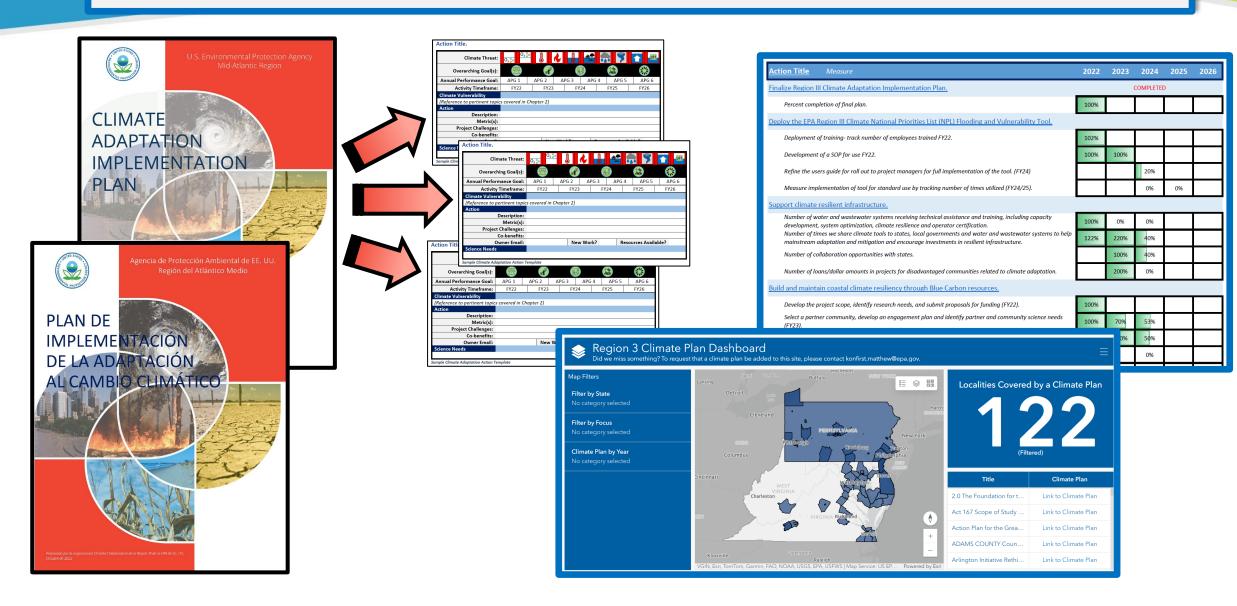
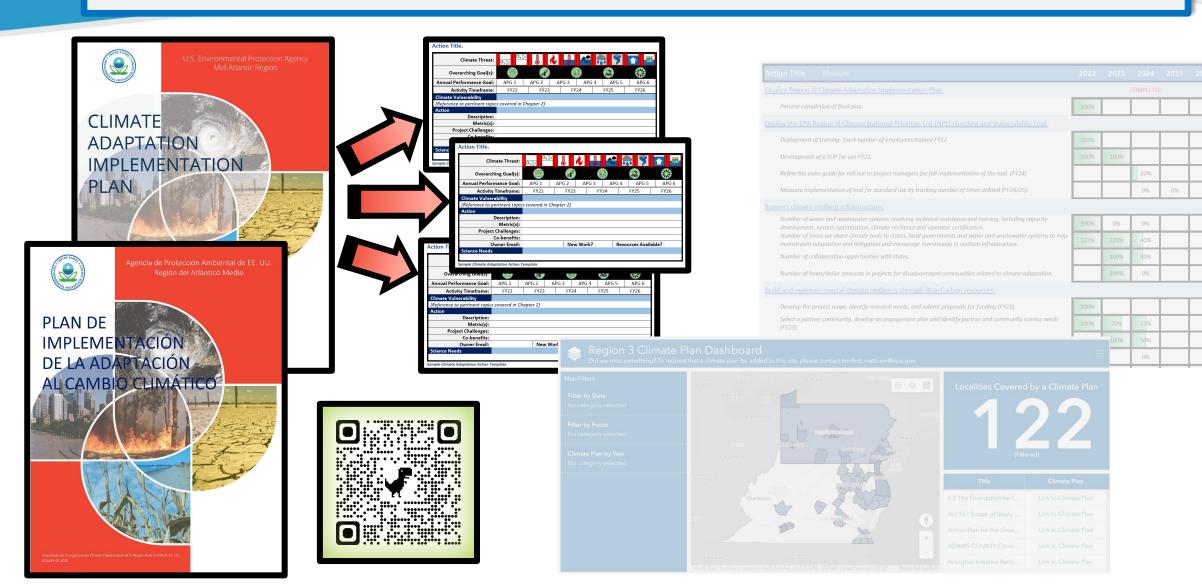
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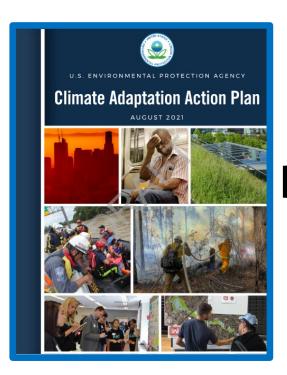
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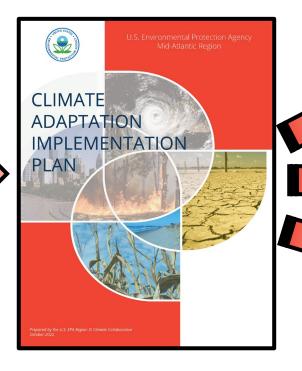


EPA Climate Planning and Implementation

Agency Plan

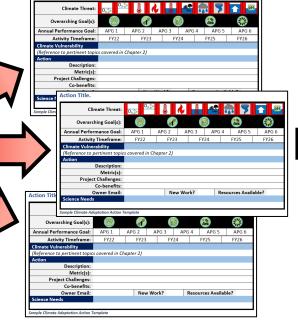


Region 3 Plan



Priority Actions





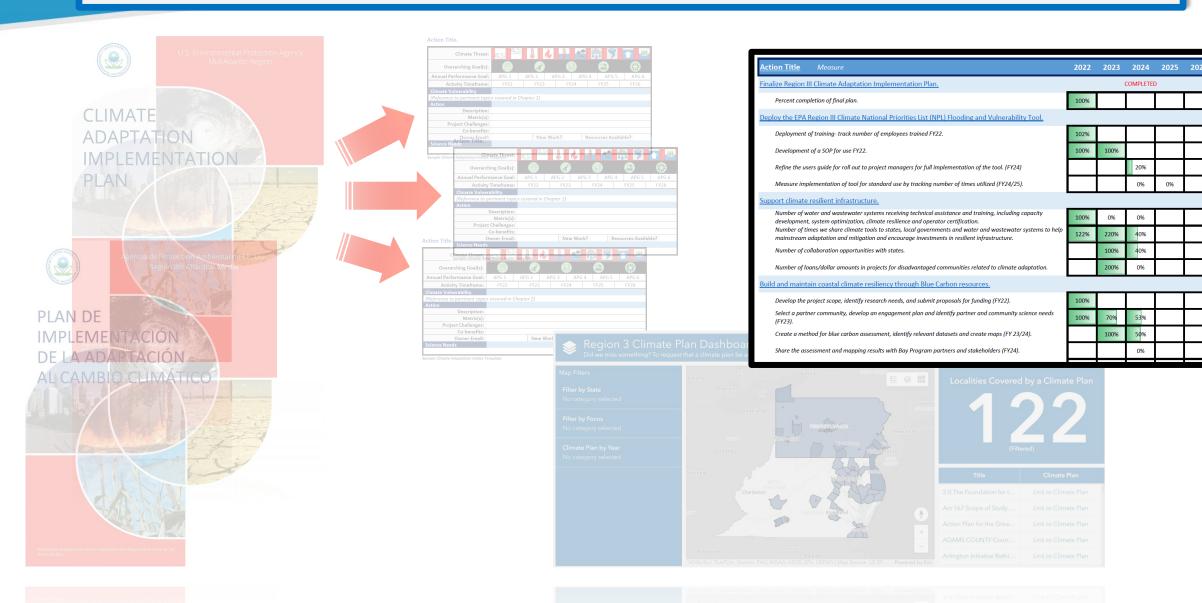


CAIP Updates – Existing Priority Actions (FY22)

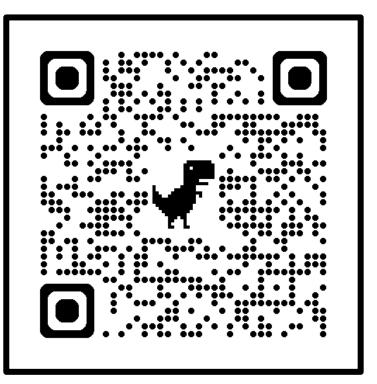
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- 2. Deploy the EPA Region III Climate National Priorities List (NPL) Flooding and Vulnerability Tool.
- 3. Support climate resilient infrastructure.
- 4. Build and maintain coastal climate resiliency through Blue Carbon resources.
- 5. Engage Region III Tribes in a meaningful dialogue on climate change adaptation and resilience.
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- 8. Support Federal Facilities with resilience goals.
- 9. Advance understanding and implementation of climate-resilient Best Management Practices (BMPs).

CAIP Updates – New Priority Actions (FY24)

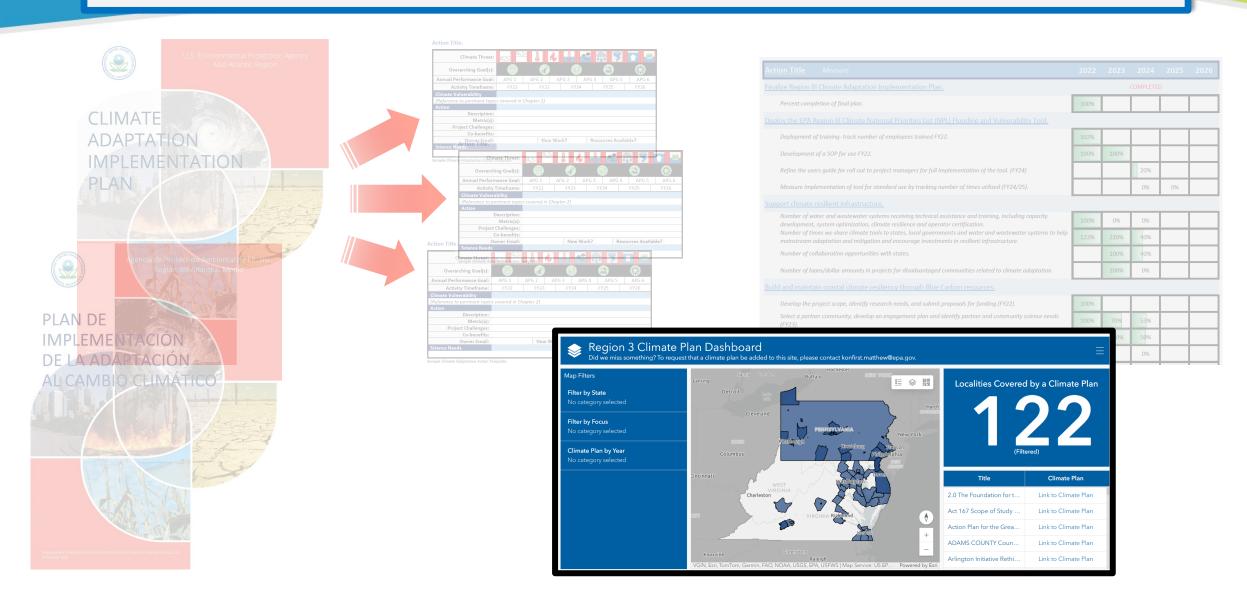
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- 2. Finalize the Region 3 Disaster Mitigation Implementation Strategy.
- 3. Update the Sea-level-rise Exploration and Assessment (SEA) decision support tool.
- 4. Convene a "Watershed Partnerships Workshop" to address climate adaptation at the watershed scale.
- 5. Engage Superfund communities on climate.
- 6. Partner with the Regional Science Council to host climate-focused webinars for both internal and external audiences.
- 7. Convene a quarterly meeting with Region 3 jurisdictions to coordinate across the Mid-Atlantic on climate issues.
- 8. Resilience capacity building in Environmental Justice/Social Justice Communities for climate change planning.
- 9. Developing Next-Generation Intensity-Duration-Frequency (NGIDF) Curve Data for EPA Region 3.
- 10. Increase regional and national collaboration to ensure consistency among vulnerability assessment mapping tools and approaches.
- 11. Create an annual engagement plan and a toolkit of communication and engagement resources.
- 12. Advance understanding of and engage with partners on the environmental impacts of wasted food and the beneficial uses of compost application to soil.
- 13. Pilot project to streamline interagency coordination on federally supported climate resilience efforts in selected Region 3 communities.
- 14. Understanding carbon storage/sequestration implications of local decision-making.
- 15. Create a framework for strategic, multi-scale (landscape-scale to site-scale) planning for coastal wetland restoration.
- 16. Partnerships and grants adaptation review.
- 17. Innovative advancements in lake and wetland monitoring with imagery and machine learning modeling.
- 18. Develop a fine-scale stream network temperature model for Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
- 19. Expanding the Wetland Regional Monitoring Program.
- 20. Provide Training for ECAD and ORC to Incorporate Climate Adaptation Considerations in Enforcement Cases.



Tracking Climate Successes



Action Title Measure	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
Finalize Region III Climate Adaptation Implementation Plan.	COMPLETED					
Percent completion of final plan.	100%					
Deploy the EPA Region III Climate National Priorities List (NPL) Flooding and Vulnerability Tool.						
Deployment of training- track number of employees trained FY22.	102%					
Development of a SOP for use FY22.	100%	100%				
Refine the users guide for roll out to project managers for full implementation of the tool. (FY24)			20%			
Measure implementation of tool for standard use by tracking number of times utilized (FY24/25).			0%	0%		
Support climate resilient infrastructure.						
Number of water and wastewater systems receiving technical assistance and training, including capacity development, system optimization, climate resilience and operator certification.	100%	0%	0%			
Number of times we share climate tools to states, local governments and water and wastewater systems to help mainstream adaptation and mitigation and encourage investments in resilient infrastructure.		220%	40%			
Number of collaboration opportunities with states.		100%	40%			
Number of loans/dollar amounts in projects for disadvantaged communities related to climate adaptation.		200%	0%			
Build and maintain coastal climate resiliency through Blue Carbon resources.						
Develop the project scope, identify research needs, and submit proposals for funding (FY22).	100%					
Select a partner community, develop an engagement plan and identify partner and community science needs (FY23).	100%	70%	53%			
Create a method for blue carbon assessment, identify relevant datasets and create maps (FY 23/24).		100%	50%			
Share the assessment and mapping results with Bay Program partners and stakeholders (FY24).			0%			





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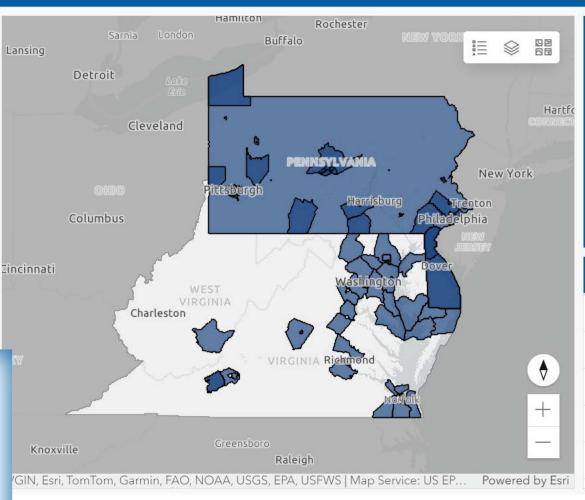
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Priority Actions with Community Engagement

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