Climate Adaptation Intro and Workshop Overview

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Adaptation/Mitigation

Adaptation:

Addressing current & future climate impacts

Risk management and infrastructure protection

Local responses

Mitigation:

Achieving greenhouse gas emissions reductions

Energy and economic systems

Global responses

Adaptation options

Adaptation options can be thought about in two general categories (not mutually exclusive):

- Single focus, reactive efforts
- Multiple benefit, preventive approaches

Both are needed, and **both** are currently being implemented.

Adaptation options

	Single focus - Reactive	Multiple benefit - Preventive	
Examples	Flood walls, Air conditioning, Larger culverts, Reinforced buildings, Community relocation	Urban/community trees, Stormwater management best practices, Water conservation, Green building practices	
Reactive/proactive	Typically reacting to one specific challenge with a specific fix	Anticipating multiple challenges, preventive	
Costs	Typically involve significant financial investments	Do not necessarily involve significant financial investments	
Scalability	More likely to be specific projects designed for a specific scale	More flexible and able to be implemented at various scales	
Data needs	More dependent on accurate and detailed estimates of future trends (which may not be available)	Less dependent on quantitative understanding of future trends	
Co-benefits and synergies	May have co-benefits, but these are more typically incidental and unplanned	More likely to have range of co-benefits, including environmental, economic, or health improvements	
Barriers to implementation	More likely to require organizational support and cross-jurisdictional agreement	Can be implemented at small scale by community members, but may not achieve significant level for effectiveness without organizational support	
Effectiveness	May be more effective, particularly in short term	Effectiveness depends on adequacy of scale of implementation, commitment for long-term	

Higher educational institutions have an important role!

- * Formal class curricula
- * Research, data collection and modeling
- * Outreach and education to communities
- * Resilience of campus facilities and grounds
- * Project based opportunities for students
- * Involving campuses in social justice aspects of adaptation

Overview of today's workshop

- Case studies in morning and afternoon
- * Morning and afternoon interactive breakout sessions
- * Networking at breaks, lunch, and after workshop adjourns (food/beverages through lunch)

Contents of attendee packets

- * Agenda
- * Facility map
- * Networking form please return today
- * Evaluation please return today
- * Resilience Commitment
- * Adaptation options chart
- * Resources for further learning

Workshop planners

Thank you!			
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