

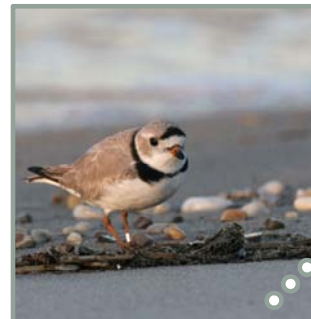


Tidings from the First State:

*Adapting to Sea Level Rise in Delaware
Through Partnership, Capacity Building, and
Grassroots Efforts*



Delaware: “Endless Possibilities”



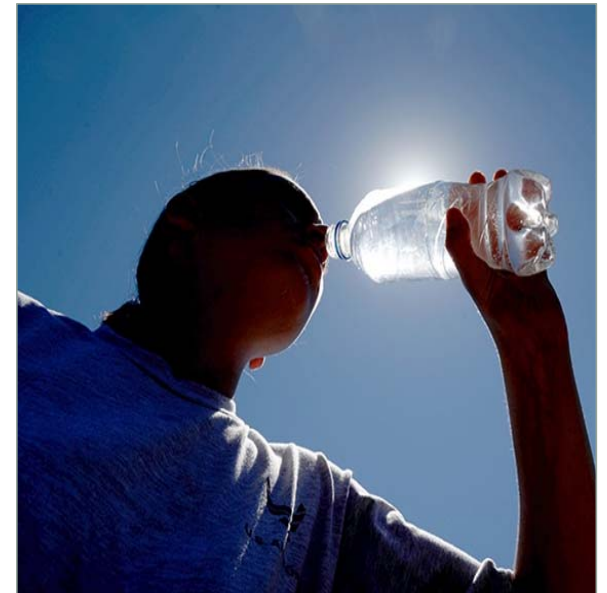
Primary Effects of Climate Change in Delaware



Sea Level Rise



Extreme Rainfall



**Increasing
Temperatures**

Strategic Focus on State Agencies and Municipal Governments

Climate Change Research and Monitoring



Planning and Evaluation Tools



Technical and Planning Assistance



Grant Funding Targeted at State Agencies and Municipal Governments



Partnership Building and Maintenance



Tangible Results, So far....

- Executive Order for state agencies
- Voluntary actions by state agencies and local governments
 - Agency climate plans
 - Agency pilot projects
 - Inter-agency pilot projects
 - Local government comprehensive plans and resiliency plans



On the precipice:

- Voluntary actions have gotten us moving
- Risk of maladaptation
- Real decisions about disinvestment and retreat are likely this decade
- State legislation, regulatory changes and dedicated funding are likely needed to move forward.
- Climate Action Plan due December 2020 will outline specifics





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