

Climate Strong Communities



NYC Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice

How does climate change affect New York City's neighborhoods?

Climate change isn't coming. It's here, bringing more coastal flooding, heavy rain, extreme heat, and poor air quality days. These are called climate hazards, and they can disrupt New Yorkers' daily lives, like when it's too hot to walk to the grocery store or when flooding makes it hard for kids to get to school.

While everyone is impacted, people in some neighborhoods are more at risk. These areas are hottest during heat waves and see more flooding during storms.

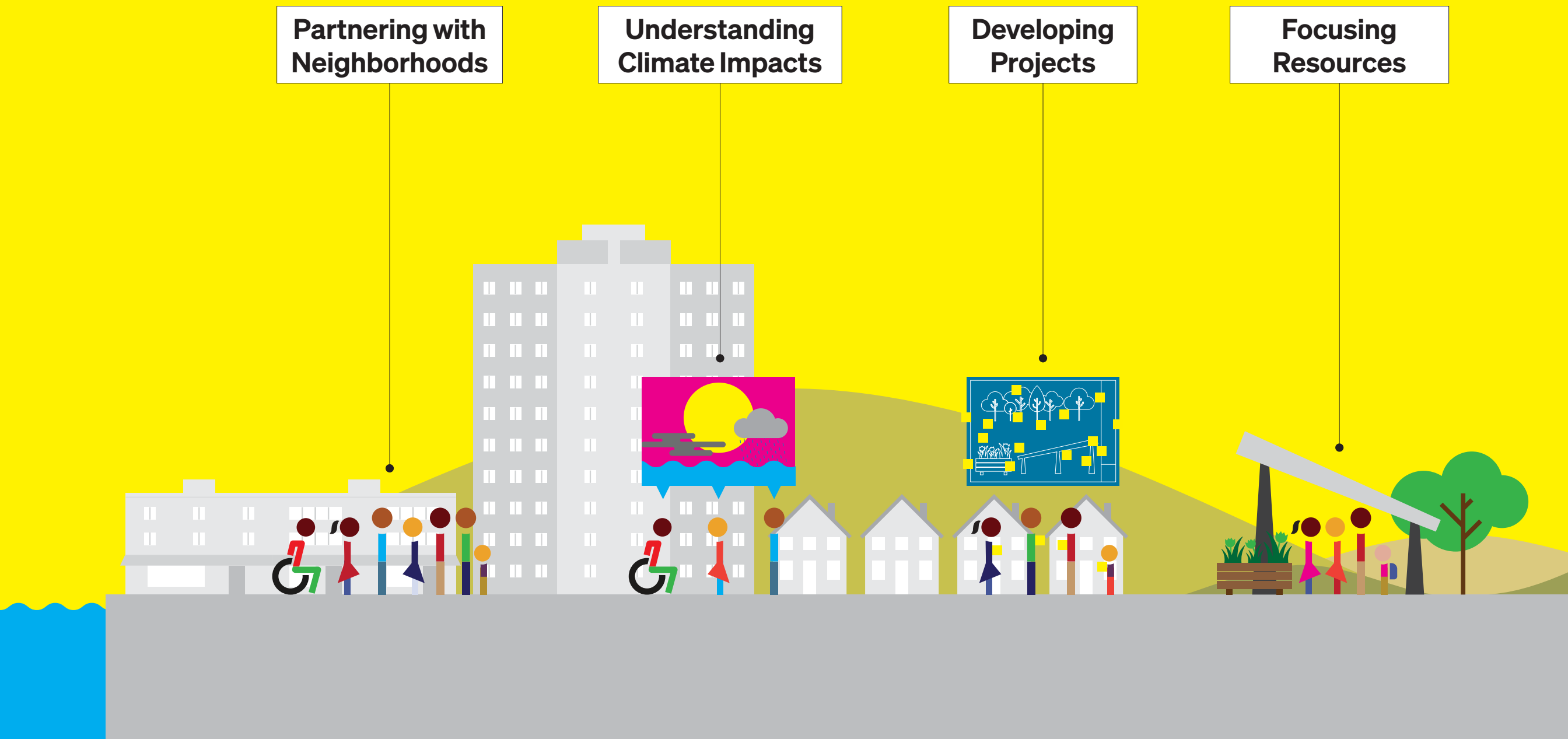


What is Climate Strong Communities (CSC)?

CSC works with community members in neighborhoods that are most at risk for extreme weather and that have historically been left out of the climate conversation. This collaboration allows the city to focus resources on projects that can protect against climate threats while also improving community spaces.

What are the benefits?

CSC aims to make neighborhoods more livable, connected, and safer from climate hazards. It does so by developing projects that are eligible for federal or state grant programs, feasible to construct, and possible to be maintained over time.



Examples of possible programs

Blueways and Blue/Green Corridors

Use nature-based and sewer-based infrastructure to manage flooding from rain events.



Cool Neighborhoods

Make the hottest parts of a neighborhood safer and more pleasant with plants, water features, and cooling materials.



Urban Forestry

Establish community forests and maintain healthy trees for better air quality, increased access to open space, biodiversity, and improved quality of life.



Urban Agriculture

Cultivate agriculture to increase fresh food access, absorb stormwater, capture carbon, improve soil quality, and create spaces of healing and wellness.



Resilience Hubs

Upgrade public spaces to provide resources, programming, and shelter-in-place before, during, and after a climate event.



Coastal Resiliency

Better protect neighborhoods from coastal storm surge and tidal flooding by upgrading recreational spaces and increasing waterfront access.



New York City is building Climate Strong Communities!



About the Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice

The Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice (MOCEJ) develops ambitious policies, creative programs, and strategic partnerships to help address New York City's current and future climate challenges.



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