

Climate Change Adaptation: Moving from Risk to Resilience



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Adaptation

 Adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities

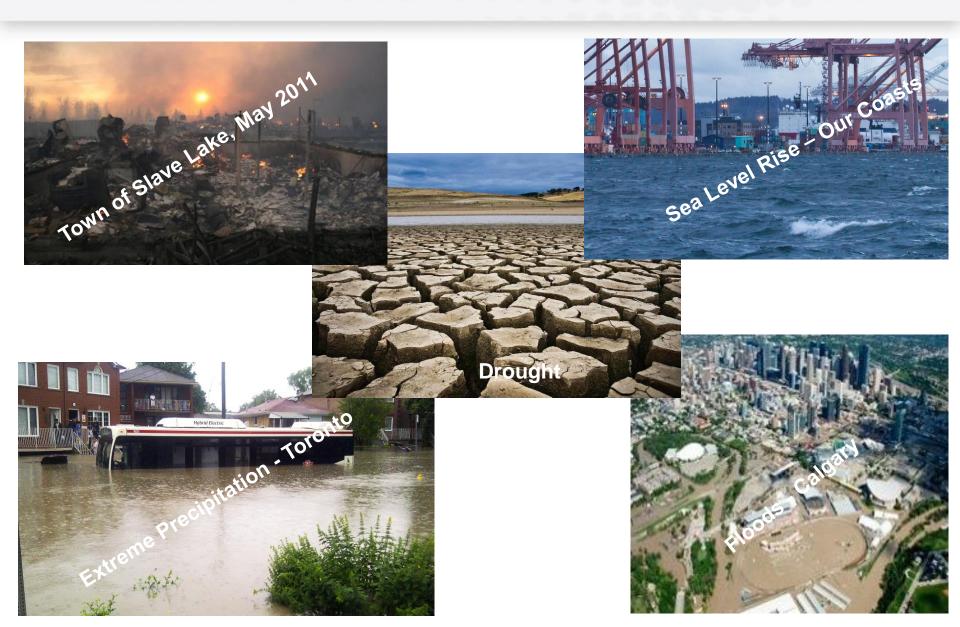
(IPCC, 2001a).





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Impacts of Climate Change



Climate Change Adaptation: From Risk to Resilience

- Changing Climate
- Identifying Risk
- Assessing Risk
- Managing Risk: Building Resiliency





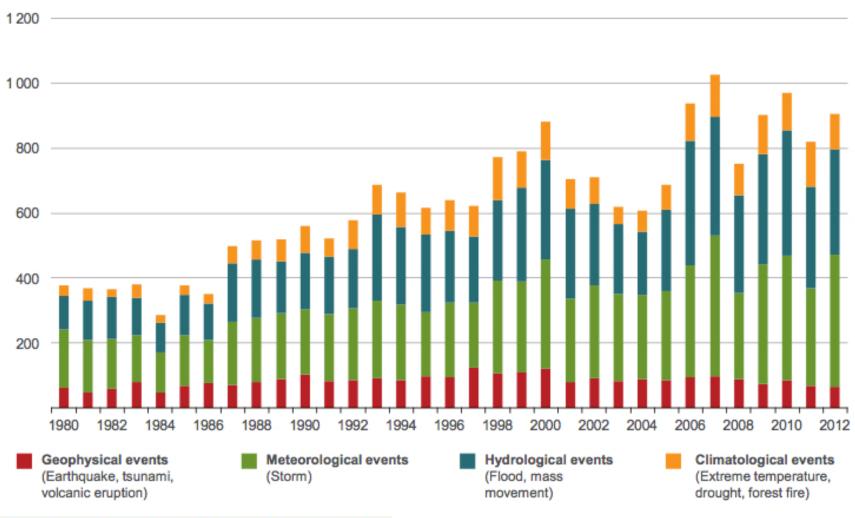




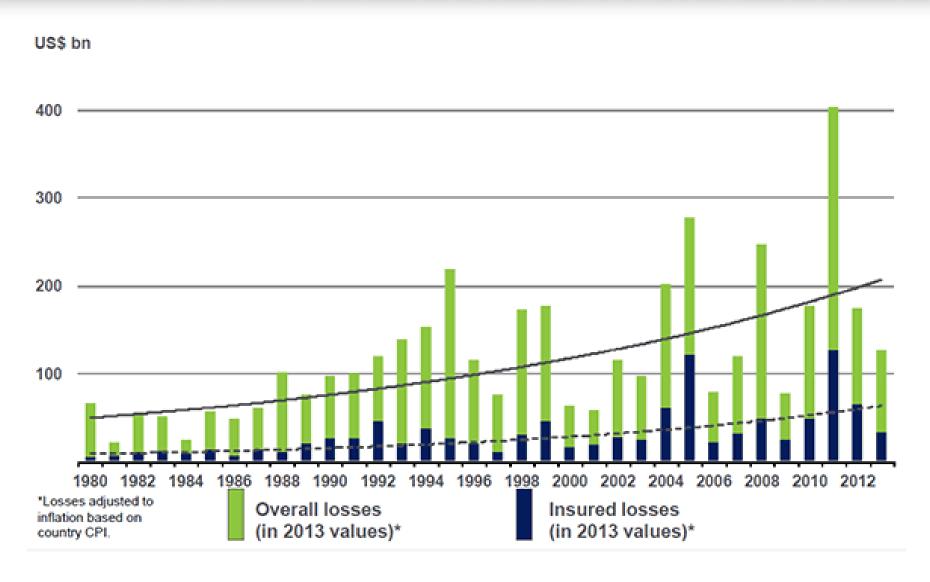


Natural Catastrophes Worldwide 1980-2012

Number of Events

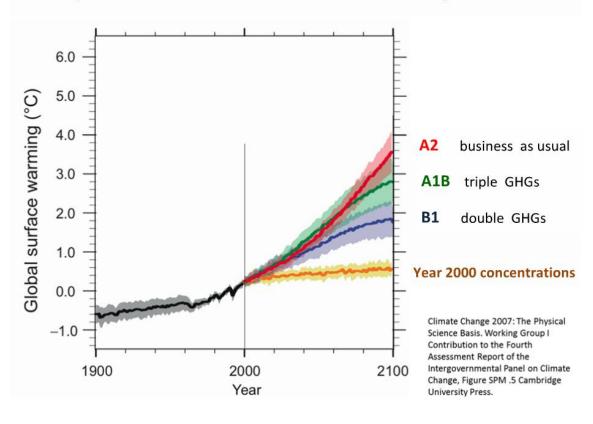


Cost to Society



SRES Emission Scenarios

Projected Global Mean Surface Temperature





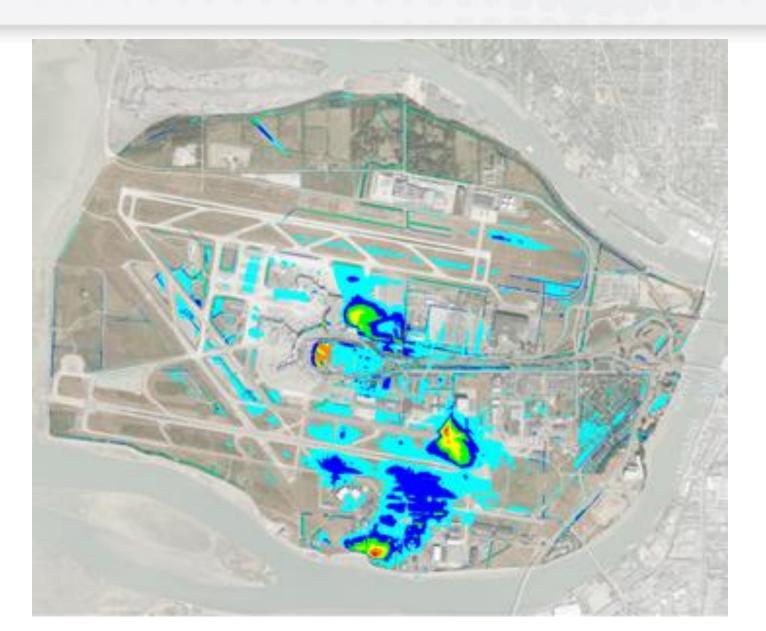
Climate Risk



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How do we identify flood risk?



Planning Tools

PIEVC Protocol

- The Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee's Climate Change Vulnerability Tool.
- Engineers Canada (regulates the practice of engineering in Canada)/NRCAN
- To ensure that professional engineers and geoscientists always consider climate change impacts as an integral part of all projects.
- CREAT (US EPA)
- Climate Resilience Evaluation and Awareness Tool (CREAT)
- Developed to assess Water and Wastewater facilities



Risk Table

-		0	0 1 2 3				5	6	7
+		PROBABILITY							
		negligible or not applicable	improbable 1:1 000 000	remote 1:100 000	occasional 1:10 000	moderate 1:1 000	probable 1:100	frequent 1:10	continuou 1:1
0	No Effect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	M
1	Measurable 0.0125	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	Flood
2	Minor 0.025	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
SEVERITY	Moderate 0.050	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	tation
4 >	Major 0.100	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	Adaptation
5	Serious 0.200	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	MA
6	Hazardous 0.400	D	bod	Climate Change				2	Flood
7	Catastrophic 0.800	0	7	14	21	28	35	12	NZ

David Lapp, P.Eng., Professional Practice Engineers Canada Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy, 2011



Flood Risk at Varying Scales

- River Flooding
 - Impacted by Climate Change?
- Small Watercourses
 - Impacted by Climate Change
- Urban Drainage
 - Most Impacted by Climate Change

ncreasing Flood Likelihood

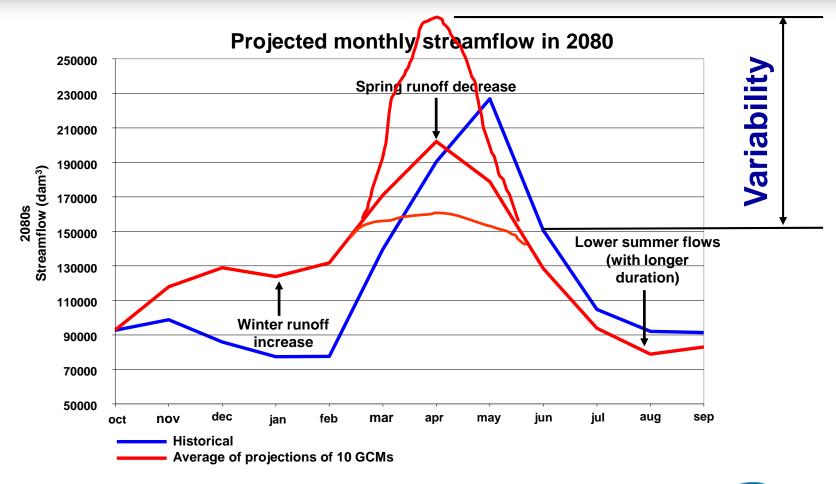






Rivers in Southern Canada

Okanagan River at Oliver

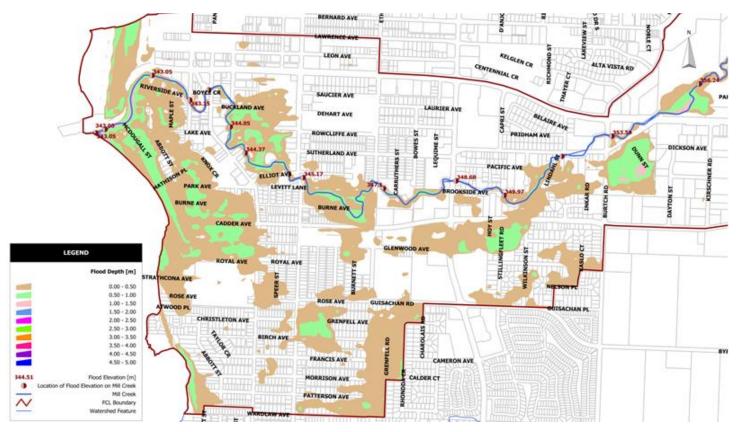


Recreated from Hamlet et al. (2010)



Small Watercourses

Mill Creek, Kelowna





Urban Drainage



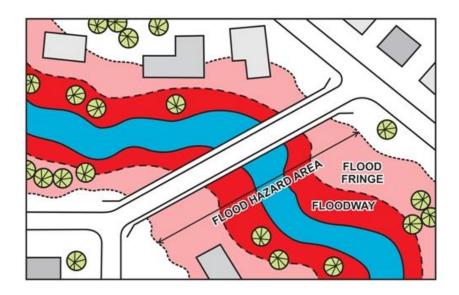
Overland Flood Insurance

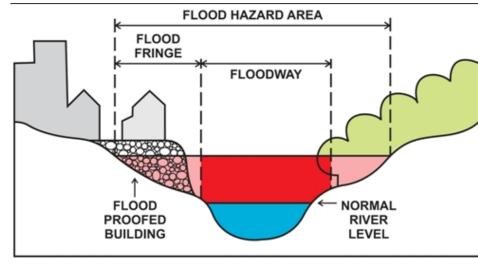
- Canadian Flood Damage Assistance
- Setting Insurance Premiums
 - Probability and exposure?
 - Value of losses?
 - Spread the premiums
- The 19%



Floodplain Mapping

- Federal Government developing a National Floodplain Mapping Guideline
- Water Management is a Provincial responsibility
- Standards across provinces vary





Flood Protection Adaptation

- Non-Structural
 - Room for the River
 - Managed Retreat
 - FCL Controls/MBE Bylaws
- Structural
 - Dyking (Flood boxes and Pump Stations)
 - Diversion
 - Storage



Room For the River

- Phrase coined by the Dutch
- Recognizes that rivers infrequently spill over their banks
- Floodways provide conveyance
- Flood fringe provides storage and natural landscape



Managed Retreat

- Usually higher risk, lightly developed areas
- Relocate floodplain encroachments
- May be more cost effective to relocate assets
- Alberta example







Dyking

- Dykes encroach on the floodplain
- Increased water levels
- Pump Stations and floodboxes
- Erosion protection and seepage control







FCL's/MBE's

- Flood Construction Level
- Minimum Building Elevation







Watershed-Based

- Diversion
- Storage





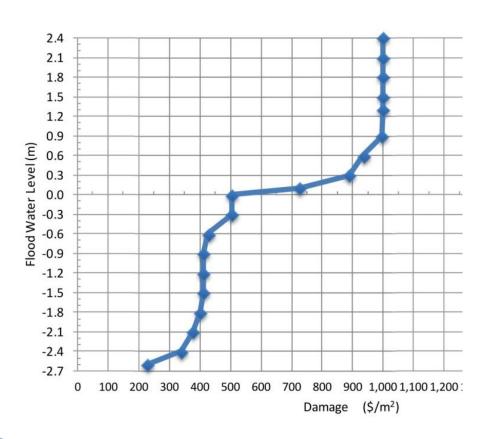


Flood Risk Mapping



Modeling Building Damage

Depth-Damage Curves







Modeling Building Damage













Flood Damage/Averted Flood Damage



Urban Networks

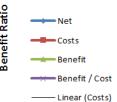
- Adaptation Strategies:
 - Source Controls
 - BMPs
 - Bigger Pipes
 - Floodproof (grading bylaws, MBE, backflow preventers)
 - Purchase flood prone properties
 - Accept risk



Urban Flooding TBL Example

Triple Bottom Line 300,000,000 250,000,000 200,000,000 100,000,000 R² = 0.9983 1.0 50,000,000 0.0

Return Period





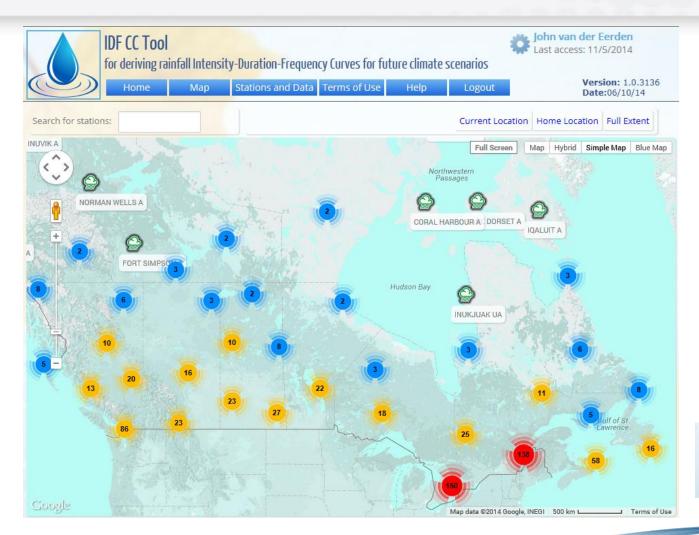


Questions?





IDF Climate Change Calculator



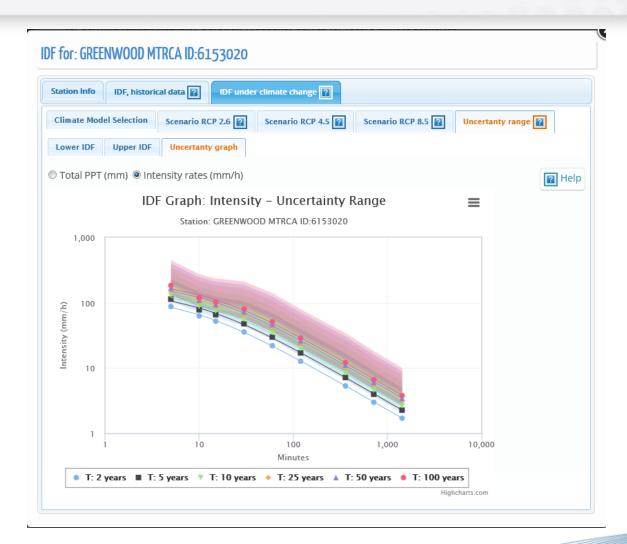
Western University Canadian Water Network







IDF CC (Western University/Canadian Climate Network)









Risk-Based Flexible Design

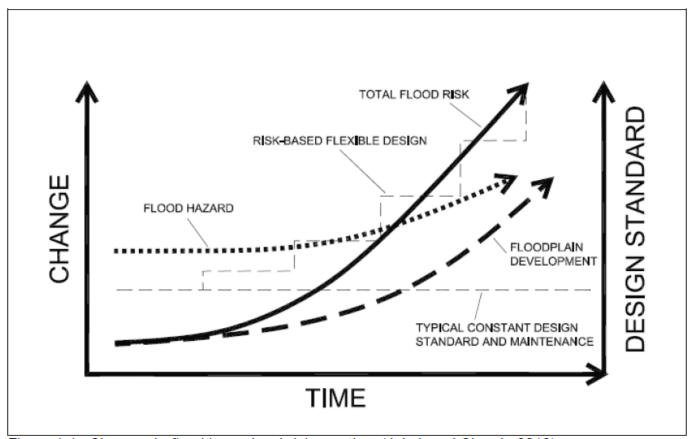


Figure 1-1: Changes in flood hazard and risk over time (Jakob and Church, 2012).



