Leveraging GIS for Climate Action Planning

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Expectations

Don't worry – no quizzes! But... participation is appreciated

- Understand the Role of GIS in Climate Action Planning (Sunny)
- Learn about peer approaches (Sunny)
- Learn how to use CMRA (Sunny & Dan)
- Share workflows, needs and challenges for CMRA updates

Agenda At-A-Glance

Three Core Components

- The Geographic Approach to Resilience
 - Overview of the Steps to Resilience
- Community Approaches
 - State and Local Government Examples
 - White House CMRA Demo
- Facilitated Discussion & Next Steps
 - Exploring State Workflows, Challenges and Needs
 - Future of CMRA
 - Integrating Discussion Findings
 - Tools and Templates



GIS Supports the Steps to Resilience



Climate Change Impacts

Everyone and Everything

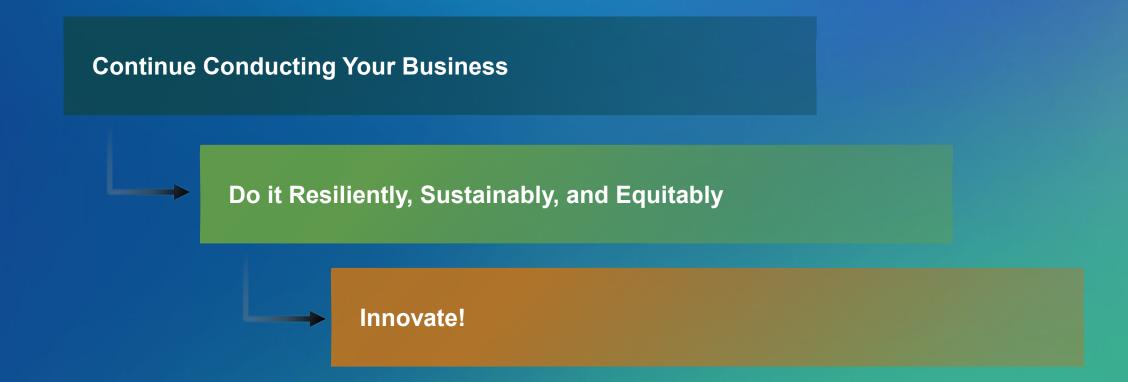
- 1-4 to 3.7-10% GDP ← the \$ lost to climate change in the US
- \$8 Billion, annually the cost of wildlife/vehicle collisions
- \$7-13 Billion in insurance costs

 2020 Wildfire Season
- \$40 Billion over 10 years ← the cost of flooding in the US (increasing)
- \$8 Trillion \$22.9 GDP gains by 2050 if we eliminated structural disparities (social/environmental equity)



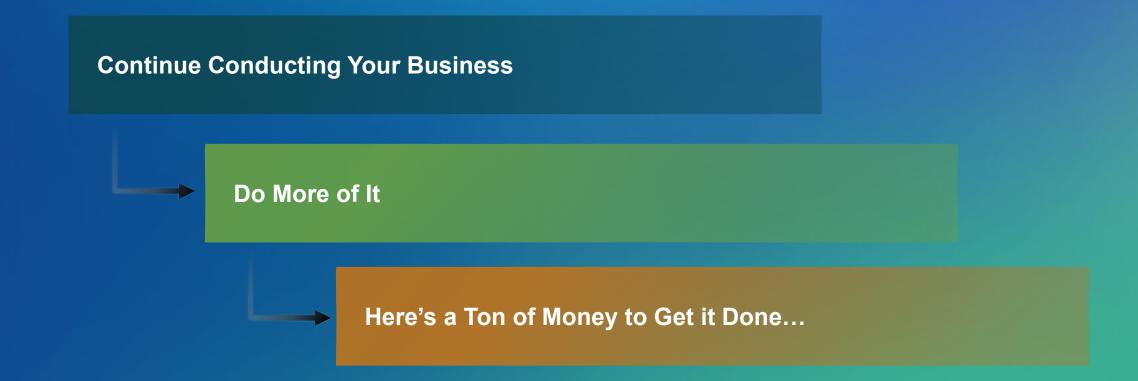
Policy Drives Approach

Uncle BIL and Aunt IRA (Sunny's Version)



Policy Drives Approach

Uncle BIL and Aunt IRA (The B Sides)



Do These Have to be At Odds?

Brace yourself for optimism

- Regulation viewed as bottleneck
- Becomes a policy discussion, but...
- Now a technology discussion
- Can we have our cake and eat it too?
- But I thought this was a talk about climate action planning...

CEQ Releases Recommendations on Digital Tools to Modernize Environmental Reviews, Increase Transparency and Accessibility of **Federal Permitting**

Steps to Resilience

GIS Supports Mitigation, Adaptation & Resilience





Counties to experience both high number of consecutive heat days and agricultural risk to flooding

Steps to Resilience

Unacceptable risks identified

GeoAnalysis

Assets, people, resources are threatened by climate-related hazards



GeoDesign

Team agrees on priorities for taking action







Investigate

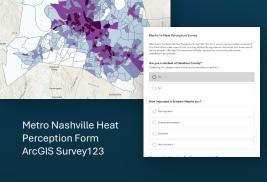
Options

Take

Action

GeoVisualization

Metro Nashville Heat **Vulnerability Index**



Engage community vision and goals



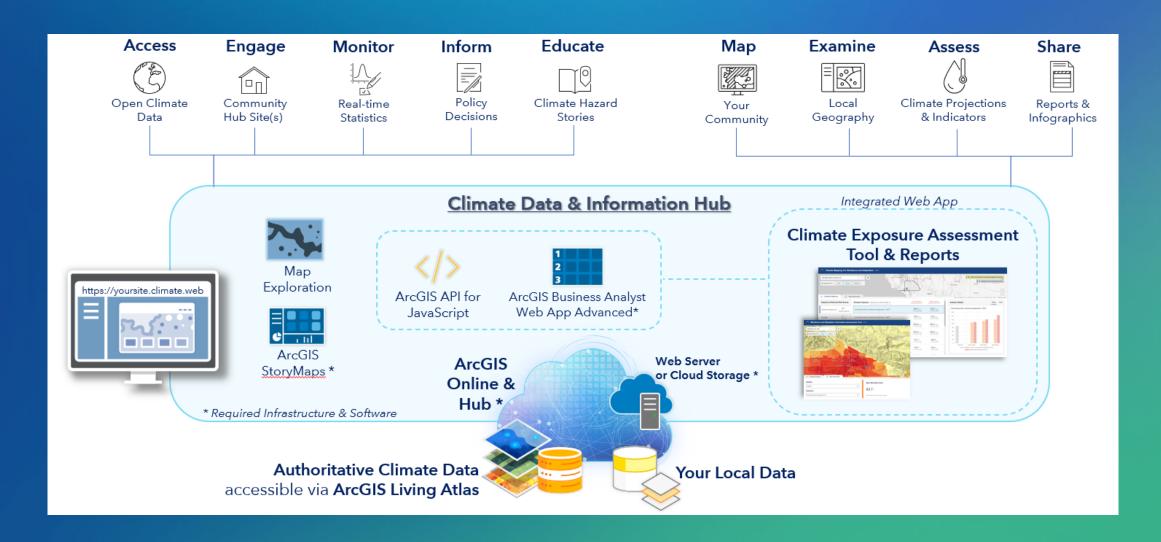
GET STARTED

GeoAccounting

Align funding and political will

GeoCollaboration

Geospatial Strategy for Climate Action



Community Approaches

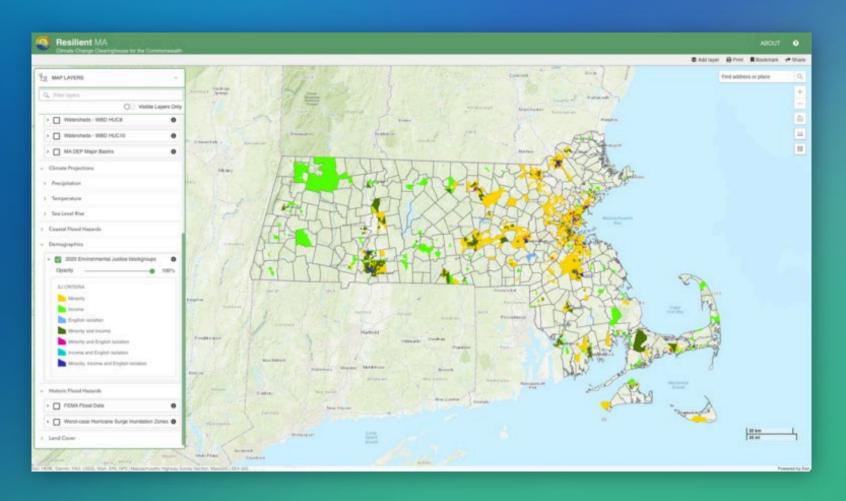
To Climate Action Planning



ResilientMass Maps & Data Center

Bolsters Resilience with Accessible Climate Data and Tools

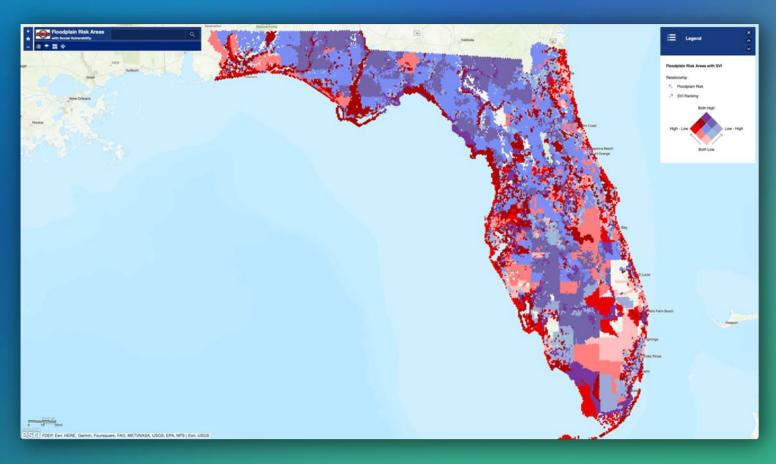
- Helps communities improve climate resilience
- Tools for planning and prioritization
- Ensures equitable funding
- Increases community engagement



FL State Hazard Mitigation Plan

Telling the Story of Modern Risk Mitigation

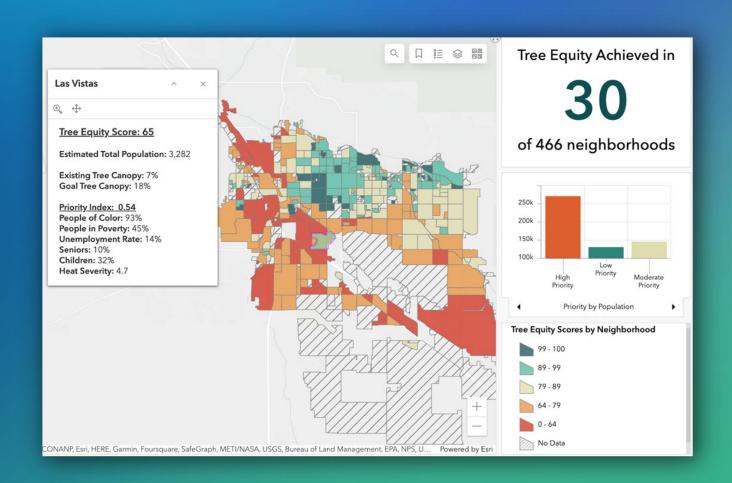
- Meets FEMA Mandate for climate/resilience considerations in hazard mitigation plans
- Open data supports statewide and local efforts
- Facilitates understanding through visualization
- Increases collaboration



Tucson Climate Action Plan

Making Climate Action Easy

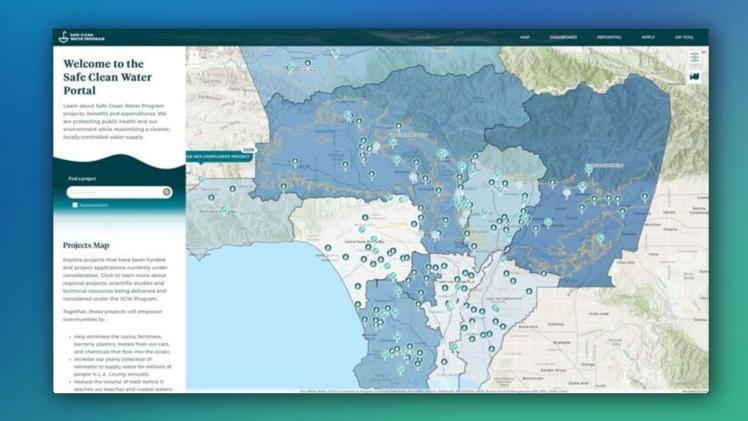
- Visualizes risk and equity
- Empowers community action
- Digestible summaries of complex science
- Transparent government

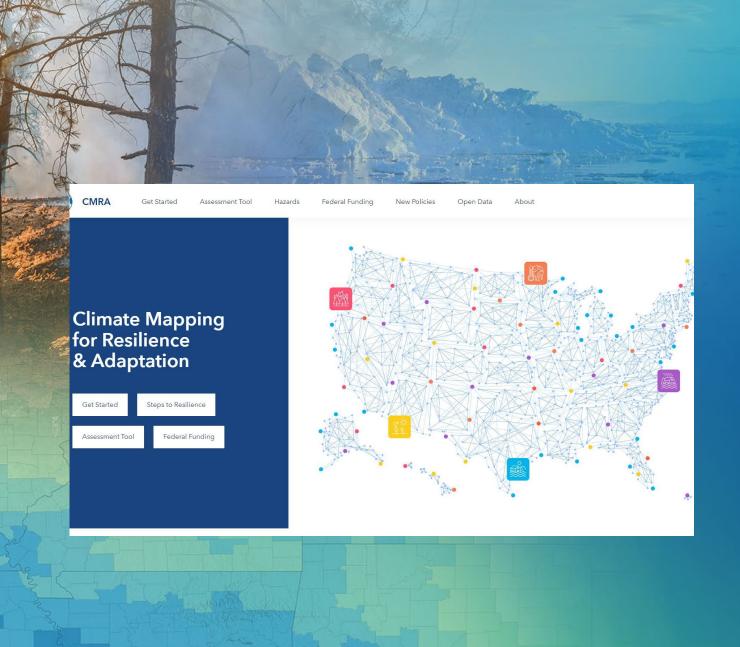


LA County Safe Clean Water Portal

Extracting Greater Value from Data

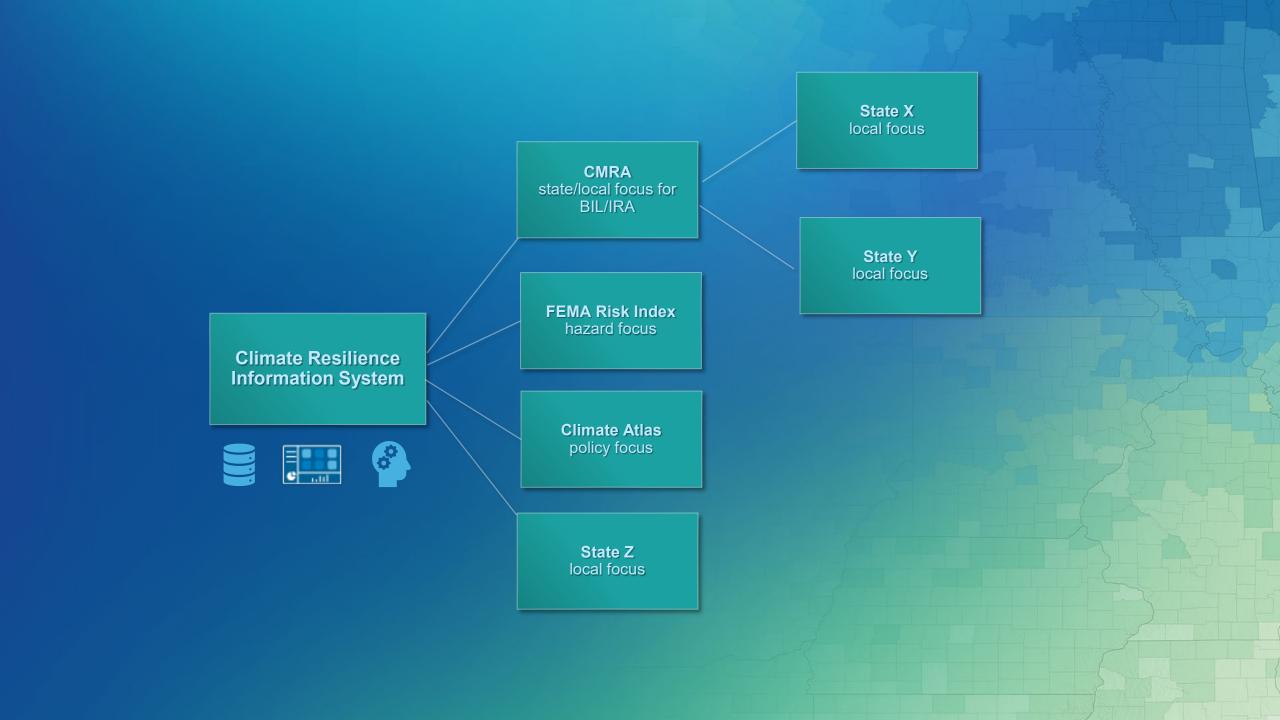
- Organization-wide persona-driven tools and insight
- Project tracking through space and time
- Intuitive public-facing tools
- Single source of truth





CMRA

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Guided Discussion

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Getting Started

GIS for Climate Action & Mitigation

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