

## Adaptation to Climate Change (planning for disasters)

Please keep in the budget the requirement for comprehensive plans developed by municipalities to address climate change, require that local hazard mitigation plans include consideration of climate change, and require communities throughout the state to include climate change impacts in their community health improvement assessment and plans.

- This part of the State Budget Summary is not referred to as an “adaptation plan,” but it is indeed about adaptation. We support addressing the impacts of climate change that we will continue to experience even if we could suddenly stop all greenhouse gas emissions. Adaptation is one of the yearly topics at the United Nation’s international climate conference called COP – Conference of Parties. The need for our world to make plans to adapt is real.
- Wisconsin has seen in recent years, more intense and frequent heavy rains due to climate change can result in flooding, eroding soil and coastlines, washing out roads and bridges, breaking dams, overwhelming sewers and wastewater treatment plants and causing greater algae blooms, bodily harm and illness.
- Increased frequencies of extreme heat due to climate change can cause heatstroke and exacerbate chronic illnesses, such as asthma, cardiovascular diseases and diabetes. The need for all of our municipalities to adapt is real.

### Resources

How meteorologists cover climate change (Wisconsin Public Radio)

[“Climate Change Impacts in Wisconsin”](#) (Department of Natural Resource)

*We must act now to stop climate change from pushing more people into poverty. We know that climate impacts disproportionately affect those already most vulnerable,”* said H.E. **Anne-Marie Trevelyan**, Secretary of State for International Trade and COP26 Champion for Adaptation and Resilience, of the United Kingdom – [Adaptation Fund](#)



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