

Water System Adaptation to Hydrological Changes

Module 1

Introduction to Water System Adaptation

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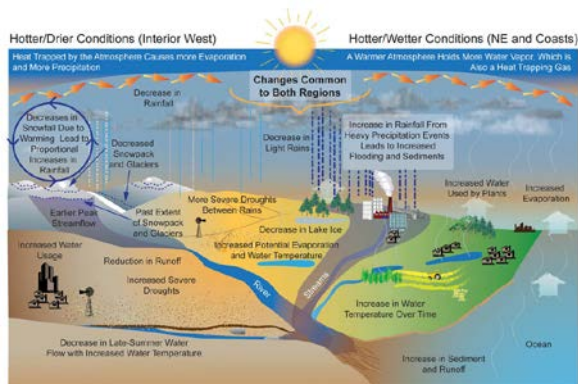
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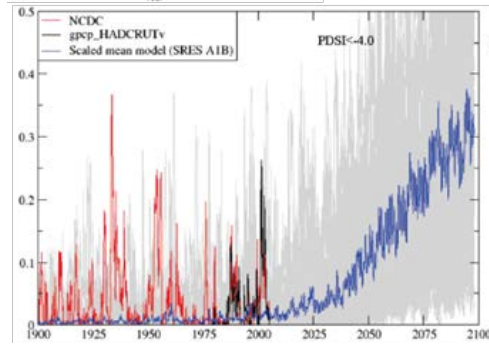
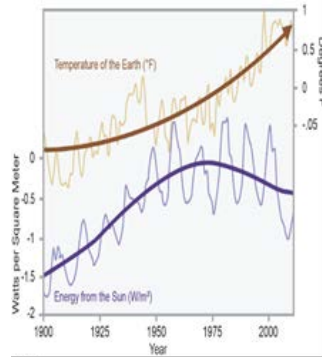
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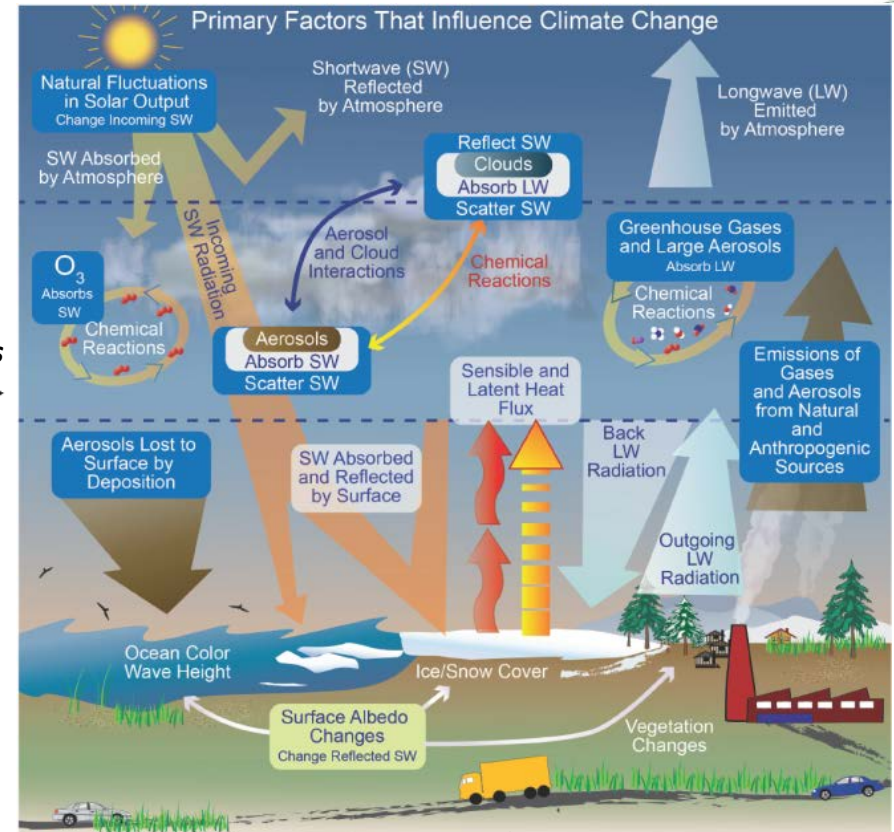
Key Topics: Module 1



Climate impacts

IPCC (2013)

Atmospheric and hydrologic responses



Adaptation



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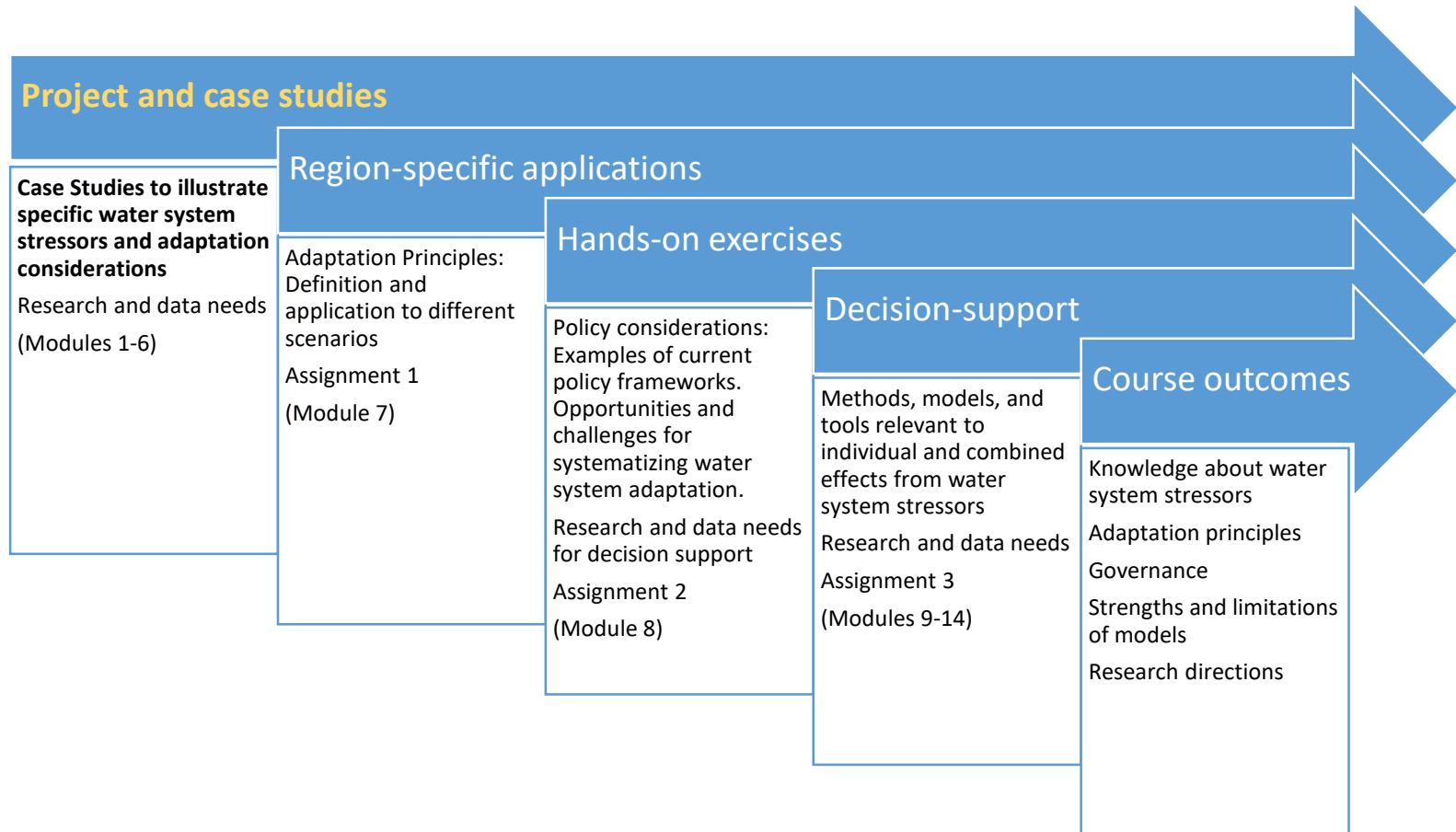
Adaptation and feedback

Climate Process

- Course overview
- Learning objectives
- Format
- Expectations
 - Participation
 - Assignments
 - Project
 - Feedback
- Topical preview
- Keys for success

Water infrastructure condition, development/urbanization, and socio-economic patterns

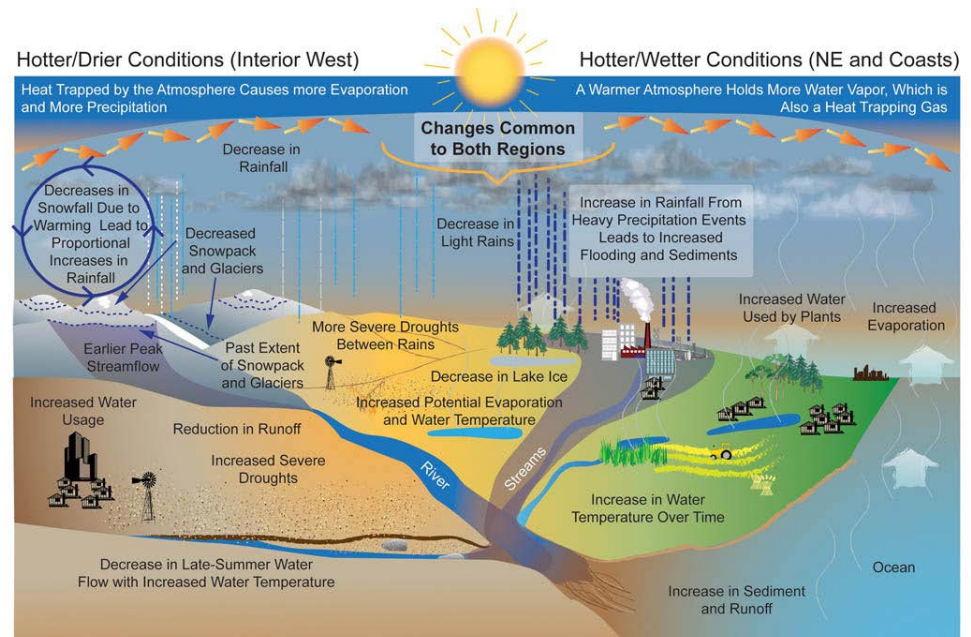
Course Roadmap



Water System Adaptation: Guiding Principles



- Develop framework for systematic and comprehensive analysis of the source, intensity, duration, and frequency of hydrologic disruptions at local, regional, and watershed scales
- Establish short-, medium-, and long-term goals, benchmarks, and milestones
- Evaluate and triage integrity, resilience, and security of water systems
- Define vulnerability to hydrologic threats and identify points-of-control
- Review literature and available decision-support tools
- Determine data and information needs and sources
- Develop actionable short-, medium-, and long-term adaptation plan

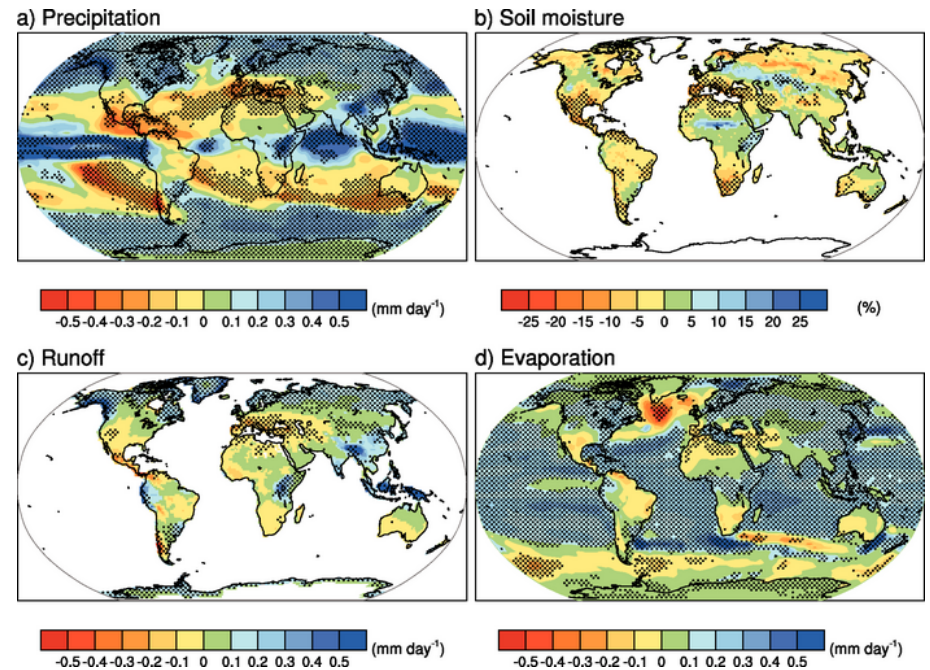


Learning Objectives



- Linkages between water systems, multiple stressors, and actionable adaptation plans
- Water system resilience under stressors that vary in intensity, duration, frequency, and uncertainty
- Constraints and opportunities related to regulatory policies and governance
- Capacity reserve and adaptive planning
- Methods, techniques, and models to examine watershed hydrology and develop water system engineering solutions

Multi-model mean changes in 4 principle hydrological parameters



https://www.ipcc.ch/publications_and_data/ar4/wg1/en/figure-10-12.html



Course Format and Expectations

- Thematic presentations:
 - Case studies (modules 1-6)
 - Adaptation principles (module 7)
 - Policy considerations (module 8)
 - Models, methods and tools (modules 9-14)
- Course project
- Assignments
- Supplemental reading (optional)

Course Project



- Scope
 - Individual or group effort
 - Topic and approach must be approved by course instructor
 - Example topics
 - Local or regional adaptation case study
 - Literature review of specific topic
 - Data analysis and modeling
 - Other topic relevant to course content
- Milestones
 - Topic selection and approval (prior to module 3)
 - Proposal (prior to module 6)
 - Progress update (prior to module 14)
 - Presentation (module 15)

Water System Stressors to Be Covered



- Intense storms
- Prolonged drought
- Land-use changes/Urbanization
- Storm-surge
- Sea level changes
- Salt water intrusion



Case Studies



- Recurring floods in urban environments
- Prolonged drought conditions
- Urbanization and fragmented land-use planning
- Coastal infrastructure vulnerabilities
- Multiple concurrent threats



Water System Adaptation Goals



- Public health protection and emergency response
- Water system integrity
 - Infrastructure resilience to:
 - Sewer overflows
 - Water main breaks
 - Water use variability
 - Continuity of flow
- Water quality management
 - Monitoring
 - Upstream controls
 - Treatment system reliability and multiple barriers



Risk Assessment/Risk Management of Water Systems



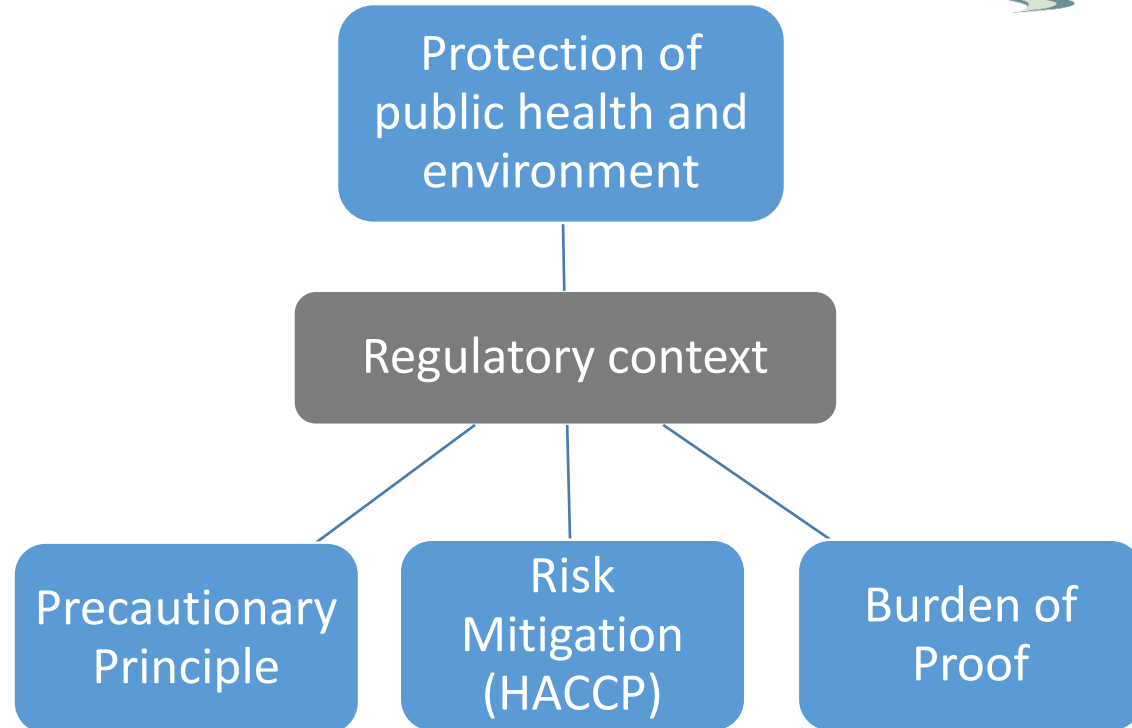
- Engineered water systems
 - Provisioning water
 - Drinking water
 - Irrigation
 - Industrial and commercial water use
 - Collection, treatment, and reuse
 - Wastewater
 - Storm water
 - Storage
 - Surface storage
 - Managed underground storage
- Ecosystem protection and enhancement
- Managing chemicals and wastes to protect public health and the environment



Regulatory Philosophies



- Data requirements
- Baseline conditions
- Control points
 - Source/Upstream
 - Multiple Barriers
 - Critical Points
 - Point-of-use
- Enforcement



Environmental
Release

Environmental
Concentration

Individual
Exposure

Internal
Dose

Biological
Event

Effect

Risk Management Framework Example: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)



- Systematic review of physical, chemical, and biological threats/hazards
- Seven Principles
 - Hazard Identification and preventive measures
 - Identify Critical Control Points (CCP)
 - Establish Critical Limits
 - Establish Monitoring system for each CCP
 - Establish Corrective Actions
 - Documentation and record keeping
 - Verification/validation

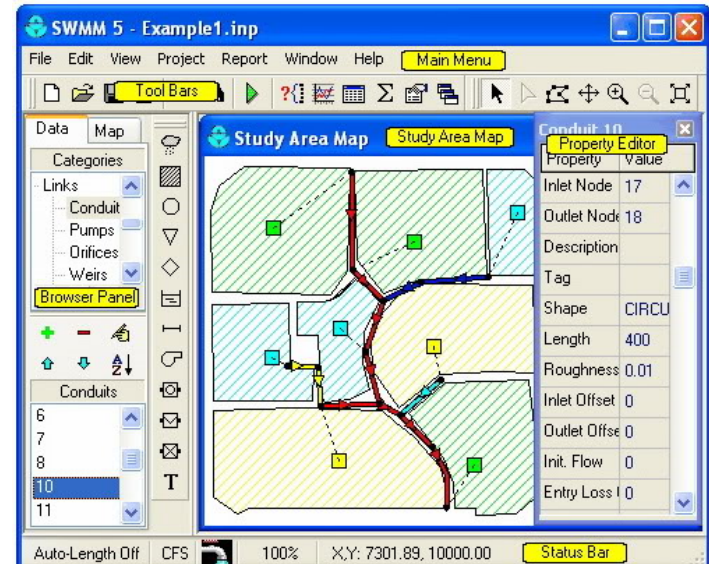


Models

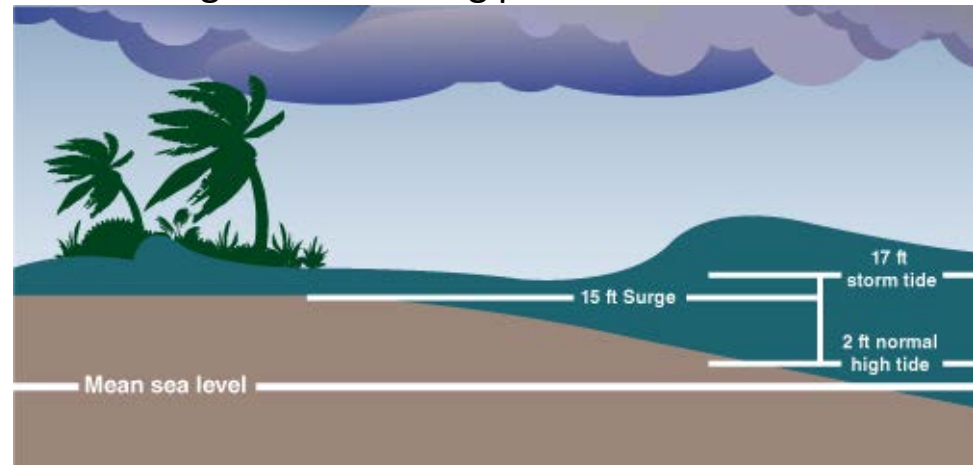


- Watershed Hydrology
 - Storm water
 - Storm surge
 - Sea level rise
 - Drought
- Water quality
 - Surface water
 - Groundwater
 - Salt water intrusion
- Water infrastructure
 - Integrity
 - Quality
- Process engineering

Design software (e.g., SWMM)



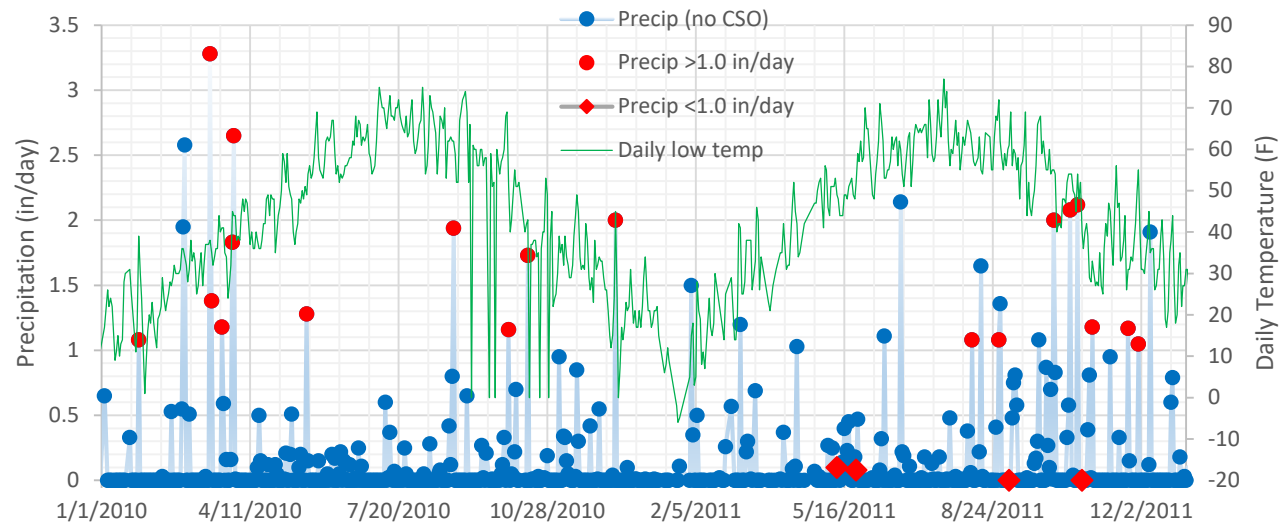
Storm surge and modeling platforms





Data and Information Needs

- Scale
 - Temporal (frequency)
 - Spatial (specific locations)
- Baseline (historic data availability, statistics)
- Parameters
 - Water quantity and availability
 - Water quality





Looking Ahead to the Next Module.....

- Identify locally-relevant climate stressors
- Initial scoping of project topic
- Review background resources

