

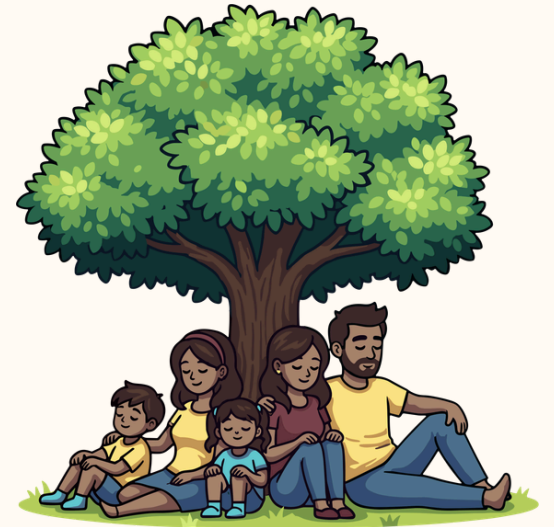
COMMUNITY ADAPTATIONS TO CITY HEAT

URBAN HEAT ACTION AND POLICY DATABASE

How are Boston, Phoenix,
and New Orleans using
shade as a climate
adaptation strategy?



As temperatures rise, access to shade is becoming an increasingly important tool for protecting communities from extreme heat.



Cities are using a variety of strategies to expand shaded spaces, from long-term urban shade plans to investments in public gathering spaces and transit infrastructure.

The following examples highlight just a few ways Boston, New Orleans, and Phoenix are incorporating shade into their heat adaptation efforts.



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Boston

Boston's BPL Outdoors initiative transforms outdoor library spaces into welcoming community gathering areas with seating, programming, and shade to help residents safely enjoy public spaces during warmer months.



Scan to read more
about BPL Outdoor Spaces!

 Shaded public spaces can support community cooling and social connection.



Phoenix

Phoenix's Shade Phoenix Plan provides a comprehensive strategy to expand shade throughout the city by prioritizing trees, built shade structures, and equitable access to cooler public spaces.



**Scan to read more
about Shade Phoenix!**

 Citywide shade planning can improve equitable access to cooler outdoor spaces.



New Orleans

New Orleans' Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies increasing shade at bus stops and other public spaces as a key priority strategy for reducing heat exposure and improving comfort during extreme temperatures.



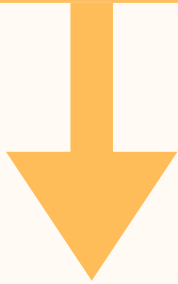
Scan to read more about shading structures at bus stops (Action 2020.2.9)!



Shade can make everyday travel safer during extreme heat.

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

Do you know if your city has heat protection laws? Tell us!



Check out our database to learn more about heat action and policies!



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

Working in Boston, Phoenix, and
New Orleans.



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