

# Climate and Health Adaptation Workshop Series Recap

## Background

In the fall of 2022, NYSDOH and NYSACHO virtually hosted a series of climate and health adaptation workshops to provide an opportunity for local health departments (LHDs) to move the needle on addressing the potential health impacts of climate change in their community. Information was gathered before the workshops through surveys, webinars, and phone calls from LHD staff to tailor the workshops to meet their needs. LHDs were asked to invite their community partners to discuss local climate and health adaptation activities, and they heard from state agencies, LHD colleagues, and other organizations about ongoing climate adaptation-related activities. LHDs were encouraged to identify next steps consistent with their priorities and resources. Six workshops were conducted: 2 plenary sessions that provided information on climate adaptation at the state and local level and 4 topic-specific sessions based on pre-workshop feedback provided by LHDs. Below is a recap of the workshops, survey feedback, and conclusions and next steps.

## Workshop Highlights

**226** total workshop attendees

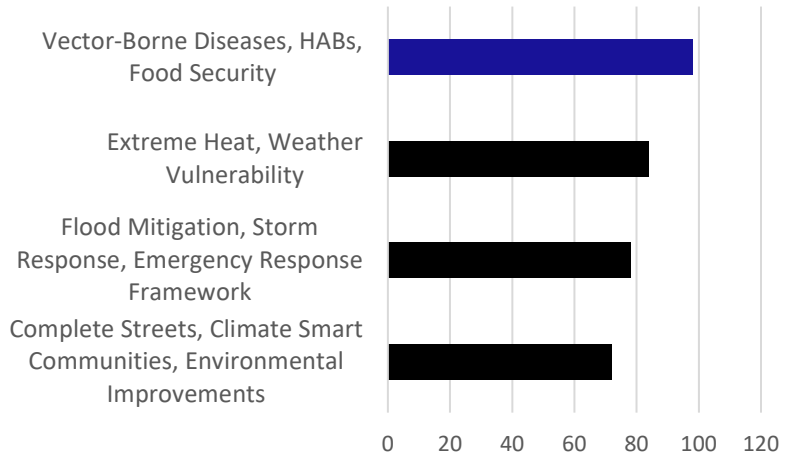
**45** LHDs represented

Local partners included:

- County government planning and sustainability departments
- Community organizations and non-profits
- City/town government offices
- State agencies
- Universities/colleges
- Healthcare

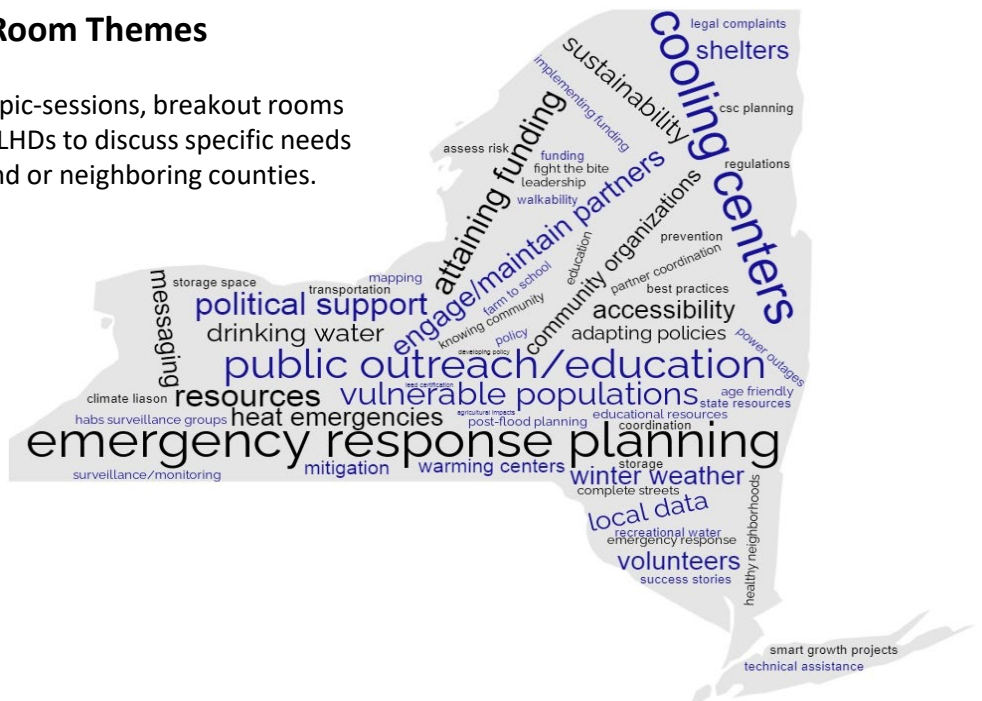
## Vector-Borne Diseases, HABs, and Food Security

session was the most attended



## Breakout Room Themes

During each of the topic-sessions, breakout rooms provided a space for LHDs to discuss specific needs with local partners and or neighboring counties.

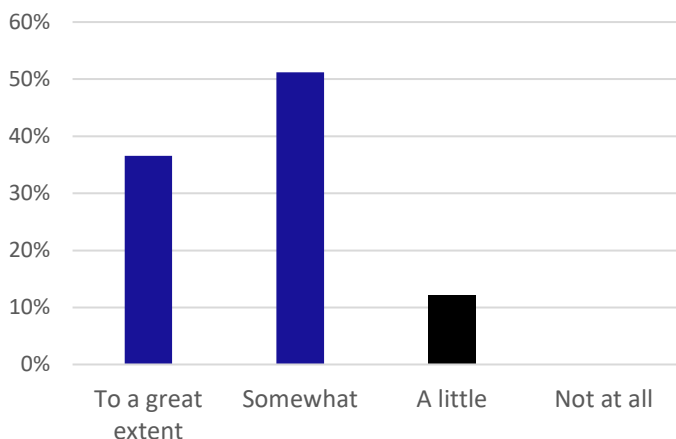


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## Survey Highlights

Three surveys were administered throughout the workshops to assess knowledge and preparedness on climate and health adaptation and gather feedback on the workshops.

Respondents found the workshops were useful in **providing new information** on climate adaptation



**“I thought these workshops were very well-organized and delivered in a great format. All the presenters and facilitators did a great job. I would love to see more workshops like this!”**

## Future Implications



**78%** of respondents indicated they are likely to meet with their partners to discuss climate and health adaptation in the future



**64%** of respondents indicated they are likely to apply for climate and health adaptation funding in the future



**52%** of respondents indicated they are somewhat or moderately likely to be involved in planning a local climate and health adaptation initiative in the next year

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## Conclusions and Next Steps

- Information gathered before the workshops from LHD staff helped to better meet LHD needs
- Though fewer partners attended the workshops than planners had hoped for, LHDs and local partners who did attend found the workshops useful in providing information on climate and health adaptations and facilitating collaboration with partners
- Based on feedback provided after the workshops, workshop planners will be holding focus groups with LHD staff to learn more about experiences planning and implementing climate and health adaptations and resource needs
- NYSACHO, with funding and support from NYSDOH, has launched a mini-grant program to assist LHDs interested in making additional progress on climate and health adaptation goals
- Ideas for future collaboration with LHDs and local partners on climate and health adaptation will be assessed to address the growing need to adapt to climate change

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