
Getting Climate Savvy

Three Approaches

— Advocacy • Programs • Special Projects —

Getting Climate Change into Your Work

1. You'll seem out of touch if you ignore it.
2. There are opportunities to achieve your other goals if you include climate change. It might be the tool that pushes you over the top!
3. Hip, Happening, Now!
4. Your mission may depend upon it.
5. It is so easy! Take a look....

Climate Savvy Advocacy

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Improving Water Quality in Lake Champlain

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We monitor TMDL compliance, and rally public support for strong standards.

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The actions we have been advocating for may be insufficient to meet our goal.

Altered precipitation and flow rates affect dilution, increase temperature affects toxicity of contaminants and exacerbates eutrophication.

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4. What can you adjust your arguments, messages, or strategies to address climate-related weaknesses or take advantage of new opportunities?

Climate change means that the review we've been urging is more important, but it also means we have to make sure we are both asking for climate change inclusion, or we are bringing ideas and information to the process. Take advantage of EPA's internal mandate.

Making your work climate savvy

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Helping wetlands thrive!

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Removing invasive species and restoring native vegetation in wetlands.

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New invasive species moving in, existing invasives become more virulent, native flora changing.

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4. What can you do to increase your likelihood of success given these climate change effects?
 - Set-up system to monitor for new invasives
 - Assess existing invasives and consider redesigning eradication methods if needed
 - Determine most appropriate species for restoration efforts

Developing a Community Climate Adaptation Project

- 1a. What climate changes or effects are you most interest in/concerned about?
- 1 b. What particular “targets” matter to you? Why?
2. What are you trying to achieve with this project?
3. What are some potential solutions?
4. How will you make those solutions a reality? What people, information and other resources might you need?