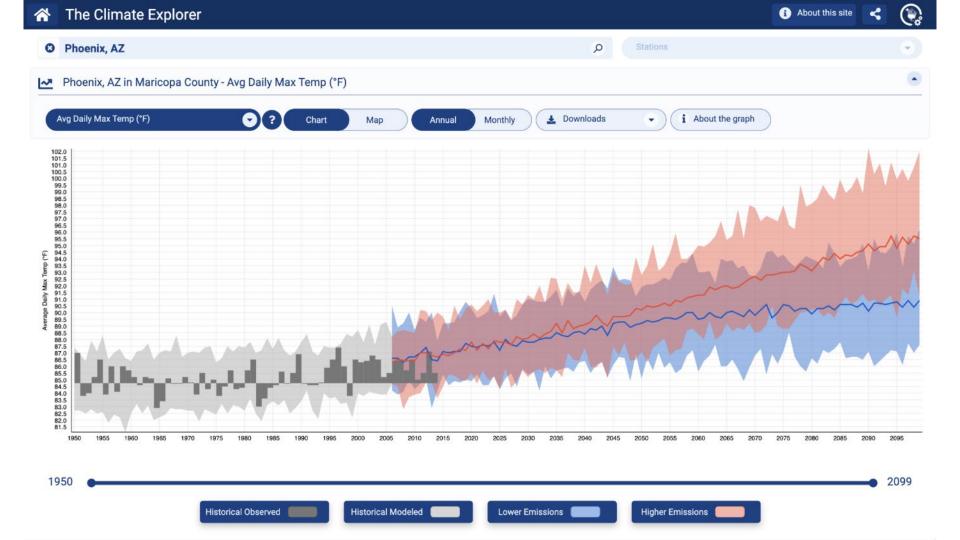
Range of climate model projections for 2006-2100 assuming global emissions of heattrapping gases continue increasing through 2100. Red line shows weighted mean of all projections at each time step.

#### HOW WE REPRESENT GLOBAL CLIMATE MODEL RESULTS

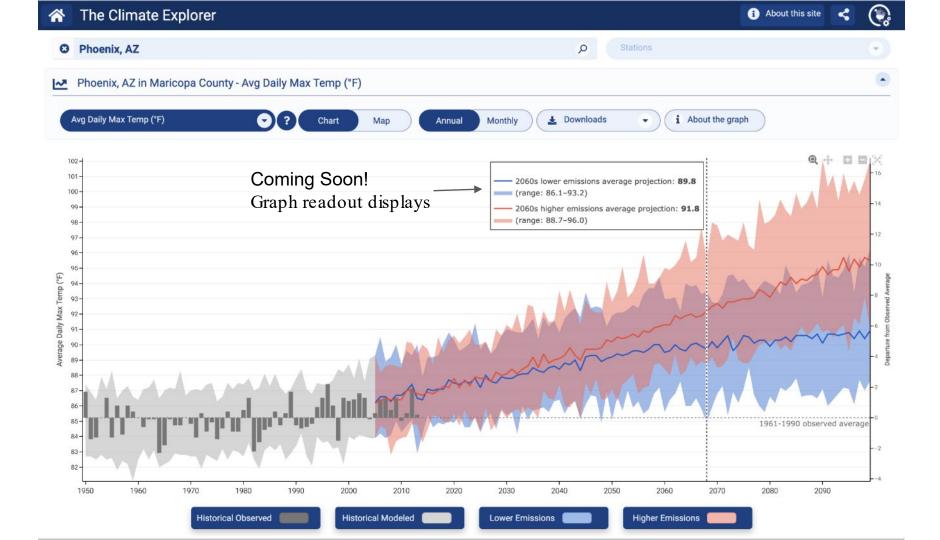


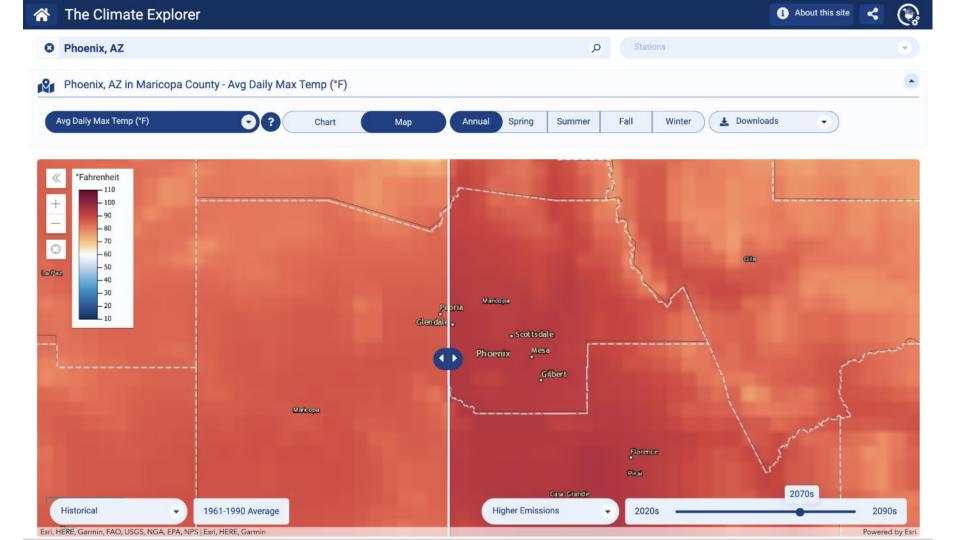
On the left, multiple lines represent the range of global climate model results for each of two possible futures, one in red and one in blue. On the right, the example from Climate Explorer uses single bands of color to show the full range of model results for the same two possible futures.

The top of each color band represents the highest projected value among all the models at each time step for each scenario; the bottom of the band represents the lowest projected value. The dark median line within each band highlights the trend for each scenario, yet future observations are expected to vary across the full range of projections, just as historical observed values vary about the historical modelled values

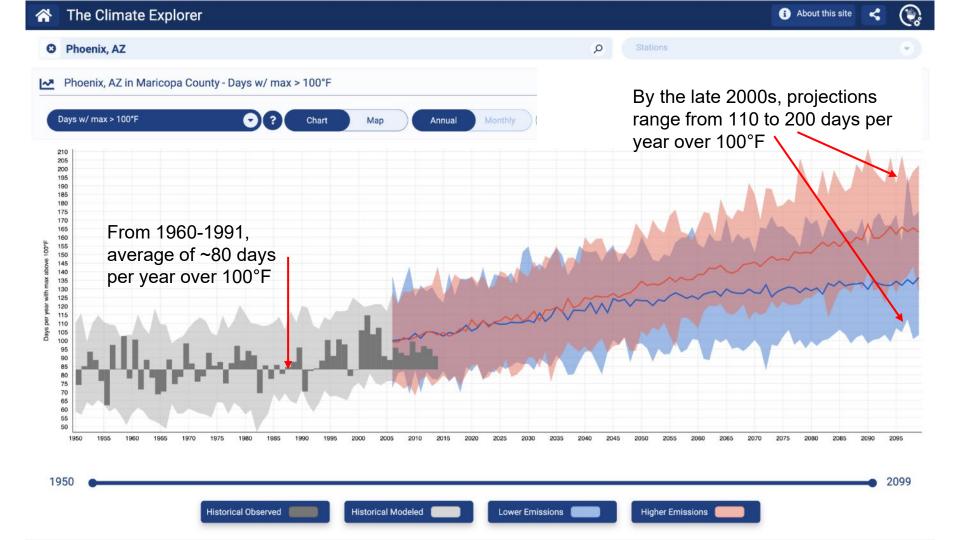




















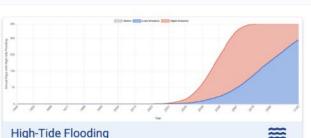
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