



# ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN TORONTO

A Collaboration of the Clean Air  
Partnership & the City of Toronto



## CLEAN AIR PARTNERSHIP

CAP is a registered charity working with many partners in the Greater Toronto Area to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



# WHY THIS PROJECT?

Climate change is linked to weather extremes that already impact on cities, including:

- More frequent & longer heat waves
- Intense storms & rainfalls
- Less predictable weather



# INTENSIFIED EFFORTS NEEDED TO

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions & reduce changes to climate over the long run
- Adapt to the climate effects that are already occurring, to reduce the negative impacts, & take advantage of opportunities



# GOALS

- To work with City staff and other stakeholders on incorporating climate change issues into work programs and planning
- To decrease the vulnerability of Torontonians to climate change impacts
- To increase Toronto's capacity to respond to extreme events



# DELIVERABLES

1. Scan of expected climate change impacts on Toronto
2. Review of climate change adaptation strategies in other cities
3. Workshops with Toronto decision-makers to identify key sectors for initiating adaptation strategies
4. Menus of adaptation strategies for two strategic areas



# TIMEFRAME

Date	Deliverable
Feb. 2006	Scan of expected impacts on Toronto
May 2006	Review of Cities Adaptation Planning
June 2006	Toronto Decision-Makers Workshop
Oct. 2006	Menu of Adaptation Options for Two Strategic Areas
Dec. 2006	Final Report



## HOW MIGHT THIS INVOLVE YOU?

We want to consult you on:

- How weather affects your sector
- How you are already incorporating weather & climate change concerns in your work



## A LITTLE LATER

We will also ask for your comments on:

- Our scan of expected climate change impacts on Toronto
- Our report on the lessons from climate change adaptation efforts of other cities



## AND FINALLY

We would like to engage representatives from two strategic areas or systems impacted by climate change, in developing and/or reviewing a menu of adaptation options for the area.

(You don't have to commit today!)



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