City of Toronto Action to Address Climate Change – Planning and Action

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Overview

 A history
Cross-corporate climate resilience and adaptation approach
The High Level Risk Assessment approach
Current & future work



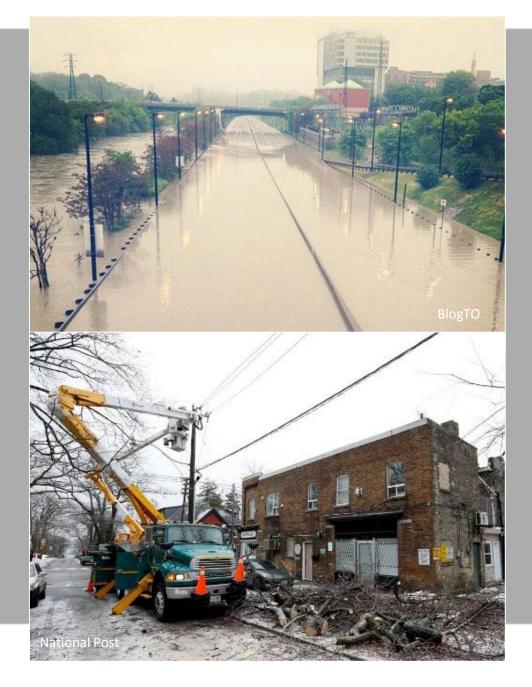


History

- Climate Change Action Plan (2007)
- Power to Live Green (2008)
- Ahead of the Storm (2009)
- Climate Change Risk Tool (2010)
- Climate Drivers Study (2011)
- Resilient City Preparing for Extreme Weather (2013)
- Resilient City Preparing for Climate Change (2014)
- Resilient City Preparing for Climate Change, Update and Next Steps (2016)

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• TransformTO (2017)



Toronto Climate Change Risk Assessment Tool

• Decision making tool to help prioritize actions in a consistent and robust manner across divisions.

Transportation Services

- Entire Division
- 90 classes of assets & services

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Shelter, Support & Housing Administration

 High-rise apartment buildings

- Women's shelter
- Streets to home

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• TRCA

- York Region
- Aurora
- Vaughn

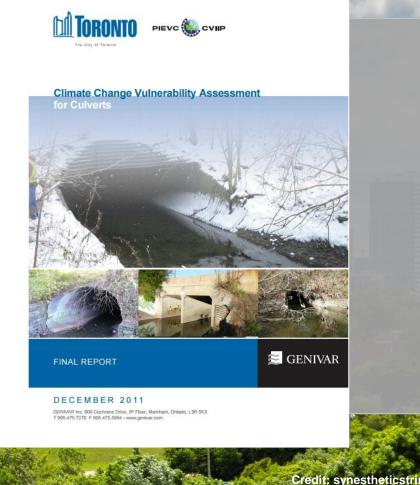
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• Mississauga

Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee (PIEVC) Protocol

Since 2010 – 6 PIEVC Assessments have been completed in Toronto:

- Toronto Hydro (Distribution)
- City of Toronto (Culverts)
- TRCA (Dams)
- Toronto Community Housing
- Pearson International Airport
- Metrolinx (6 assets)



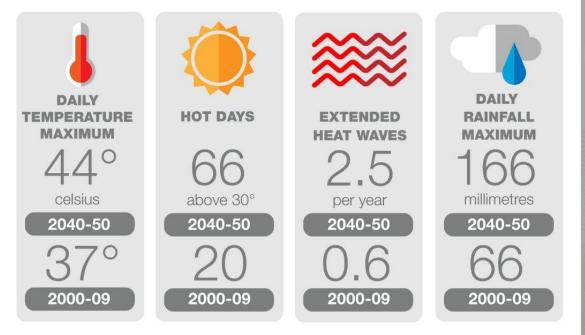


Resilient City & the Climate Change Risk Management Policy

- Climate Change Risk Management Policy, adopted by City Council in July 2014.
- Established a process to systematically prioritize the identification, assessment, reduction, monitoring & reporting of climate change risks.
- Defined governance structure (roles & responsibilities) for climate change risk management within the City of Toronto.

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Toronto's Future Weather*



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Adoption of the Climate Change Risk Management Policy (Agencies, Boards & Corporations)

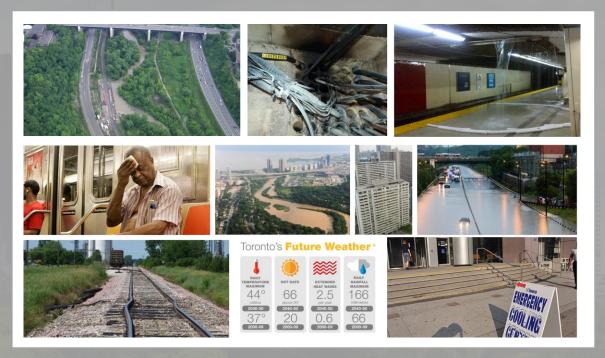


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Resilient City & the Climate Change Risk Management Policy

- 1. Support City operations in conducting detailed risk assessments.
- 2. Partner with the private sector and broader public sector in the implementation of collective action that increases Toronto's resilience.
- 3. Develop and deliver a coordinated resilience outreach strategy for residents.
- 4. Monitor how the climate is changing & identify Toronto's climate information needs.



Resilient City Working Group

- City Planning
- Corporate Finance, Insurance and Risk Management
- Engineering & Construction Services
- Facilities Management
- Office of Emergency Management
- Parks, Forestry & Recreation
- Purchasing & Materials Management
- Shelter, Support & Housing Administration
- Social Development, Finance & Administration

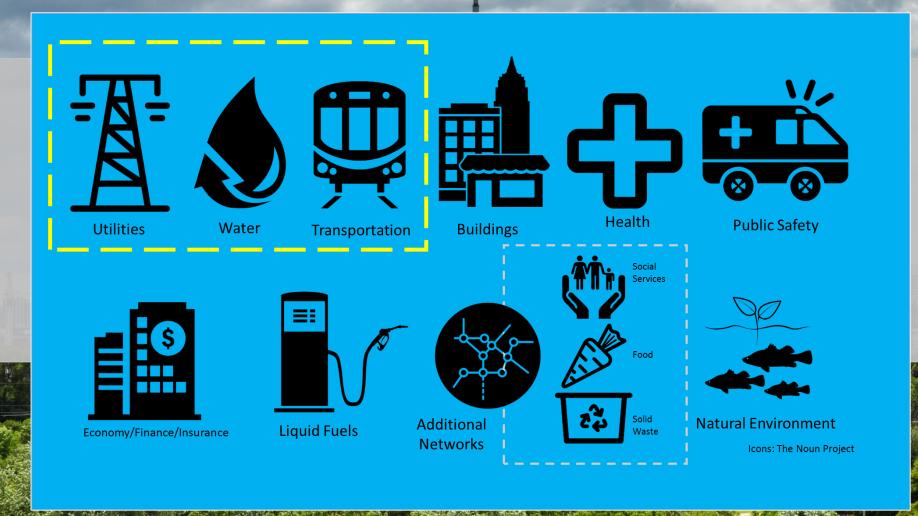
- Toronto & Region Conservation Authority
- Toronto Building
- Toronto Hydro
- Toronto Public Health
- Toronto Transit Commission
- Toronto Water
- Transportation Services
- Metrolinx
- Hydro One

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High Level Risk Assessment (HLRA) Process





Key Findings & Lessons Learned from HLRA Process

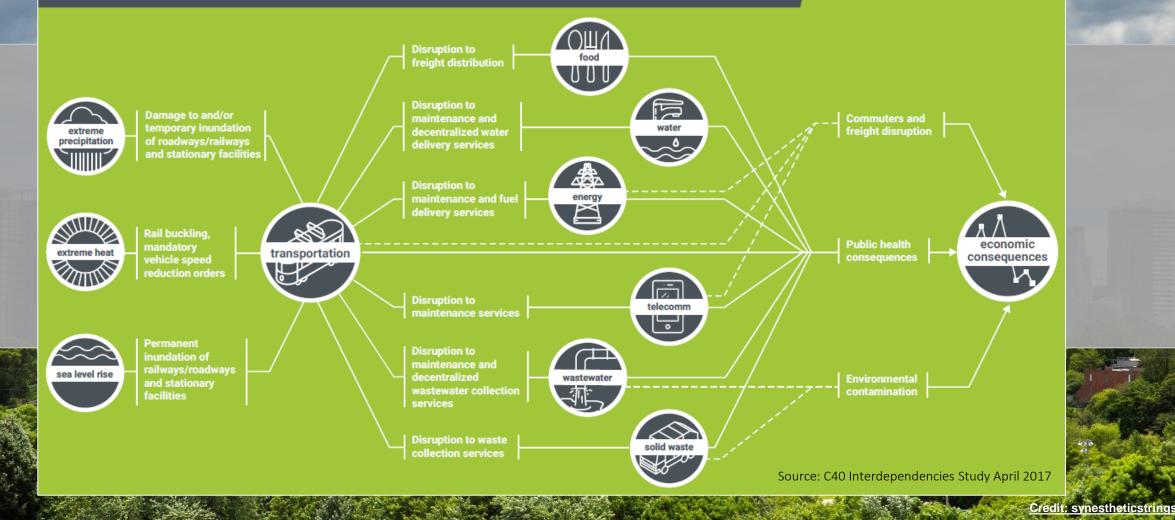
High Level Risk Assessment: Dependency Diagram





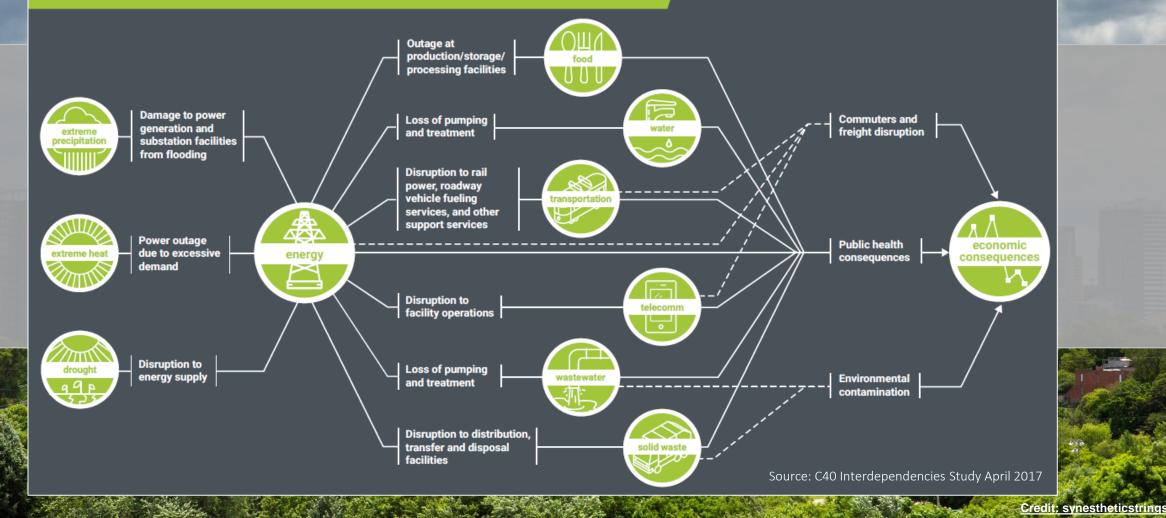
Understanding Interdependencies

Example of a sector that impacts multiple sectors: **Transportation**



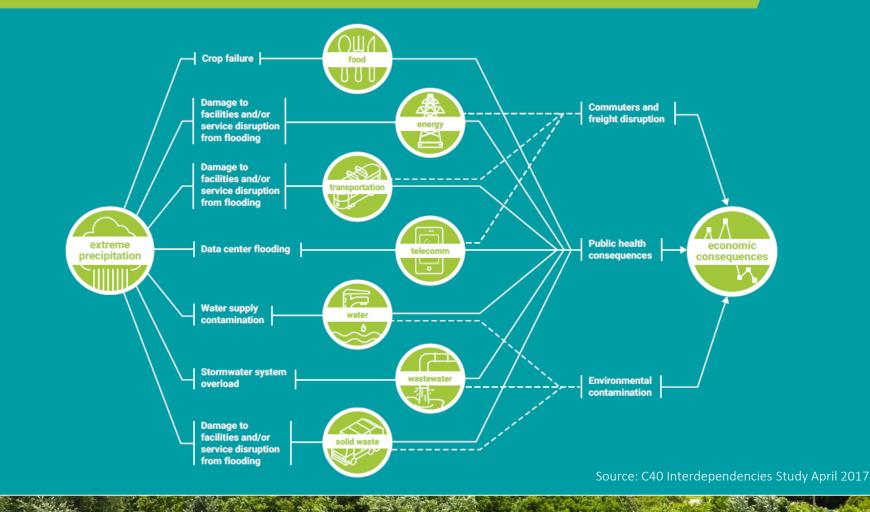
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Example of a sector that impacts multiple sectors: Energy



Understanding Interdependencies

Example of a climate hazard that impacts multiple sectors: **Extreme precipitation**





Current Work & Future Work

- Implementation of actions arising from High Level Risk Assessments & 2016 Report
 - Focus on understanding urban flooding
 - Exploring the use of GIS enabled decision support tools
 - Supporting Divisions + ABCs
 - Entering Year 1 of 2+ in partnership with 100 Resilient Cities
 - Implementation of TransformTO Report 1 Strategies toward Toronto's long-term, low-carbon goals (80% reduction by 2050)



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Long-Term Objectives



Thank you.

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