

Communicating About Climate Change and its Impacts in New Jersey's Coastal Communities

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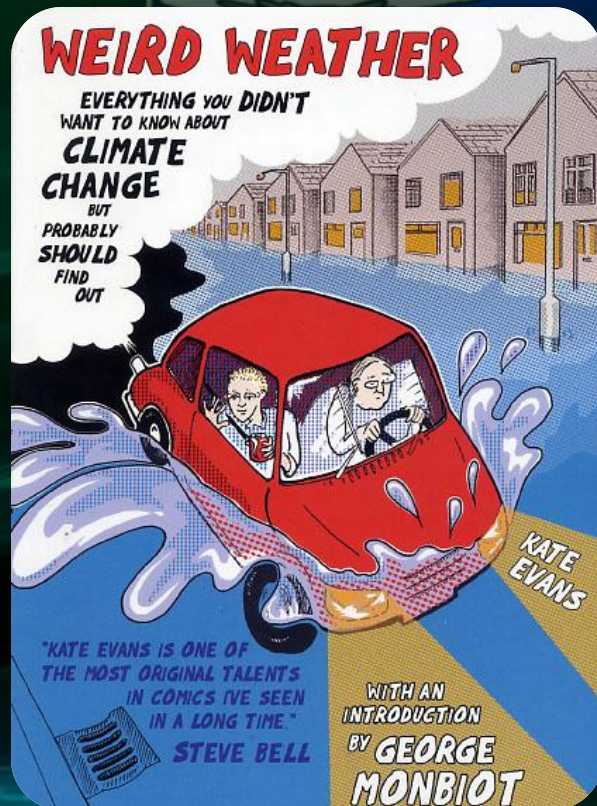
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What is Climate Change?



What would you like to know?



What is the big deal with carbon?



What is the greenhouse effect?



How do we know the climate is changing?



What is happening in the oceans?



What can we do to help?



What else do we need to find out?



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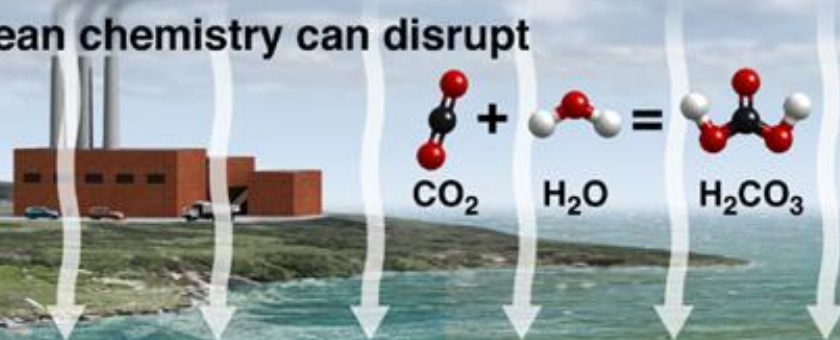
- First, what is **weather**?

- Atmospheric conditions within small geographic areas over minutes, hours, or days → basically



Carbon dioxide dissolves in the ocean to make carbonic acid.
The amount of acid has increased over the past 150 years.

These changes in ocean chemistry can disrupt
the entire marine
food web.



pre-1850 average pH 8.2

current average pH 8.1

future

extra acid blocks growth
of corals and shellfish

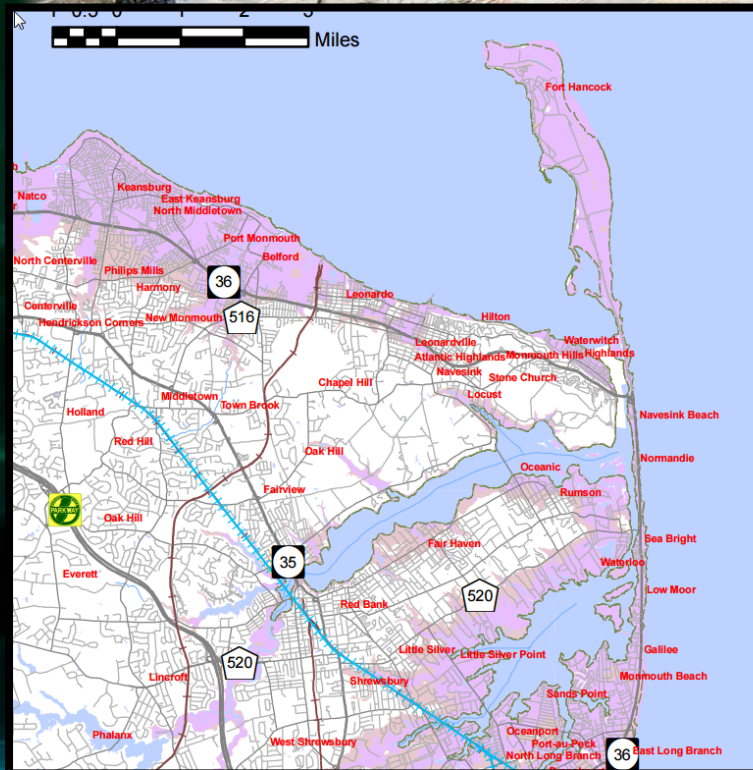
some species in the food
web benefit while others
decline

Is New Jersey Different?



<http://slrviewer.rutgers.edu/>

An aerial photograph showing a coastal road with a stone wall separating it from a sandy beach. Several cars are visible on the road, and houses are visible in the background.



Category 3 and 4



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers storm surge data/maps are to be used in combination with other GIS data or satellite imagery to



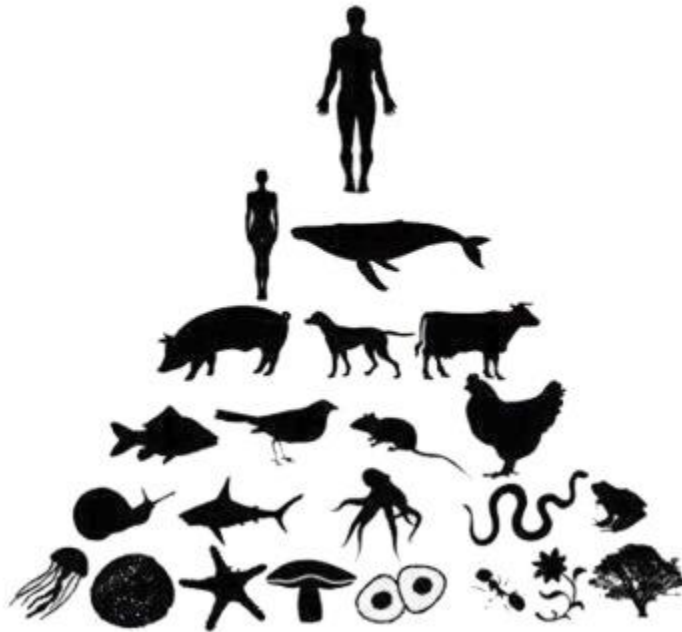
Type of Resiliency

MIAMI, FLORIDA, USA

SOU

BUILD

EGO



ECO



Time for a Game / Challenge!

- How can we be resilient and plan for Monmouth Beach for current and future forecasted climate change?
- Let's see who can do the best!?!

