

COMMUNITY ADAPTATIONS TO CITY HEAT

URBAN HEAT ACTION AND POLICY DATABASE

How are inland cities,
including Austin,
Burlington (VT), and
Minneapolis, addressing
flooding and extreme heat?

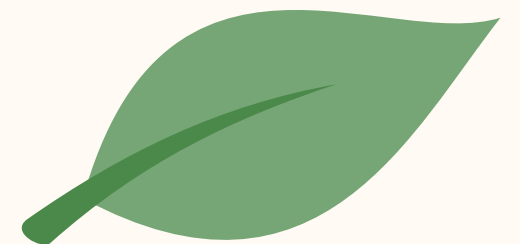


Inland cities face climate co-exposures from heavier rainfall, stormwater runoff, and extreme heat. These hazards can disproportionately affect neighborhoods, requiring solutions that address multiple climate risks.



Green infrastructure, including rain gardens, trees, and vegetation, can help absorb stormwater, reduce localized flooding, and provide cooling benefits through shade and evapotranspiration.

The following examples highlight just a few ways **Austin, Burlington,** and **Minneapolis** are incorporating green infrastructure into their resilience efforts.



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Austin

Austin's **Adopt-A-Creek** program engages community volunteers in caring for local waterways through cleanups, restoration, and stewardship. These efforts can support healthier creek ecosystems and vegetation that helps manage runoff and provide natural cooling.



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about Adopt-A-Creek!



Community stewardship can support healthier, more resilient waterways.



Burlington

Burlington's **Blue BTV** program offers residents free stormwater evaluations and rebates for improvements such as rain gardens and permeable surfaces. These practices help reduce runoff and protect local waterways, while vegetated solutions can also provide neighborhood cooling benefits.



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about Blue BTV!



Household-level green infrastructure can support climate resilience.



Minneapolis

Minneapolis's **35th Avenue North Flood Mitigation Project** combines stormwater infrastructure upgrades with rain gardens and expanded green boulevards to help reduce neighborhood flooding. These improvements also create opportunities for vegetation that can contribute to cooler urban environments.



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about the flood
mitigation project!



Flood mitigation projects can also provide potential cooling benefits.

Heat protections vary widely across cities — with major gaps in coverage and enforcement.

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Making **extreme heat** impacts
visible in **frontline communities**.

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