## **Cool District Hot City**



### **From Climate Research to Climate Action**

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## **Climate Research to Climate Action** Integration Climate Adaptation (UHI) & Climate Mitigation (GHG)

The Urban Climate Change Research Network Second Assessment Report on Climate Change in Cities (ARC3.2)

#### Chapter 5: Urban Planning & Urban Design

This scholarship provides a blueprint for how to configure sustainable and climateresilient urban districts.

Download publication: www.UCCRN.org

Raven, J., Stone, B., Mills, G., Towers, J., Katzschner, L., Leone, M., Gaborit, P., Georgescu, M., and Hariri, M. (2018). Urban planning and urban design. In C. Rosenzweig, W. Solecki, P. Romero-Lankao, S. Mehrotra, S. Dhakal, and S. Ali Ibrahim (eds.), *Climate Change and Cities: Second Assessment Report of the Urban Climate Change Research Network*, Cambridge University Press. New York. p.139-172.

## Climate Change and Cities

Second Assessment Report of the Urban Climate Change Research Network



Dialogue: Heat in the City Global Heat Health Information Network July 2020

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## Climate Change, Global Urbanization, Equity High Density Cities: Poor Local Climates

### **Cities: Our Challenge, Our Solution**

**Compact settlements reduce GHG emissions** Compact urban form contributes to GHG reduction Low density areas contribute disproportionately to climate change

**Urbanization amplifies climate change impacts** Global climate risk accumulates in urban areas due to increased concentration of people, private/public assets, and economic activities

→ Flood Risks → Urban Heat

Source: Mehrotraetal., 2011; Revietal., 2014



Each panel represents an entire metropolitan area (i.e., the city and the continuous urban footprint surrounding it), including often much lower-density suburbs. Source: A. L. Brenkert, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (maps created by Andreas Christen, UBC)



### **Regional vs Local Climate Impacts The Case Against Sprawl**

"Adaptive Mitigation" = Climate Change Adaptation + Climate Change Mitigation



Reduce the global greenhouse gas effect, while increasing climate resilience to urban heat and flooding

Regional Plan Association

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## Land Cover, Form, and Spatial Scales Human Comfort at Street Level

Building height

Street width

Paved area

### Local Climate Zones



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### **Atmospheric Layers**



## Integrating Climate Adaptation (UHI) & Climate Mitigation (GHG) Prioritizing Adaptive Mitigation



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## **Decision-Making Framework Urban Climate Factors: Form & Function**

### Urban Function

1. Efficiency of urban systems: reducing waste heat and GHG emissions through energy efficiency, transit access, and walkability

### **Urban Form**

2. Modifying form and layout of buildings and districts

3. Heat-resistant construction materials and reflective surface coatings

4. Increasing vegetative cover



Jeffrey Raven, 2016

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## Morphological Catalogue: Archetypal Urban Forms Solar and Ventilation Impact



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### **Climate-Resilient Urban Design Design Intervention Process**



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### **Urban Design Climate Workshops**

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## **From Climate Science to Climate Action**

**URBAN DESIGN CLIMATE DESIGN WORKSHOPS 2015 - 2020** 







Type











City / Year	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	· · ·		•
	Duration	1-2 days	3-5 days	7-10 days
Paris 2015				Х
New York 2016				Х
Agadir 2017		Х		
Paris 2017		Х		
New York 2018				Х
Napoli 2018				Х
Durban 2019			Х	
Bonn 2019		х		
New York 2019 & 2020	0			Х



















## **Bridging Science, Stakeholders & Practice**



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## **Vegetative Coverage Value Proposition**





STAR Communities: Green Infrastructure Co-Benefits (J. Raven)

#### Ecological functions within high-density urban districts

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### **Integrated Climate Adaptation & Climate Mitigation**

**Participants + Stakeholders** 

### Climate Mitigation Net-Zero Districts



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### Climate Adaptation Urban Heat Island







Our Community. Our Future.

Gowanus Canal



gowanus by design



### **Scenario Modeling**

#### **Current Condition**

Baseline

Site as it is today District's populatio 17,462 (28 ppl/acre)

#### 2050 Baseline

**Business as Usual** 

Hypothetical scenario based on NYC DCP Rezoning Plan and "market driven full build-out assumptions District's population 65,804 (105 ppl/acre)

### 2050 Prototype

**Best Practice** 

Based on climate adaptive develpment considering evidence-based"best-practice" urban climate factors

District's population 65,804 (105 ppl/acre)

#### **Carbon Footprint**







#### Scenarios



#### 2050 - Business as Usual (BAU)



### 2050 - Best Practice (BP)



Urban Design Climate Lab - NYIT (2019-2020)

#### **Urban Heat Island**

#### LST Range: 29.1-30.2



LST Range: 30.4-32.3





NYIT-UCCRN / GISS - ULI

## Layers – Heat & Flood



Land Surface Temperature - 2019



Land Surface Temperature - 2050



Flood Map & Underwater Streams



### **Layers – Density Scenarios**



**Base Contours** 

2019 Present

2050 Business As Usual

2050 Best Practice Mock-up



## **Residential Prototypes**



Source: R-951 Residence , Brooklyn

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## **Industrial & Manufacturing Prototypes**



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## **Focus Areas**



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# **Micro-Climate Analysis: Focus Area**



Simulated Surface Temperatures (July 21<sup>st</sup>, Noon): Current Plan – 2019, Current Plan – 2050, Best Practice - 2050

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### **Bridging Science & Action in NYC Implementation Process: Phasing**

#### Short term

- Cool roofing
- Heat-Resistant Construction Materials

#### **Medium term**

- Decreased vehicle emissions and traffic
- Non-motorized bike and pedestrian accessibility
- Smart drainage system
- Green roofs or green façades
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#### Long term

- District energy
- Increased Sky-View Factor through TDR
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# **Value Proposition**

### **Quality of Life**

Deliver quality of life as key performance outcome

### **Social Equity and Cohesion**

People-centered urban spaces

Social cohesion and equity as key to resilience, whose success hinges on people-centred urban spaces

### Culture

Climate change to lead us to a culture of sustainability





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