

Climate Change and Public Health: Making the Connection at the Local Level

In October 2002, fifteen directors of local health departments around the country convened to discuss the role that public health agencies can play in addressing issues of global climate change. The group outlined the following goals:

- To establish climate protection as part of the local and national public health agenda
- To work together to identify and track climate-related public health indicators and
- To promote preventative strategies.

This website is meant to serve as an educational resource for public health professionals who wish to learn more about the link between climate change and human health.

To view many of the documents associated with the links below you will need to install Adobe Acrobat Reader plug-in <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Research on Health Impacts

Studies, report, and news articles on the public health implications of global climate change

McConnell, R., et al, "Asthma in exercising children exposed to ozone: a cohort study."
The Lancet 2002

[U.S. Global Research Program](#)

Dr. Paul Epstein's
[Is Global Warming Harmful To Health](#)

Reports and Websites

[Harvard Medical School Center for Health and Global Environment](#)

[Physicians for Social Responsibility](#)

[National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#)

[Pew Center on Global Climate Change](#)

World Resources Institute
<http://www.wri.org/publication/content/8218>

Surveillance and Monitoring Strategies

Resource for health departments to begin to assess climate change impacts

Indicators for Monitoring Climate Change, Winter, Weather Patterns, and Human Health
A position paper by Dr. Paul Epstein with input from forum participants.

[Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health \(PACEEH\), a program of NACCHO](#)

Prevention Strategies

Case studies and tools for reducing fossil fuel consumption

The International Council for Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) Cities for Climate Protection campaign is the leading source of municipal climate protection tools, case studies, and contacts.

Community- Public Health Community Education Tools

BPHC Home Energy Flyer for Hardware Stores (Winter)

Other Sources for Municipal efforts include:

[U.S. EPA's State and Local Outreach Tool Kit](#)

[International City/County Management Association's Energy Information Website](#)

Other Resources

Links to state and federal programs, advocacy groups, and funding sources

Federal Programs

[U.S. EPA on Climate Change](#)

[U.S. EPA's Energy Star Program](#)

[U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy](#)

[2007 Clean Cities Joint Northeast & Mid-Atlantic Regional Coordinator Peer Exchange June 27-29, 2007](#)

[U.S. DOE's Rebuild America Program](#)

Local, State, Regional, and Global Programs

[International Council for Environmental Initiatives Cities for Climate Protection](#)

[New England Governor's Conference, Inc.](#)

Advocacy Groups

[Physicians for Social Responsibility](#)

[The National Religious Partnership for the Environment](#)

[American Lung Association](#)

[The Heat is Online](#)

Events

**Background on the first City Health Director's Policy Forum and notices of upcoming events
City Health Directors Policy Forum, Boston 2002**

If you or your organization would like to receive periodic update on initiative, or would like to post a resource link on this website, please contact healthycities@bphc.org or call 617-534-5966.