First, Stop Climate Change

Panel: Climate Change in the Mid Atlantic

MARYLAND LAND CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

June 1, 2022

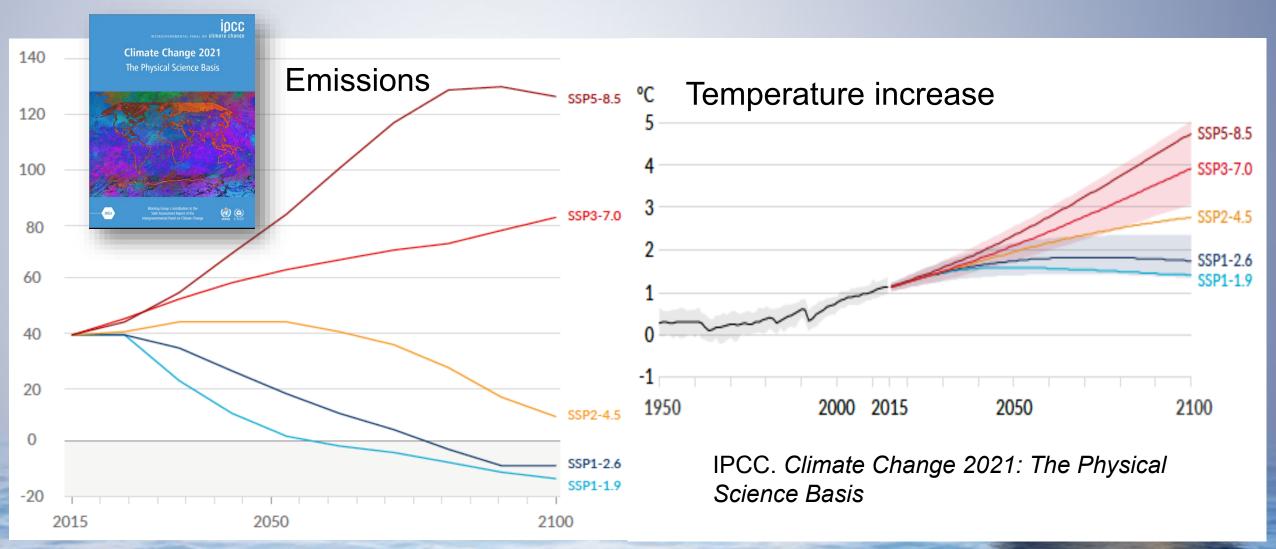
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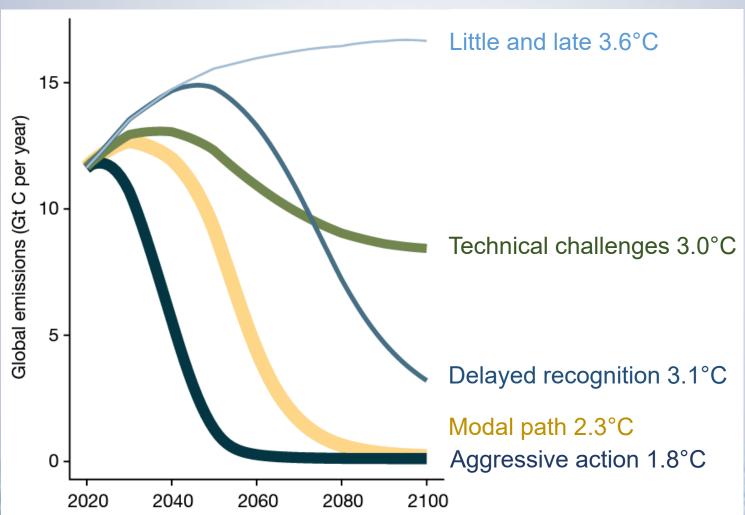




IPCC Emission Pathways & Warming



Coupling climate and social systems



Most extreme IPCC emission pathways implausible

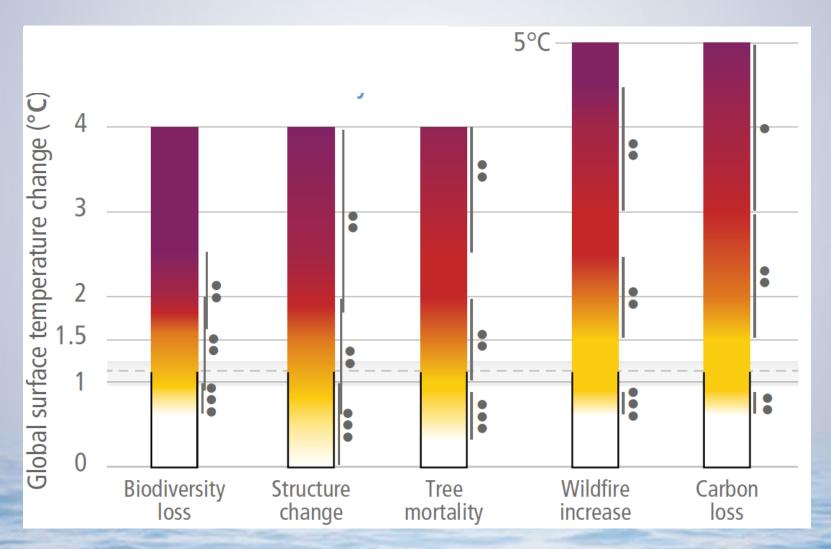
Range of likely outcomes from <2°C to >3°C

Delay has a major effect on degree of warming



Moore, et al. 2022. Nature 603: 103

Impacts & Risks to Terrestrial Ecosystems



Impacts are already apparent

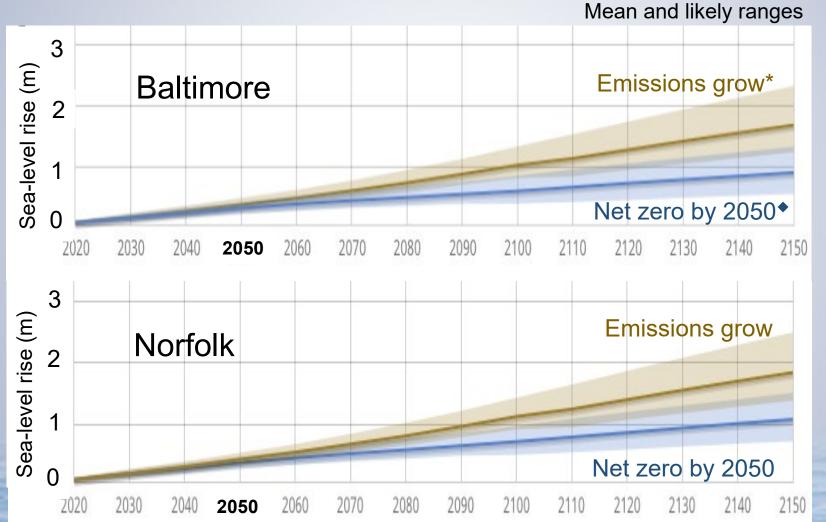
Begin to significantly worsen >1.5°C

Biodiversity loss becomes severe >2°C



IPCC. Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability

Sea-Level Rise Depends on Emissions



Sea level 100 years from now determined by success in emissions reductions in next 30 years.

If emissions continue to grow polar ice sheets could more rapidly deteriorate.

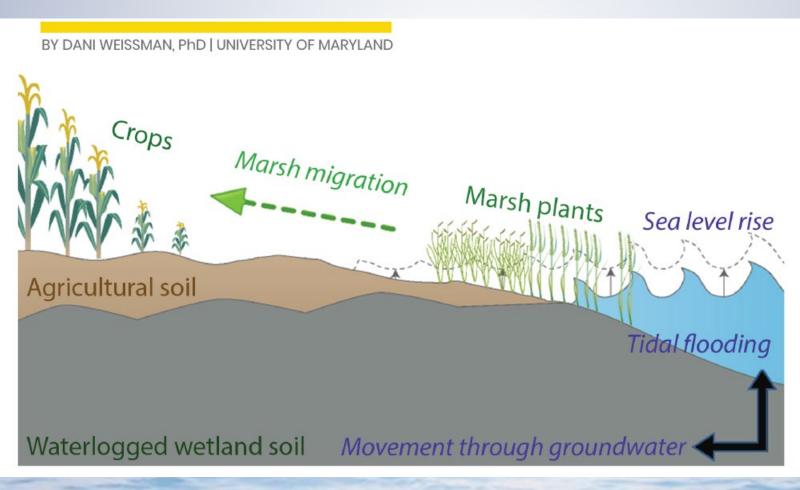
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https://sealevel.nasa.gov/ipcc-ar6-sea-level-projection-tool

Sea-level Rise & Coastal Transgression





Maryland Addresses Climate Change

Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act of 2016



The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act

2030 GGRA Plan

Prepared for:

Governor Larry J. Hogan State of Maryland

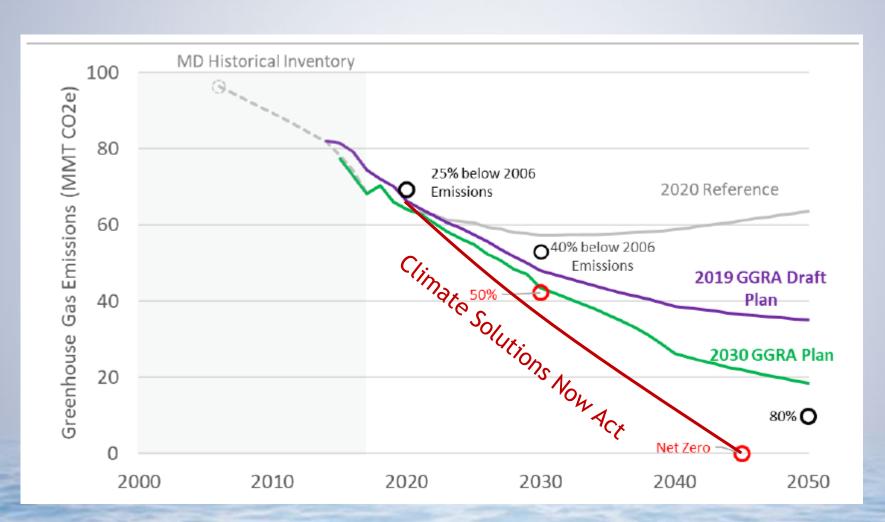
and the Maryland General Assembly

February 19, 2021

Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022



Maryland GGRA Plan & 2022 CSNA



GGRA 40% reduction by 2030

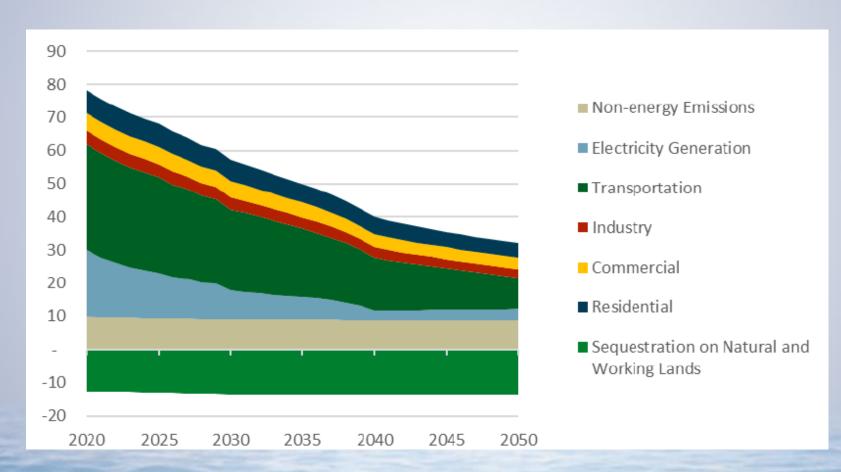
CSNA 60% by 2031, Net Zero by 2045

Near-term actions needed to achieve 2045 goal



2030 GGRA Plan, Maryland Department of the Environment

Emission Projections by Sector



Reduction mainly comes from electricity generation

Little reduction transportation, RCI, & non-energy emissions by 2030

Very small increases in sequestration on natural & working lands

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