



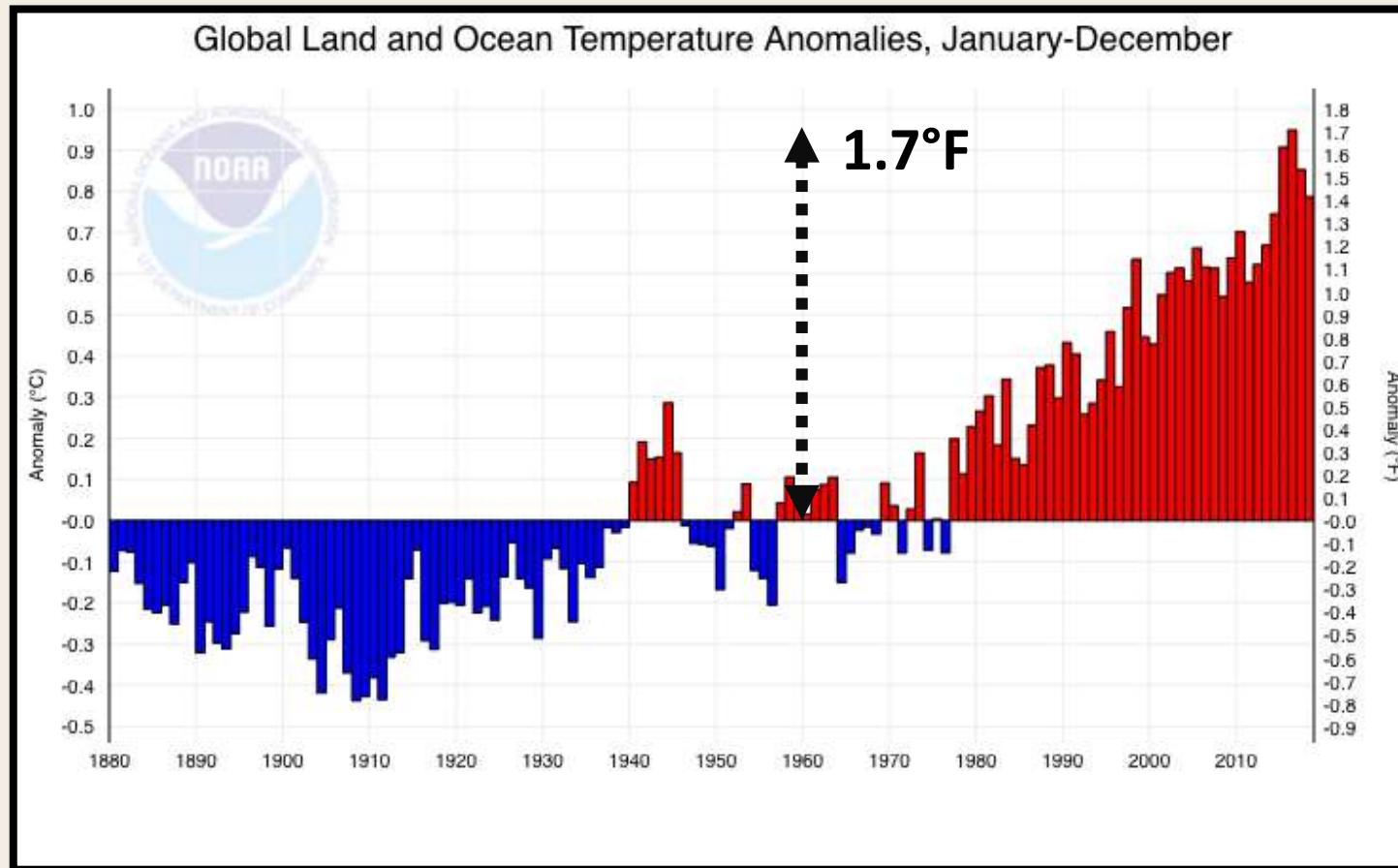
Climate Change in Wisconsin

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THREE THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

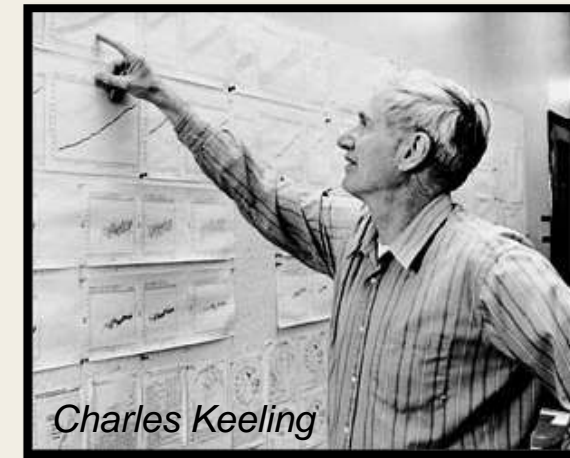
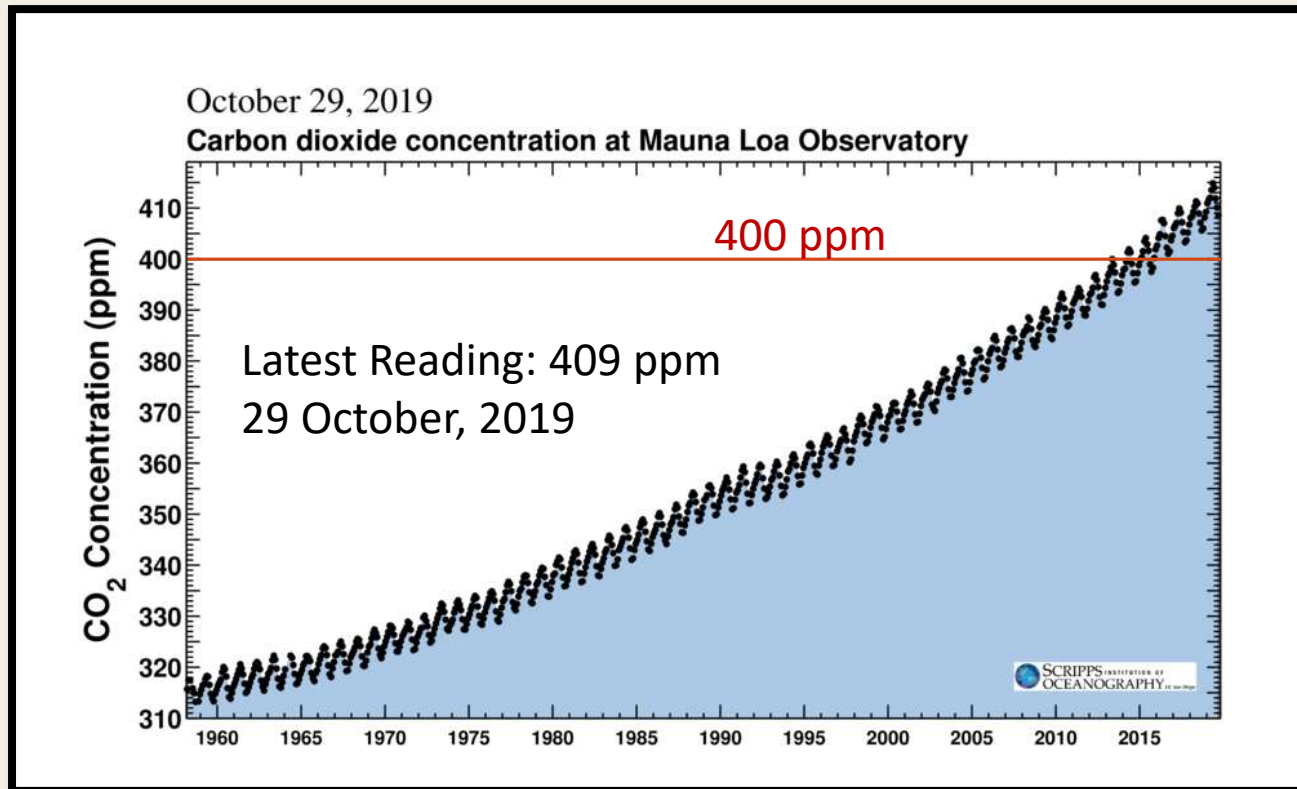
1. The world is warming.



Global temperature has warmed by about 1.7°F from 1900-2000 conditions

2. Carbon Dioxide is increasing (it's us).

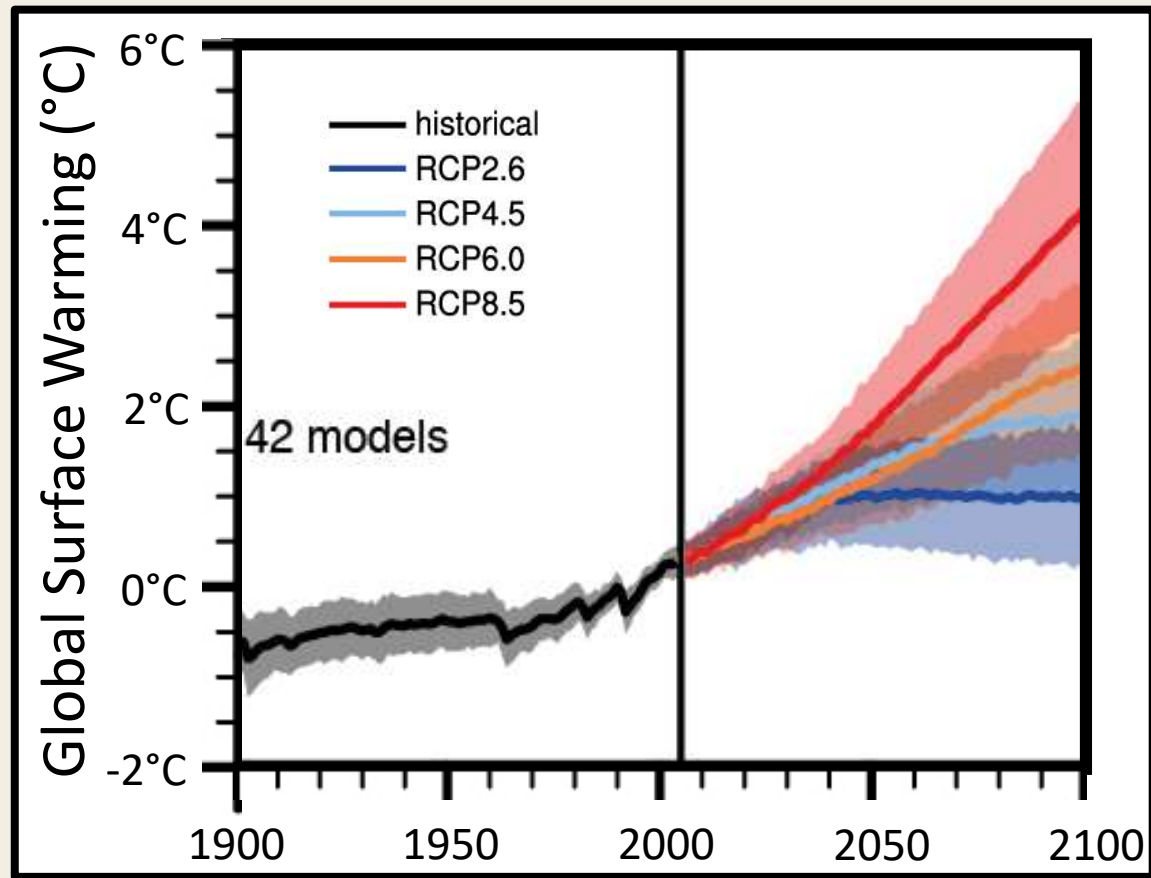
CO₂ and greenhouse gasses are increasing due to human emissions



Greenhouse Gasses: “Trap” energy in lower atmosphere

Anthropogenic: Caused by human activity

3. Action is needed now



Mitigation:

Avoids “dangerous” amounts of climate change

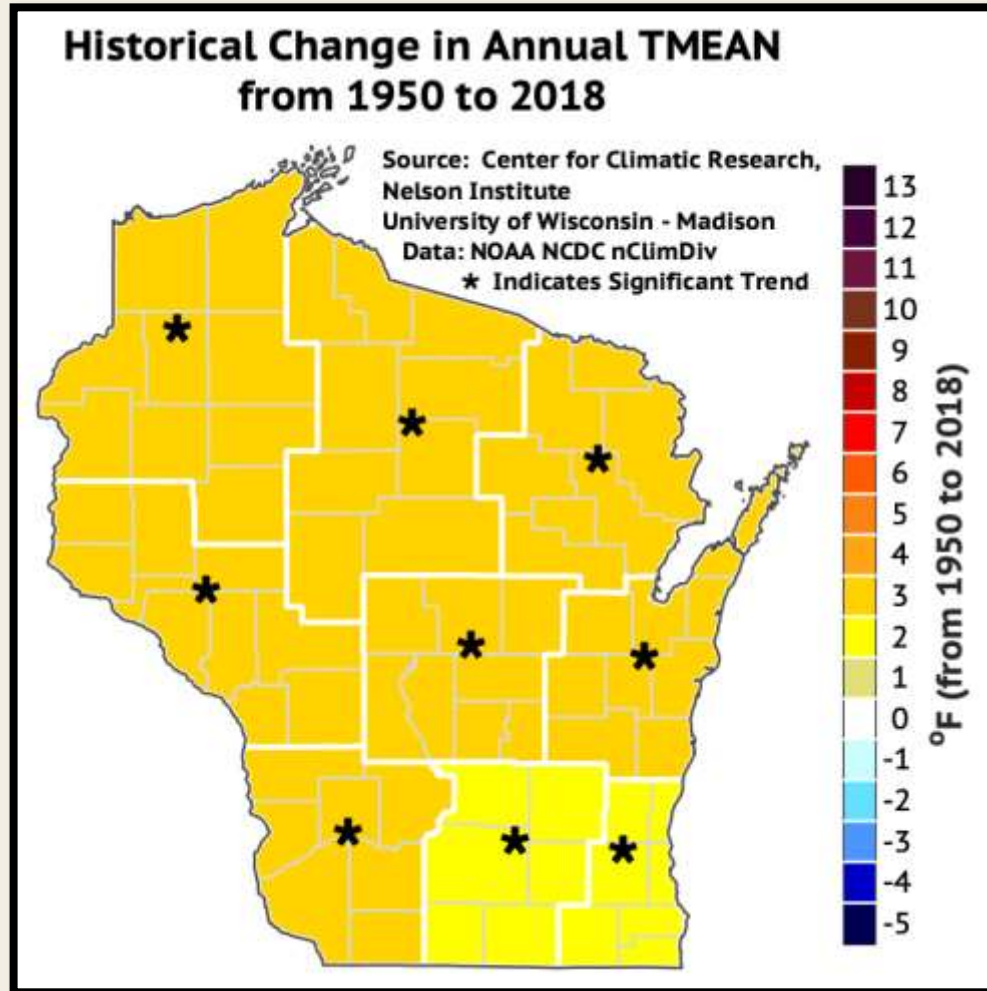
Adaptation:

Some climate change is inevitable

Adaptation needed to minimize impacts

CLIMATE CHANGE IN WISCONSIN

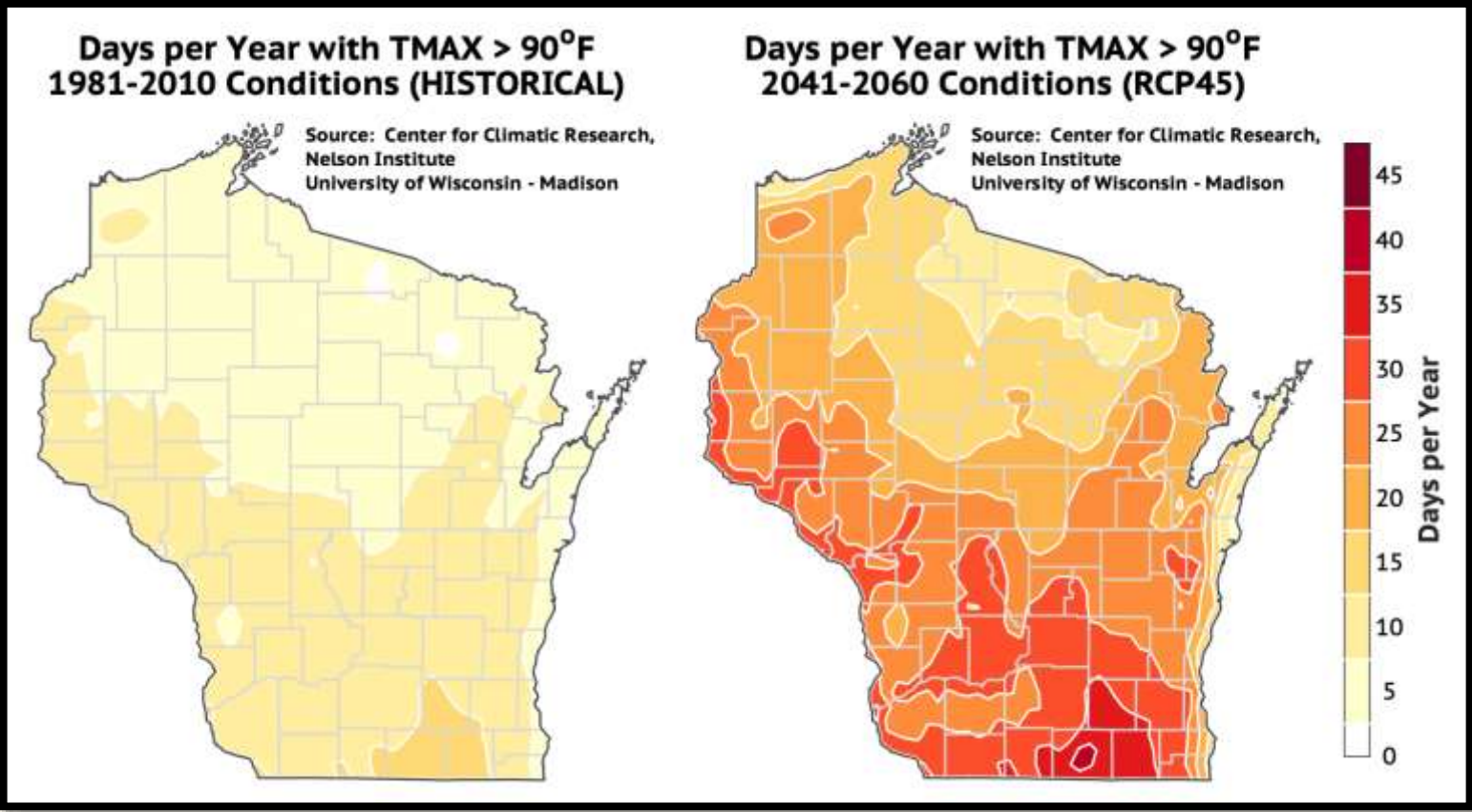
How is Wisconsin's CLIMATE CHANGING?



Wisconsin has warmed
about 2-3°F since 1950.
(Wisconsin will warm by
another 2-8°F by 2050)



What are the **POTENTIAL IMPACTS?**



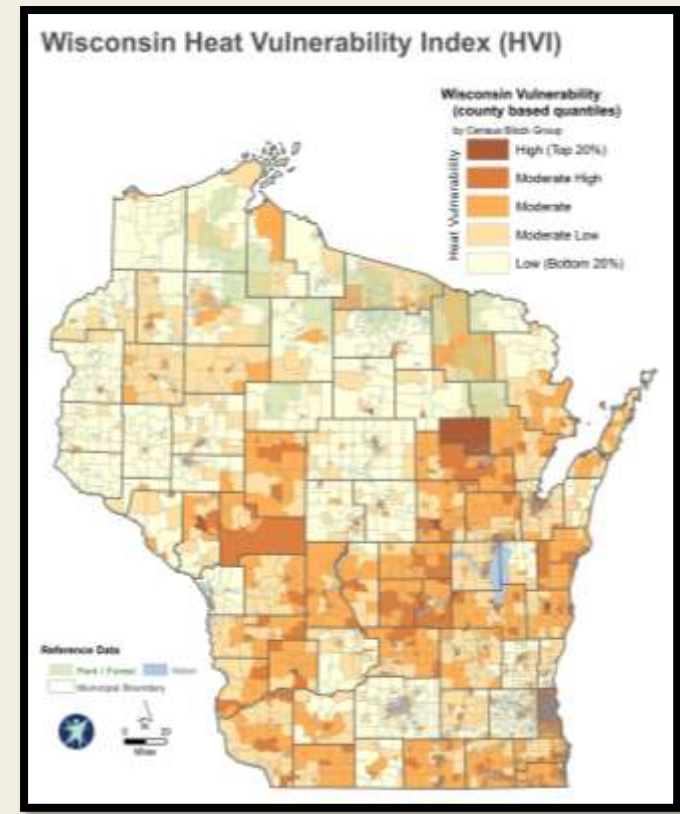
Frequency of
extreme heat triples
by mid-century



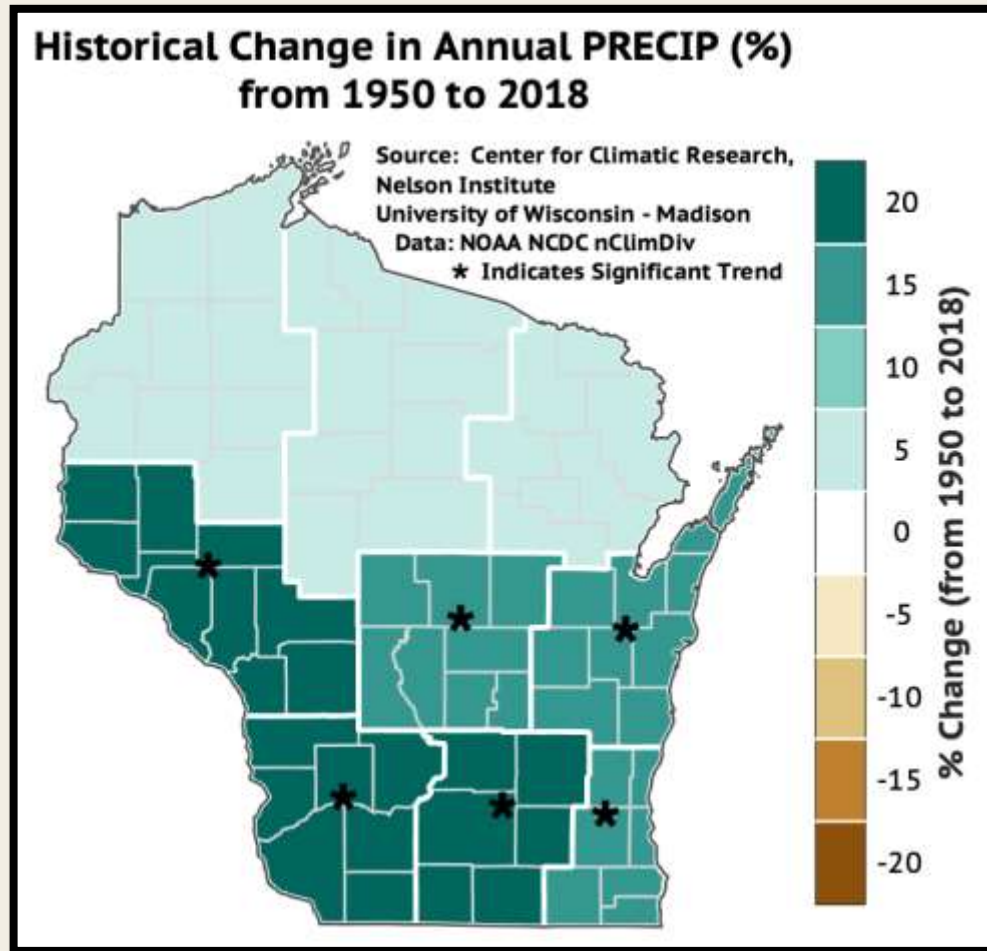
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DHS Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE):

- Environmental health
- Toolkits
- Vulnerability Indices



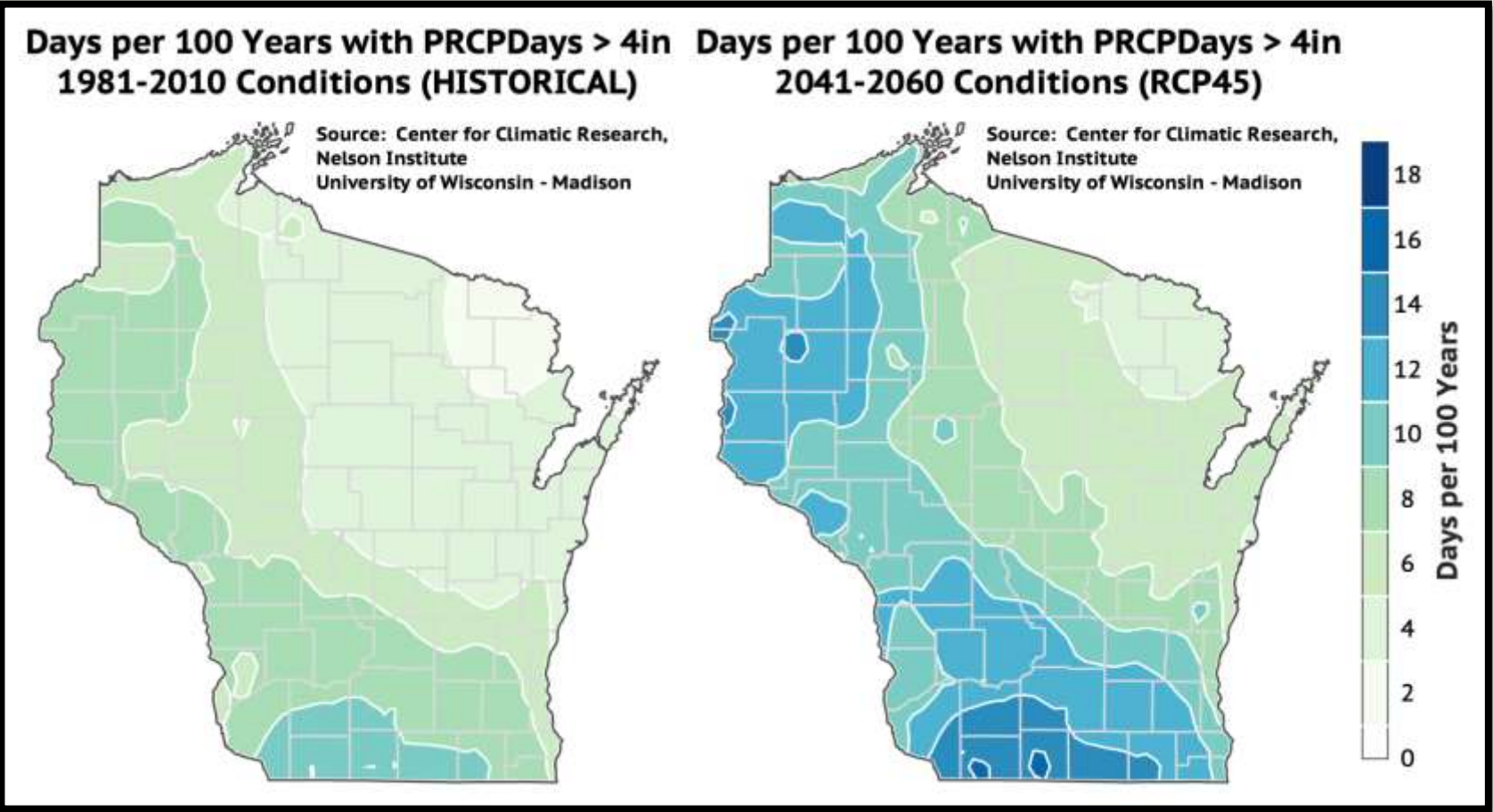
How is Wisconsin's CLIMATE CHANGING?



Wisconsin has become
10-20% wetter since 1950.
(Precipitation will likely
increase by 2050 -
especially winter / spring)



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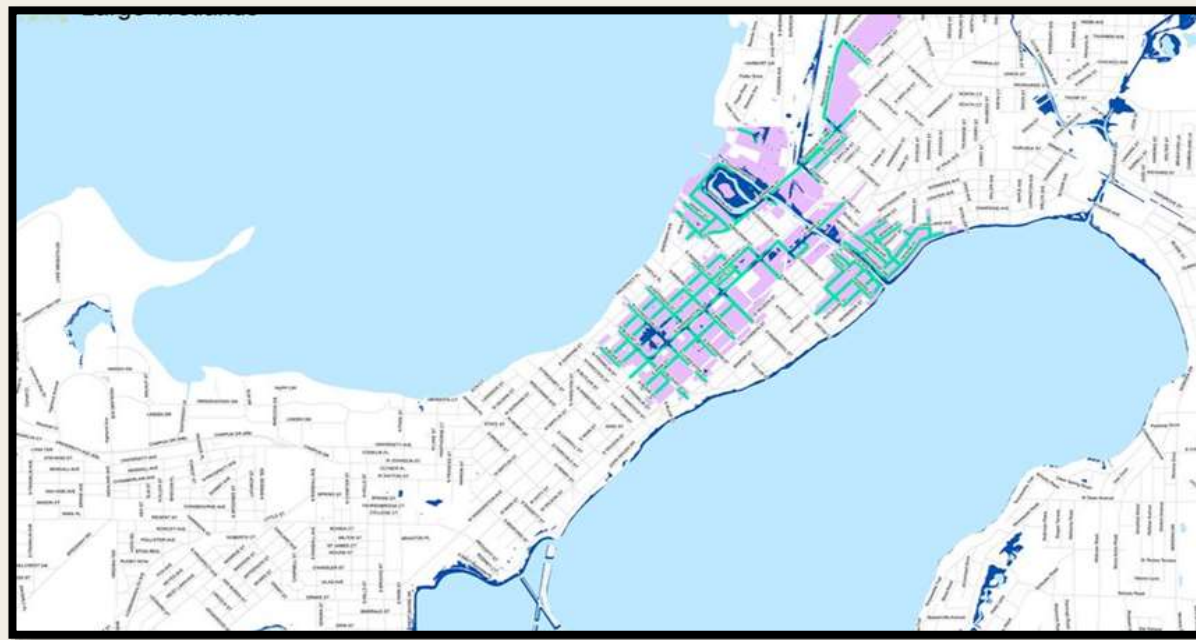
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What are Wisconsin's possible **ADAPTATION STRATEGIES?**



Model Simulation, 2014



Isthmus Flooding, September, 2018

Climate Change: What we know

- *Climate change is happening*

Climate is warming due to human emissions

- *There is no “going back”*

We need to stop the warming, and prepare for coming changes

- *Action is needed NOW*

Both mitigation AND adaptation are needed!

- *Everyone can do something!*

Climate affects all of us in specific ways. And, all of us contribute in specific ways. We can all be part of a solution.





The Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts

ENABLING CLIMATE ADAPTATION IN WISCONSIN