# Post-Hurricane Ida's Effects on New York City— Natural Rainfall, Excessive Runoff, Poor Drainage NOT Human-Caused Global Warming



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### Outline

Rainfall, Flooding, in the New York City area, evening of 1 Sep 2021, Cliff Mass Weather Blog

NWS Graphical forecast on Twitter

US Rainfall Records from NOAA

NOAA's Measured rainfall events for NYC area, 1 Sep 2021

Historical list of heavy tropical system rainfall events for NYC, southeastern NY.

Photos of NYC-area flooding

Selected News Stories, some from NYC, some quite old 'news'...

Urban Heat Islands—A likely contributor.

Review of surface and upper air reporting protocols. Meteorological Analysis.

It was UHI, geography, timing, and weather, not Human-caused CO2-fueled Global Warming

The Narrative Continues...

The New York Times' and NOAA's roles in the false narrative

Two Recent stories of Deception, Outright Lying, about CO2 effects, from the New York Times

"New Data show "Extraordinary" rise in US Coastal Flooding"

"Climate Change is Bankrupting America's Small Towns"

And, from NOAA, 'Hottest Ever' Summer?

From the US Climate Reference Network? Hardly. Not even close.

Satellite Measurements? Greenhouse Temperatures are not near record levels.

# Cliff Mass Weather Blog

This blog discusses current weather, weather prediction, climate issues, and current events

September 02, 2021

More people died in the New York area from the "remnants" of Hurricane Ida than over Louisiana and Mississippi as one of the most powerful hurricanes of the century made landfall on a low-lying coastal zone.

My editing tries to clarify dates and times.

The catastrophic flooding was in the evening of 1 Sep 2021, the early morning of 2 Sep 2021, Zulu Time.

Heavy rain, flooding, and even tornadoes struck in a relatively narrow band stretching southwest-northeast from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, through New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts, as shown by a precipitation analysis by the NOAA/NWS Weather Prediction Center for the storm's 48-hours.

A fairly large area of more than 6 inches of rainfall, with some locations hitting 8-10 inches.



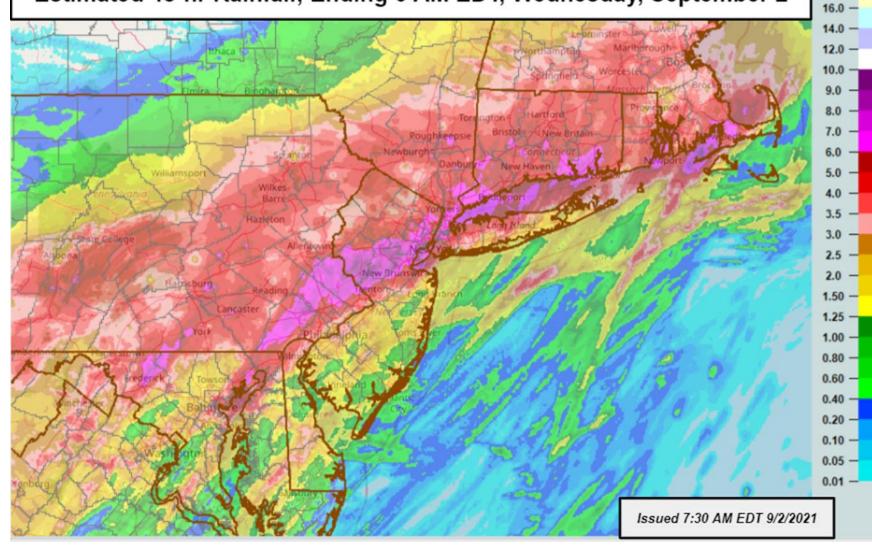
#### WEATHER PREDICTION CENTER

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#### Estimated 48-hr Rainfall; Ending 6 AM EDT, Wednesday, September 2



#### **Preliminary Rainfall Summary**

- Widespread 3-8", isolated 9-10"
- Extreme rain rates of 2-3" per hour along Philadelphia to NYC corridor

#### Intense 1-hour Rain Totals

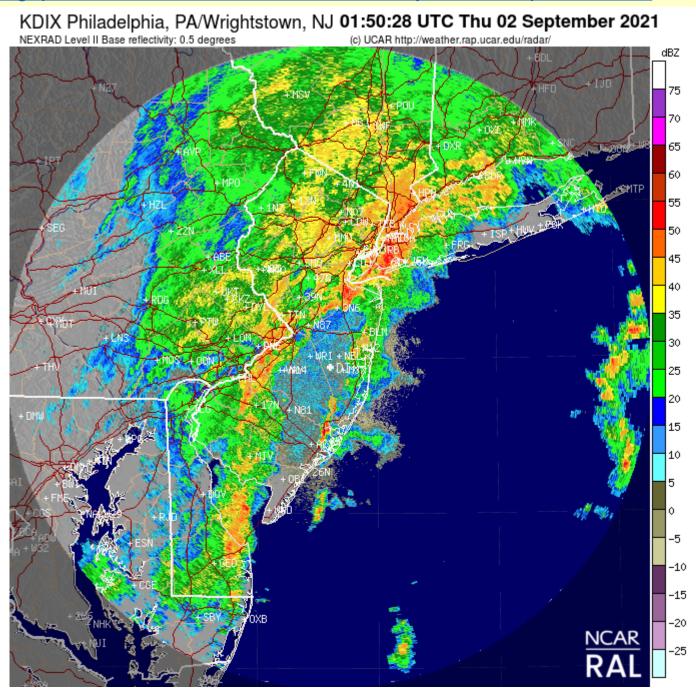
- 3.24" Newark, NJ (8-9 PM EDT)
- 3.15" Central Park, NY (9-10 PM EDT)
- 2.83" Somerset, NJ (7-8 PM EDT)
- 2.18" Trenton, NJ (7-8 PM EDT)

#### Preliminary Storm Total Observations

- 8.44" Newark, NJ
- 7.19" Central Park, NY
- 6.52" Harrisburg, PA
- 4.67" Trenton, NJ
- 4.73" Hartford, CT
- 4.13" Baltimore-Washington (BWI)
- 3.95" Pittsburgh, PA

Much of that rain fell during short intense bursts of precipitation associated with thunderstorms. Newark, NJ, experienced 3.24 inches **in one hour**, with NY Central Park hit by 3.15 inches in one hour. Both are hourly records for those sites.

The intense convective (thunderstorm) nature of the rain is illustrated by a weather radar image at 9:50 PM EDT, with the red colors indicating extraordinarily high rainfall rates.



After landfall, Hurricane Ida transitioned into a tropical storm and then underwent extratropical transition in which it took on the characteristics of a midlatitude cyclone. The National Weather Service sometimes calls the resulting storm a Post-Tropical Cyclone.

But there was a real danger in this transition.

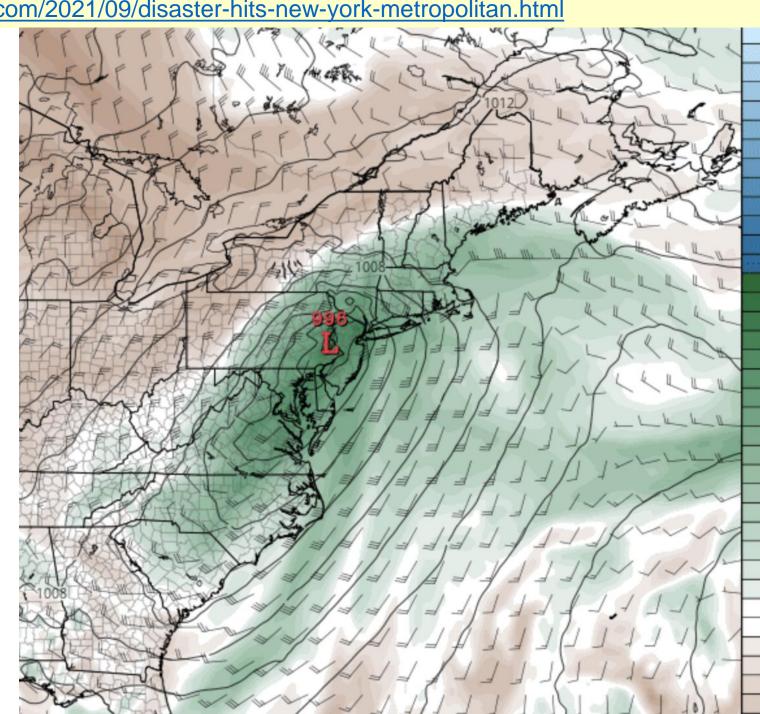
Extratropical cyclones have strong upward motion, often associated with frontal zones, where temperatures and winds change rapidly. And tropical storms undergoing transition often entrain large amounts of tropical moisture that can result in heavy precipitation as the moist air is forced to rise by the storm circulation. This moisture can be converted to rain very rapidly in strong thunderstorms/convection.

This is exactly what happened.

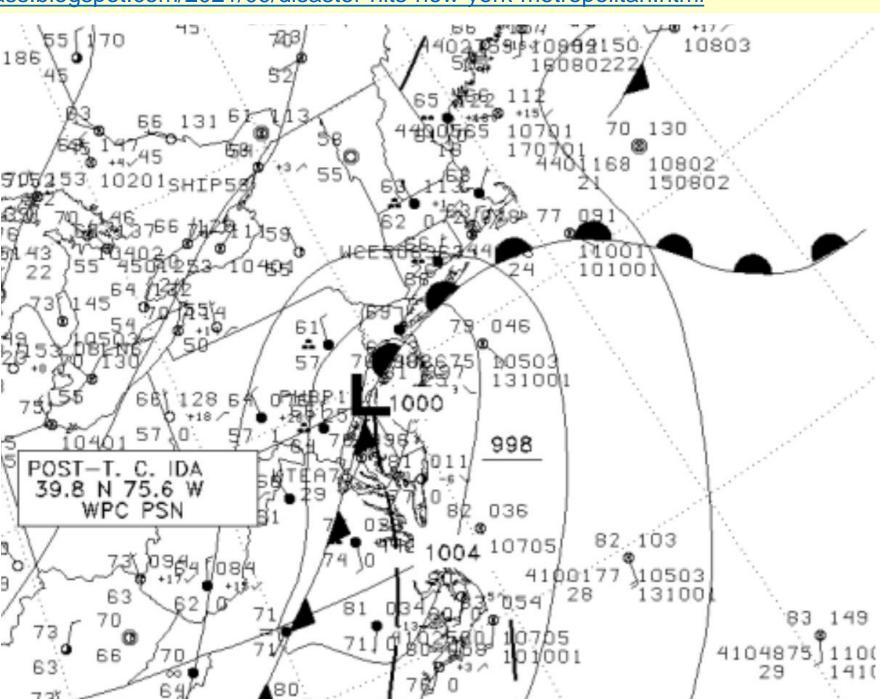
https://cliffmass.blogspot.com/2021/09/disaster-hits-new-york-metropolitan.html

Map of sea level pressure and atmospheric moisture (called precipitable water) for 10 PM PDT;

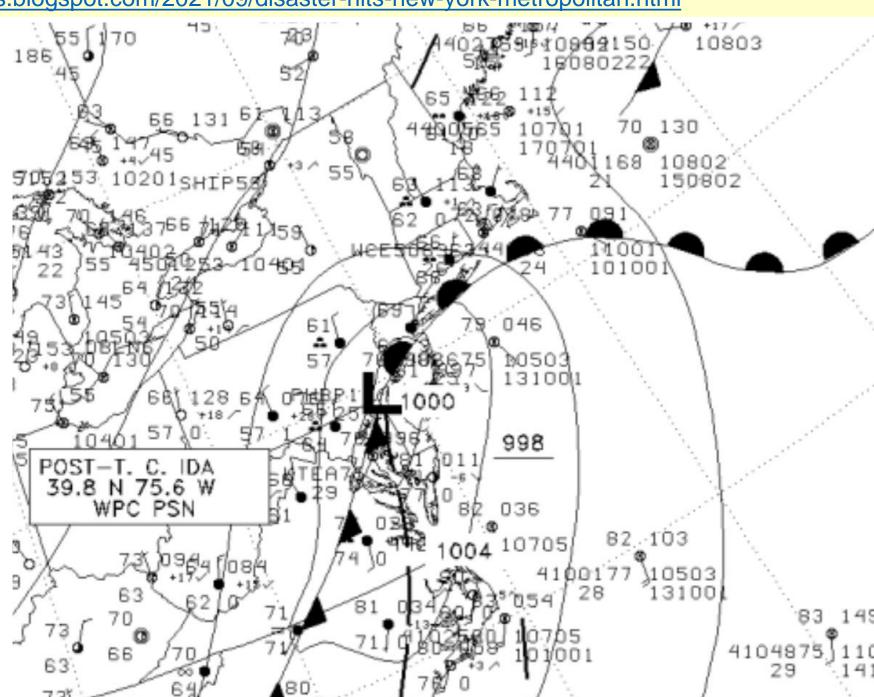
you can see the lowpressure center and the plume of moisture (green colors) moving in from the southwest.



To the east of the low center, there was a warm front, as indicated by the **National** Weather Service analysis for 8 PM EDT (indicated by the black half circles)

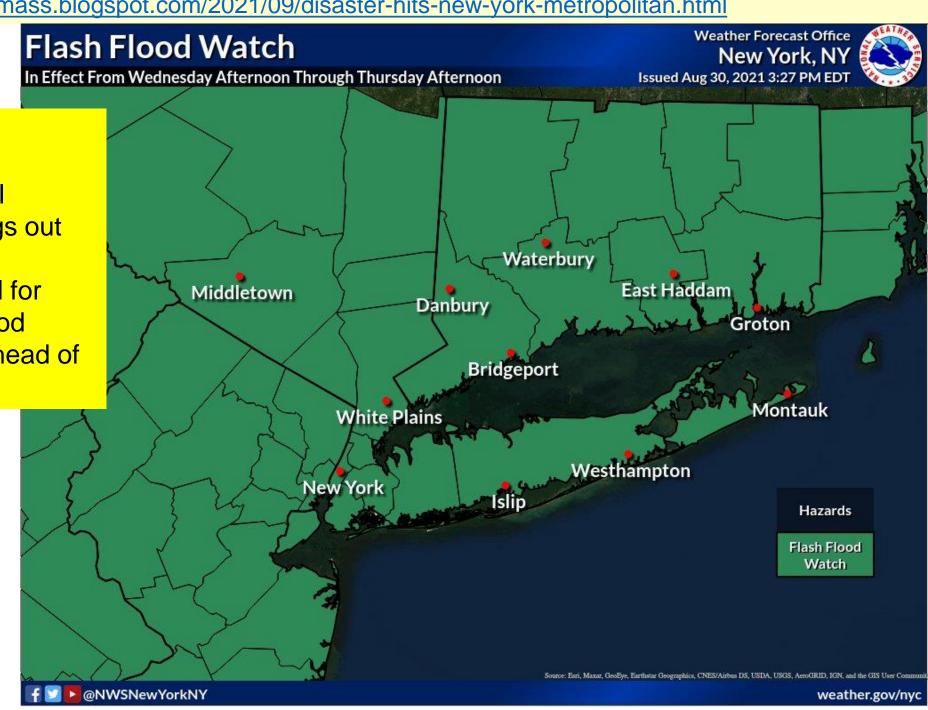


The warm front had warm, southerly winds on the south side and cooler, easterly winds on the north side, with the warm, moist, unstable air to the south forced to rise by the front, resulting in heavy convective showers to the north of the line. That is why the intense precipitation paralleled the front.



#### The Forecast

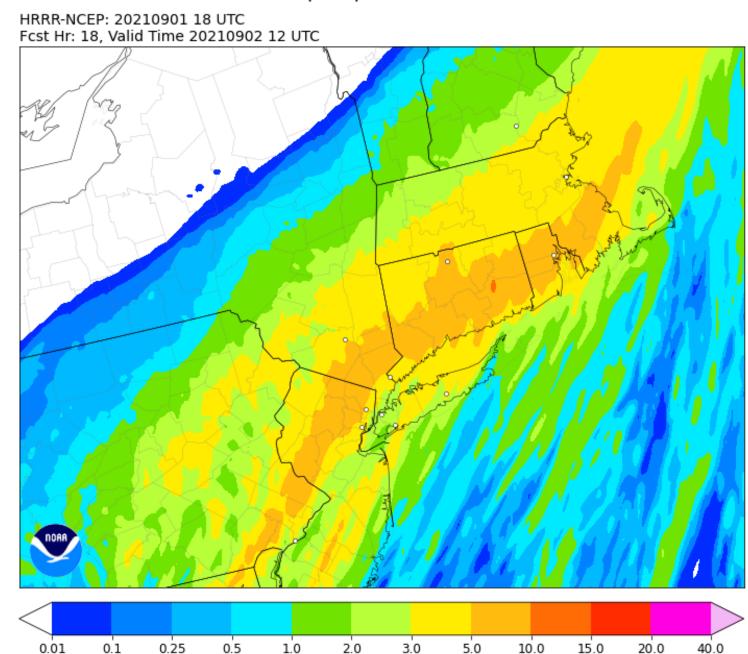
My colleagues at the National Weather Service had warnings out much of yesterday for heavy precipitation and the potential for flash flooding, with a flash flood watch out more than a day ahead of time.



The highest resolution model run by the National Weather Service several times a day is the HRRR model....the High-Resolution Rapid Refresh Model, run with 3-km grid spacing.

Its total precipitation for a run starting at 8 AM on Wednesday for precipitation for the next day showed the band, but it was displaced a bit north and somewhat underplayed the precipitation intensity.

sfc Total precipitation (in, shaded)





# All following are Bob's graphics:

I found this NWS forecast on Twitter on 6 Sep 21.

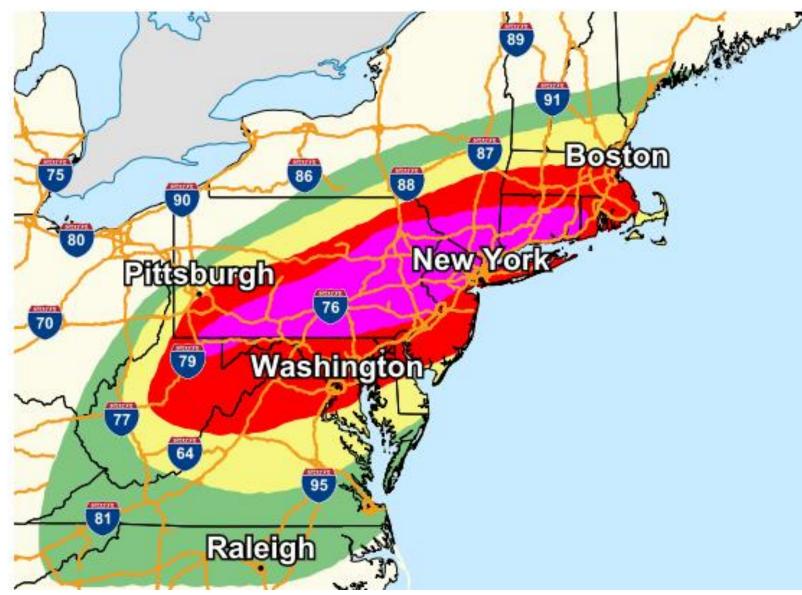
It was issued 15 hours prior to the event.

Looks like a forecast hit to me.

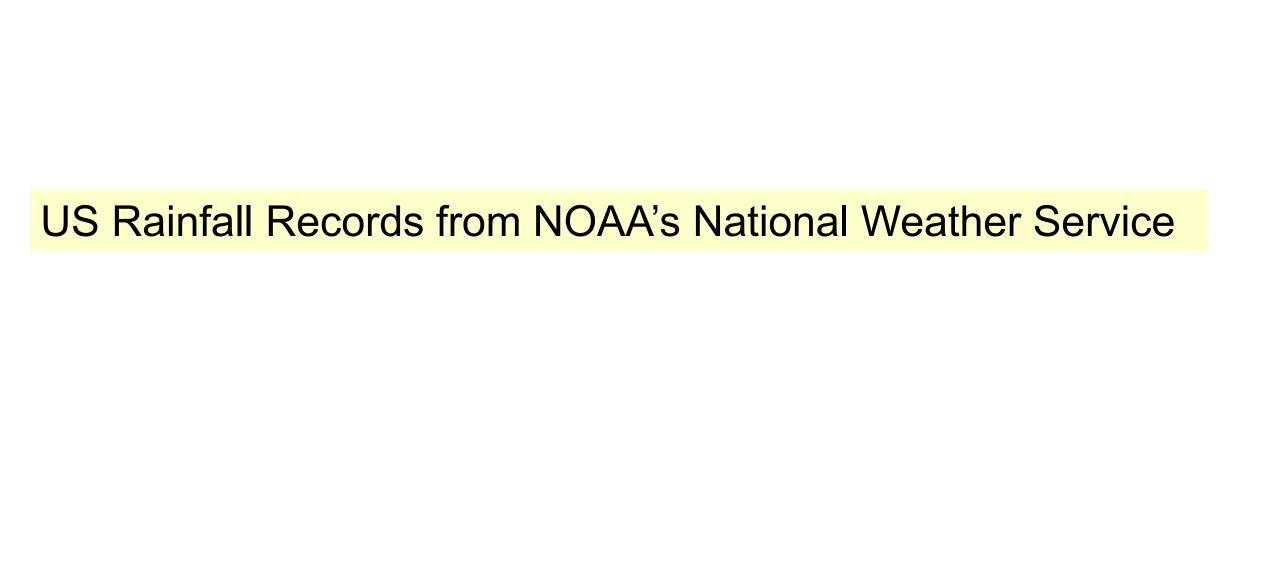


# Day One Excessive Rainfall Outlook





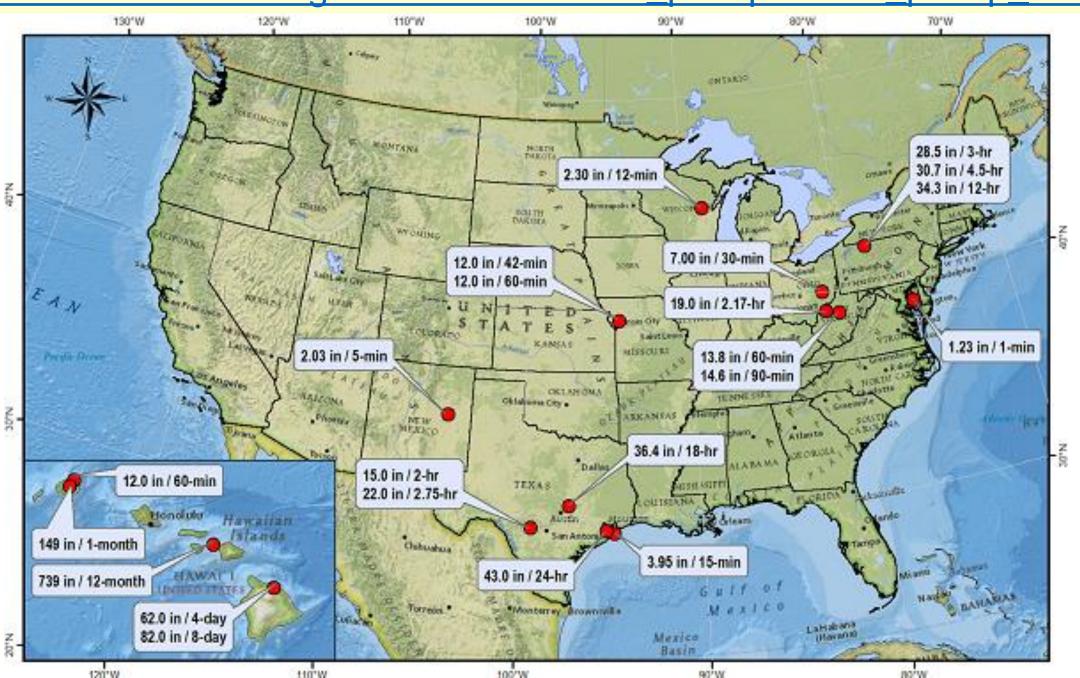
Graphic Created September 1st, 2021 4:55 AM EDT



https://www.nws.noaa.gov/ ohd/hdsc/record\_precip/ record\_precip\_us.html

Duration	Amount (in)	Amount (mm)	Location	Lat (deg)	Long (deg)	Start date
1-min	1.23	31.2	Unionville, MD	38.80	-76.13	4 Jul 1956
5-min	2.03	52	Alamogordo Creek, NM	34.66	-104.39	5 Jun 1960
12-min	2.30	58	Embarrass, WI	44.67	-88.71	28 May 1881
15-min	3.95	100	Galveston, TX	29.29	-94.79	4 Jun 1871
30-min	7.00	178	Cambridge, OH	40.00	-81.58	16 Jul 1914
42-min	12.0	305	Holt, MO	39.45	-94.33	22 Jun 1947
	13.8*	351*	Burnsville 6 WNW, WV	38.88	-80.77	4 Aug 1943
60-min	12.0	305	Holt, MO	39.45	-94.33	22 Jun 1947
	12.0	305	Kilauea Sugar Plantation, Kauai, Hl	22.21	-159.41	24 Jan 1956
90-min	14.6*	371*	Burnsville 6 WNW, WV	38.88	-80.77	4 Aug 1943
2-hr	15.0	381	Woodward Ranch (D'Hanis), TX	29.49	-99.38	31 May 1935
2.17-hr	19.0	483	Rockport, WV	39.07	-81.55	18 Jul 1889
2.75-hr	22.0	559	Woodward Ranch (D'Hanis), TX	29.49	-99.38	31 May 1935
3-hr	28.5	724	Smethport, PA	41.80	-78.45	18 Jul 1942
4.5-hr	30.7	780	Smethport, PA	41.80	-78.45	18 Jul 1942
12-hr	34.3	871	Smethport, PA	41.80	-78.45	17 Jul 1942
18-hr	36.4	925	Thrall, TX	30.59	-97.30	9 Sep 1921
24-hr	43.0	1092	Alvin, TX	29.42	-95.24	25 Jul 1979
4-day	62.0	1575	Kukaiau, Hamakua, HI	20.02	-155.37	27 Feb 1902
8-day	82.0	2083	Kukaiau, Hamakua, HI	20.02	-155.37	28 Feb 1902
1-month	149	3800	Mt. Waialeale, Kauai, Hl	22.07	-159.50	1 Mar 1982
12-month	739	18780	Kukui, Maui, HI	20.90	-156.60	1 Dec 1981

## https://www.nws.noaa.gov/ohd/hdsc/record\_precip/record\_precip\_us.html



Note the dates of occurrence.

The newest CONUS Rainfall record was 43 Inches in 24 hours, 1979, Alvin, Texas.

Next newest CONUS record was 1960, 61 years ago, 2 Inches in 5 minutes, in NM.

There is no modern rainfall record newer than 42 years ago.

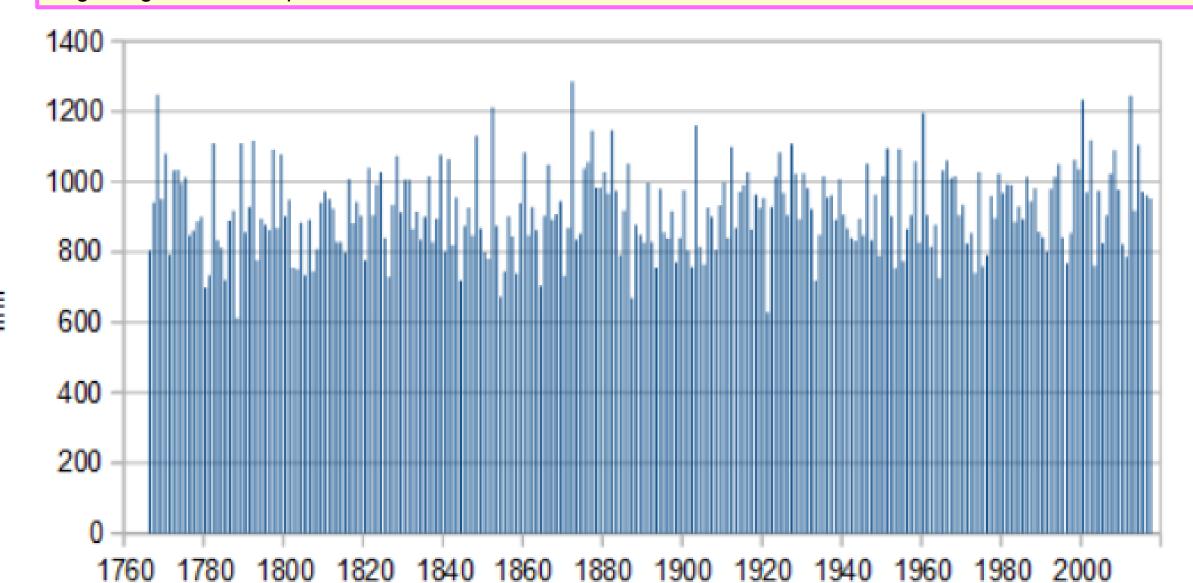
Higher <CO2> is not setting modern rainfall accumulation records.

#### U.S. Record Point Rainfalls

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Time	Rainfall	Location	Date						
1 minute	1.23*	Unionville, MD	7/4/1956						
5 minutes	2.03*	Alamogordo Creek, NM	6/5/1960						
12 minutes	2.30*	Embarrass, WI	5/28/1881						
15 minutes	3.95*	Galveston, TX	6/4/1871						
30 minutes	7.00*	Cambridge, OH	7/16/1914						
40 minutes	9.25*	Guinea, VA	8/24/1906						
42 minutes	12.00"	Holt, MO	6/22/1947*						
1 hour	13.80"	Central WV	5/4-5/1943						
1 hour 30 minutes	14.60"	Central WV	5/4-5/1943						
2 hours	15.00"	Woodward Ranch, (D'Hanis) TX	5/31/1935						
2 hours 30 minutes	19.00*	Rockport, WV	7/18/1889						
2 hours 45 minutes	22.00	Woodward Ranch, (D'Hanis) TX	5/31/1935*						
3 hours	28.50 est.	Smethport, PA	7/18/42*						
4 hours 30 minutes	30.70*	Smethport, PA	7/18/42*						
12 hours	34.30"	Smethport, PA	7/17-18/1942						
18 hours	36.40*	Thrall, TX	9/9/1921						
24 hours	43.00"	Alvin, TX	7/25-26/1979						
4 days	62.00"	Kukaiau, Hamakua, HI	2/27-3/2/1902						
8 days	82.00*	Kukaiau, Hamakua, HI	2/27-3/6/1902						
1 month	148.83*	Mt. Waialeale, Kauai, Hl	3/1982						
1 month (mainland)	71.54*	Helen Mine, CA	1/1909						
1 year	704.83*	Kukui, Kauai, HI	1982						
1 year	332.29*	MacLeeod Harbor, AK	1976						
1 year (mainland)	204.12*	Laurel Mountain, OR	1996						
*constitutes a world record									

## England & Wales Annual Rainfall 1766 - 2017

Beginning 1766 to the present, there has been no increase in rainfall associated with increases in <CO2>.



# Observed Rainfall NYC area, 1 Sep 2021

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Newark Airport, NJ

Tmax 79, 26C

Rainfall 8.41 in Record

...THE NEWARK NJ CLIMATE SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1 2021...

CLIMATE NORMAL PERIOD 1991 TO 2020
CLIMATE RECORD PERIOD 1893 TO 2021

WEATHER ITEM	OBSERVED VALUE	TIME (LST)		YEAR	NORMAL VALUE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	LAST YEAR
TEMPERATURE (F	)	•••••			• • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	
MAXIMUM	<b>→</b> 79	1230 A	M 98	2010	82	-3	79
MINIMUM	65	1159 P	M 50	1934	65	0	68
AVERAGE	72				74	-2	74
PRECIPITATION  YESTERDAY  MONTH TO DATE  SINCE SEP 1  SINCE JAN 1	8.41	L	2.22	1959	0.12 0.12 0.12 31.64	8.29	0.12 0.12 0.12 30.91
SNOWFALL (IN)							
YESTERDAY	0.0		0.0	2001 2002	0.0	0.0	0.0
MONTH TO DAT	E 0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0
SINCE SEP 1	0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0
SINCE JUL 1	T				0.0	0.0	0.0
SNOW DEPTH	0						

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Central Park, Manhattan, NYC.

Tmax 78

Rainfall 7.13 In. Record.

...THE CENTRAL PARK NY CLIMATE SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1 2021...

CLIMATE NORMAL PERIOD 1991 TO 2020 CLIMATE RECORD PERIOD 1869 TO 2021

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MAXIMUM		78	1247	ΑМ	97	1953	81	-3	77
MINIMUM		63 :	1159	PΜ	51	1869	67	-4	66
AVERAGE	1	71					74	-3	72
PRECIPITATI	ON (IN)								
YESTERDAY		7.13	R		3.84	1927	0.14	6.99	0.23
MONTH TO	DATE	7.13					0.14	6.99	0.23
SINCE SEP	1	7.13					0.14	6.99	0.23
SINCE JAN	1	49.06					33.01	16.05	27.99
SNOWFALL (I	N)								
YESTERDÂY	•	0.0			0.0	2001	0.0	0.0	0.0
						2002			
MONTH TO		0.0					0.0		0.0
SINCE SEP		0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0
SINCE JUL		0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0
SNOW DEPT	<u>H</u>	0							

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CLIMATE NORMAL PERIOD 1991 TO 2020
CLIMATE RECORD PERIOD 1963 TO 2021

Islip, Long Island, NY

Tmax 77.

Rainfall 1.53 In. Record

WEATHER ITEM	OBSERVED VALUE			RECORD VALUE	YEAR	NORMAL VALUE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	LAST YEAR			
, ,	TEMPERATURE (F)										
YESTERDAY											
MAXIMUM	77	1111	PM	93	2010	79	-2	78			
MINIMUM	68	1159	PM	49	1991	64	4	67			
AVERAGE	73					71	2	73			
PRECIPITATION (	(IN)										
YESTERDAY	1.53	3R		1.33	1981	0.12	1.41	T			
MONTH TO DATE	1.53	}				0.12	1.41	Т			
SINCE SEP 1	1.53	}				0.12	1.41	Т			
SINCE JAN 1	33.82	2				30.42	3.40	25.52			
SNOWFALL (IN)											
YESTERDÂY	0.0			MM	MM	0.0	0.0	0.0			
MONTH TO DATE	0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0			
SINCE SEP 1	0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0			
SINCE JUL 1	0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0			
SNOW DEPTH	0										

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La Guardia Airport NYC

Tmax 80F 26.6C

Rainfall 0.14 inches

...THE LAGUARDIA NY CLIMATE SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1 2021... VALID TODAY AS OF 0400 PM LOCAL TIME.

CLIMATE NORMAL PERIOD 1991 TO 2020 CLIMATE RECORD PERIOD 1939 TO 2021

WEATHER	ITEM	OBSERVED VALUE			RECORD VALUE		NORMAL VALUE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	LAST YEAR
TEMPERAT TODAY	URE (F)						• • • • • • • •		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
MAXIMU	JM	80	241	ΑМ	96	2010	82	-2	81
MINIMU	JM	71	903	ΑМ	55	1967	69	2	68
AVERAG	iΕ	76					75	1	75
PRECIPIT	PRECIPITATION (IN)								
TODAY		0.14			1.20	1952	0.13	0.01	0.18
MONTH	TO DATE	0.14					0.13	0.01	0.18
SINCE	SEP 1	0.14					0.13	0.01	0.18
SINCE	JAN 1	34.07					30.49	3.58	24.86
SNOWFALL	(IN)								
TODAY		0.0			MM	MM	0.0	0.0	0.0
MONTH	TO DATE	0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0
SINCE	SEP 1	0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0
SINCE	JUL 1	0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0
SNOW D	EPTH	0							

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...THE KENNEDY NY **CLIMATE** SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1 2021... VALID TODAY AS OF 0400 PM LOCAL TIME.

CLIMATE NORMAL PERIOD 1991 TO 2020
CLIMATE RECORD PERIOD 1948 TO 2021

JFK Airport, NYC

Tmax 78F

Rainfall 0.15 in.

WEATHER ITEM	OBSERVED VALUE	TIME (LS)		RECORD VALUE	YEAR	NORMAL VALUE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	LAST YEAR	
TEMPERATURE (F)			• • •						
MAXIMUM	78	142	AM	92	2010 2012	80	-2	79	
MINIMUM	70	903	AM	54	1967 1985	65	5	67	
AVERAGE	74					73	1	73	
PRECIPITATION (IN)									
TODAY	0.15			0.63	2002	0.12	0.03	0.20	
MONTH TO DATE	0.15					0.12	0.03	0.20	
SINCE SEP 1	0.15					0.12	0.03	0.20	
SINCE JAN 1	32.33					29.08	3.25	25.06	

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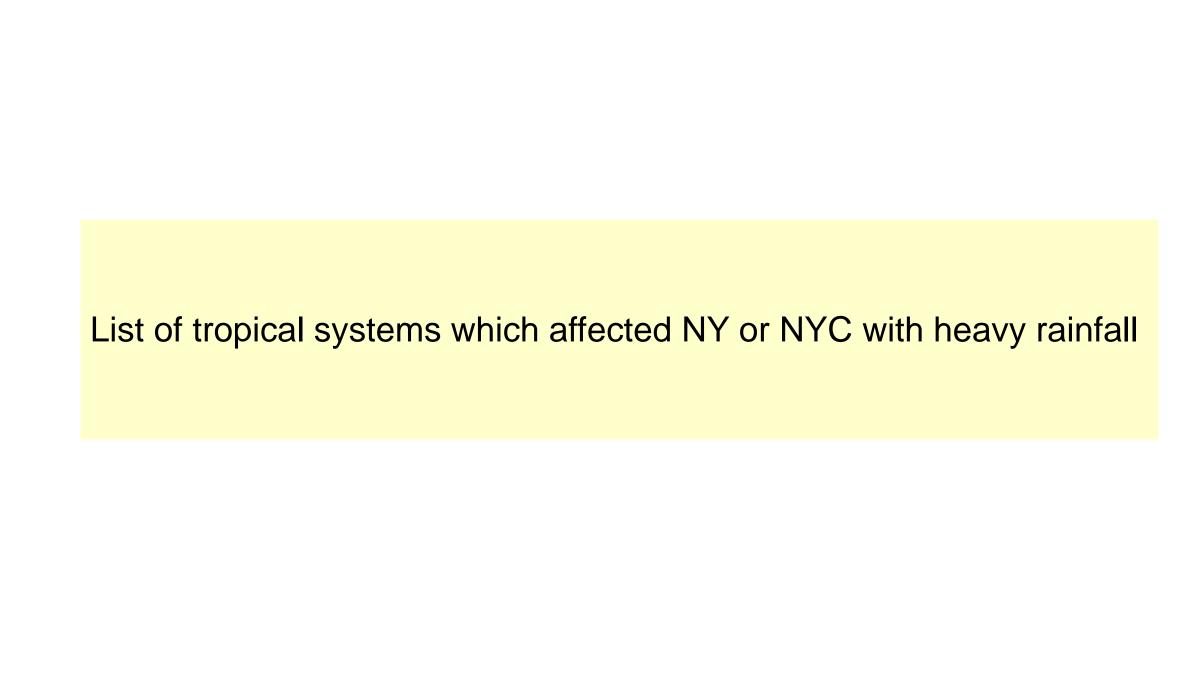
CLIMATE NORMAL PERIOD 1991 TO 2020 CLIMATE RECORD PERIOD 1948 TO 2021

## Bridgeport Airport, CT

Tmax 75F

Rainfall 0.10 in

WEATHER ITEM	OBSERVED VALUE	TIME (LS)		RECORD VALUE	YEAR	NORMAL VALUE	DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	LAST YEAR			
TEMPERATURE (E)											
TEMPERATURE (F)	)										
MAXIMUM	75	121	ΛМ	93	2010	80	_	79			
							-5				
MINIMUM	69	1014	ΑM	52	1970 2017	64	5	70			
AVERAGE	72					72	0	75			
PRECIPITATION	(IN)										
TODAY	0.10			1.97	1981	0.12	-0.02	0.00			
MONTH TO DATE	E 0.10					0.12	-0.02	0.00			
SINCE SEP 1	0.10					0.12	-0.02	0.00			
SINCE JAN 1	28.95					29.32	-0.37	26.42			
SNOWFALL (IN)											
TODAY	0.0			0.0	2001	0.0	0.0	0.0			
					2002						





#### https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_New\_York\_hurricanes

#### List of New York hurricanes

List shows only tropical NY systems with heavy rainfall

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

August 9, 1817: A tropical storm produces heavy rainfall in New York City and Long Island.

September 17, 1903: The 1903 Vagabond Hurricane produces wind gusts in excess of 65 mph (105 km/h) and 3 inches (75 mm) of rain in Central Park.

August 25, 1933: The 1933 Chesapeake–Potomac hurricane produces up to 6 inches (150 mm) of rain in Southeast New York State

September 10, 1954: Hurricane Edna tracks to the east of Long Island producing 9 inches (230 mm) of rain

August 13, 1955: Hurricane Connie produces 13.24 inches (370 mm) of rain in Southeast New York...

October 1, 1959: The remnants of Hurricane Gracie track into Central New York and drops **up to 6 inches (150 mm) of rain** 

September 10, 1969: Rainfall up to 3 inches (75 mm) is reported on Long Island and in portions of Southeastern New York associated with Hurricane Gerda



Article Talk

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August 28, 1971: Tropical Storm **Doria produces up to 8 inches (200 mm) of rain in New York City** and Upstate New York causing **moderate to severe flooding and floods subways in New York City** 

June 22, 1972: Hurricane Agnes makes landfall near New York City and produces up to 12 inches (300 mm) of rain in Southeastern New York State and much of Western New York, with locally higher amounts

August 11, 1976: Hurricane Belle makes landfall on Long Island as a Category 1 hurricane on the Saffir–Simpson hurricane scale, producing **up to 6 inches (150 mm) of rain** 

September 27, 1985: Hurricane Gloria makes landfall on Long Island as a Category 2 hurricane. Wind gusts of up to 100 mph (160 km/h) and 3.4 inches (86 mm) of rain

August 19, 1991: Hurricane Bob comes within a short distance of making landfall on the eastern tip of Long Island as a category 2 hurricane. **Heavy rainfall up to 7 inches (175 mm)...** 

September 16, 1999: Hurricane Floyd produces rainfall up to 13 inches (325 mm) and wind gusts of up to 60 mph (95 km/h) affect Southeastern New York



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June 17, 2001: The remnants of Tropical Storm Allison produce moderate rainfall up to 3 inches (75 mm), although it fell in just a couple hours causing minor to moderate flash flooding.

August 4, 2004: Hurricane Alex drops 2.83 inches (70 mm) of rain on Long Island

August 13, 2004: Tropical **Storm Bonnie produces rainfall peaking at 4 inche**s causing several rivers to swell to at or slightly above flood stage

September 9, 2004: The remnants of Hurricane Frances produces heavy rainfall up to 7 inches (175 mm) which causes extensive flooding in central New York

October 5, 2005: Tropical Storm Tammy's remnants contribute to a rainstorm which turns into the Northeast U.S. flooding of October 2005. **Up to 13 inches (325 mm) of rain cause severe flooding throughout the Hudson Valley** 

June 5, 2007: Tropical Storm Barry produces 3.91 inches (99 mm) of rain in New York City



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June 7–8, 2013: Remnants of Tropical Storm Andrea impact New York with 4+ inches of rain...

August 4, 2020: Tropical Storm Isaias brought 3 to 6 inches of rain...

**September 1, 2021: The remnants of Hurricane Ida** reached the New Jersey and the New York City area, with heavy rainfall and flooding.

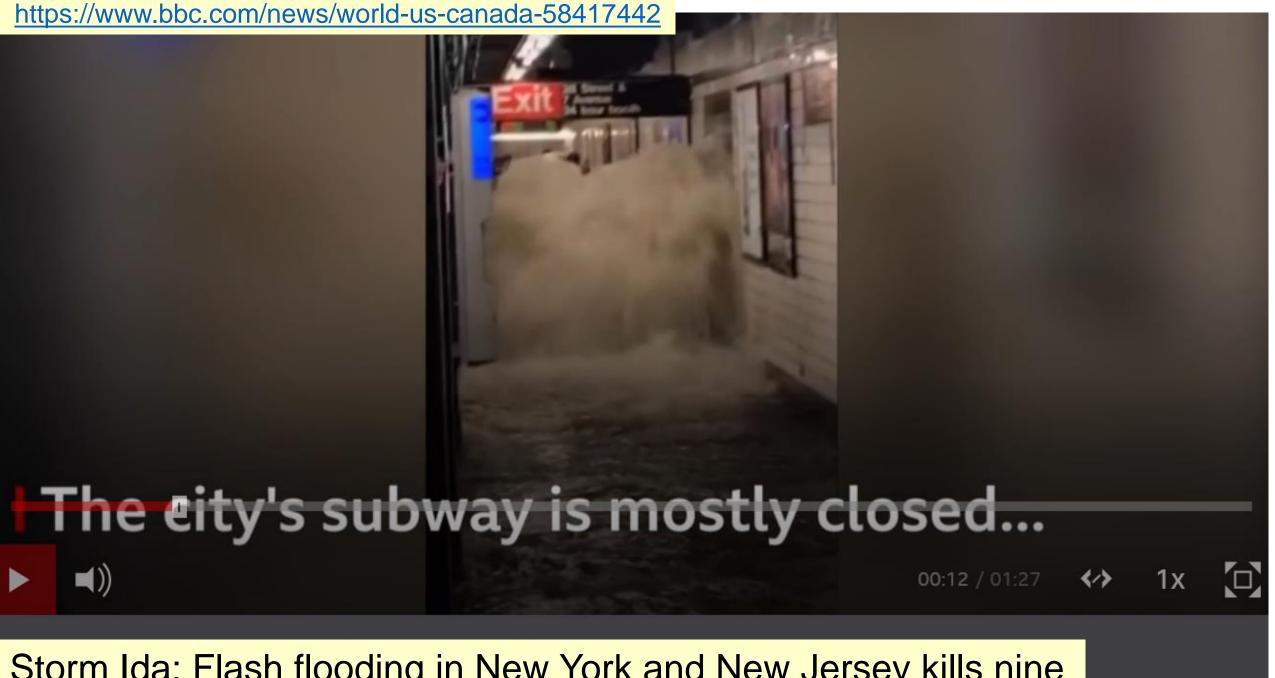
I count 20 prior instances of rainfall exceeding 3 inches in New York City or close by.

# Photos of NYC urban flooding.



9 July 2021, seven weeks before remnants of Ida caused more flooding





Storm Ida: Flash flooding in New York and New Jersey kills nine



Selected News stories on this event, some not new news.

https://www.climatedepot.com/2021/09/09/biden-hurricane-ida-is-an-opportunity-to-act-on-global-warming-we-either-act-or-were-going-to-be-in-real-real-trouble/

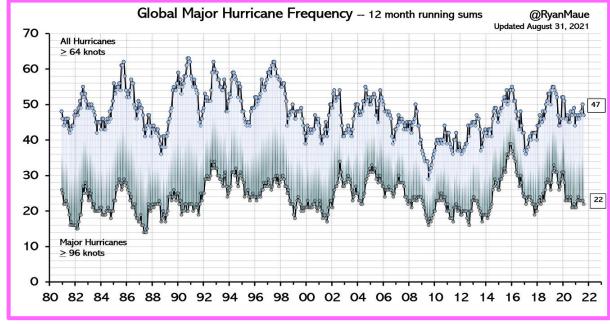
## **CLIMATE DEPOT**



Biden: Hurricane Ida Is An 'Opportunity' to Act on 'Global Warming' – 'We either act or we're going to be in real, real trouble'

Biden on September 7, 2021: "This is an opportunity. I think the country's finally acknowledged the fact that global warming is real. And it's moving at an incredible pace and we've go to do something about it." ... "I think we are at one of those inflection points where we either act or we're going to be - we're going to be in real, real trouble. Our kids are going to be in real trouble."





#### "No Longer Subject To Debate"

Posted on September 15, 2021 by tonyheller



## It's Been Nearly 5 Years Since the Last EF5 Tornado Struck the U.S.

By Homeland Security Today March 29, 2018

Biden says climate change causing severe weather is 'no longer subject to debate'



# https://gothamist.com/news/why-nyc-was-so-unprepared-for-idas-flash-flooding



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In some ways, everyone saw Ida coming, and no one saw Ida coming. On Thursday, Mayor Bill de Blasio <u>blamed weather projections</u> for being inaccurate. Emergency declarations weren't made until well after the storm hit the area with tornadoes and a deluge. But in truth, atmospheric scientists and <u>weather forecasts had</u> <u>predicted between 10-14 inches</u> of rain across much of the mid-Atlantic as early as Monday.

"Monday" was 30 August 2021. The storm hit the evening of Wednesday, 1 Sep 2021

Despite all of the whining about "Human-caused CO2-Fueled Global Warming" there was little real work done to make New York City and the Metro Area more resilient and more prepared to heed storm and hurricane warnings.

These stories tell the tale.



While Superstorm Sandy focused much-needed attention on key pieces of New York City's infrastructure, the city faces a number of other infrastructure vulnerabilities that have little to do with storm-preparedness—from aging water mains and deteriorating roads to crumbling public schools. If left unchecked, they could wreak havoc on the city's economy and quality of life.

by Adam Forman





2017(!) New York Times (!) story on errors, and not spending on infrastructure, "starved" NYC Subways

While many politicians have contributed to the decline of the subway over the years, the problems reached a fever pitch under Mr. Cuomo, who as governor appoints the M.T.A. chairman and effectively controls the authority.

Mr. Cuomo, a Democrat who is expected to seek a third term next year and is also seen as a potential presidential candidate in 2020, tried to stave off the emergency by committing additional funding to capital construction and getting involved in decisions about how to spend it.

But several transit leaders said that the interference backfired, and that the governor would have helped more if he had introduced any legislation to boost funding for core maintenance.

# New York Times Investigation Exposes Cuomo's "Summer of Hell" Complicity

MTA's "Summer of Hell" was a terror for New York commuters and Governor Andrew Cuomo's poll numbers. This weekend, a New York Times investigation has exposed the large degree to which Governor Cuomo's years-long mismanagement of MTA contributed to this summer's crisis. As the New York Times laid bare, the problems with the New York [...]

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## What Are Officials Doing?

Disaster preparation isn't strictly an individual undertaking. Mayor Bill de Blasio has made multiple calls in recent weeks for investment into infrastructure and the subway to prevent future floods.

"When you looked at that horrible flooding, that was a symptom of something that's gone unaddressed for decades," de Blasio told reporters on July 15. "I'm calling upon the state, the MTA: Own the problem, take the steps needed, get this revenue, help us fix this problem."



Planning had already been underway for years.

De Blasio's OneNYC climate and infrastructure strategies are evolutions of former Mayor Mike Bloomberg's 2007 PlaNYC, which identified what the city would need to address flash floods and upgrade the drainage system.

2007 was fourteen years ago!

https://www.thecity.nyc/2021/9/3/22656414/ida-deluged-nyc-drainage-system-neglected-climate

We will see this is plainly NOT TRUE

The unprecedented rainfall that remnants of Hurricane Ida dumped made New York City's climate vulnerabilities starkly visible, less than two weeks after Tropical Storm Henri broke previous rain records.

Recent deluges highlight how heavy rains have been largely left out of the equation, experts told THE CITY.

Flooding from Ida occurred because an overloaded, century-old drainage system was not built to accommodate that much water, city officials acknowledge.

Ida's downpour — more than 7 inches in all in many parts of the city — overwhelmed a sewer system already hard-pressed to handle run-of-the-mill heavy rain.







#### **Faster Action**

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#### **Bob Comments:**

The list of at least 20 New York Hurricanes containing heavy rain and their flooding events is telling.

Political Leaders obviously have NOT had their staffs, or they themselves, have NOT conducted a "Maximum Credible Hazard Analysis" for New York City hurricane strikes.

At least 20 hurricanes have struck New York City or nearby with the rainfall amounts and rates comparable to the event of 1 Sep 2021 described here.

Mayor deBlasio's statement this storm and its effects were "radical" and "beyond the understanding" are wimperings of an official who has not taken severe weather history and weather warnings seriously.

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#### **Bob Comments:**

In the USA, the record 1-hour rainfall, 13.8 inches is Near Burnsville in Central WV, in 1943.

The Burnsville record in Central West Virginia had more than FOUR TIMES the 3.15 inches reported in an hour at Central Park, New York City the evening of 1 Sep 2021.

Mayor de Blasio's cry that 3.15 inches of rainfall in an hour is a "radical change in weather," is a statement of his clear ignorance of known weather events.

Benjamin Franklin wrote, "some are weatherwise, some are otherwise." Yep.

Review of meteorological conventions

Upper Air data from Rawinsondes

Surface data from Surface Charts

DOD Skew-T Log P diagram.

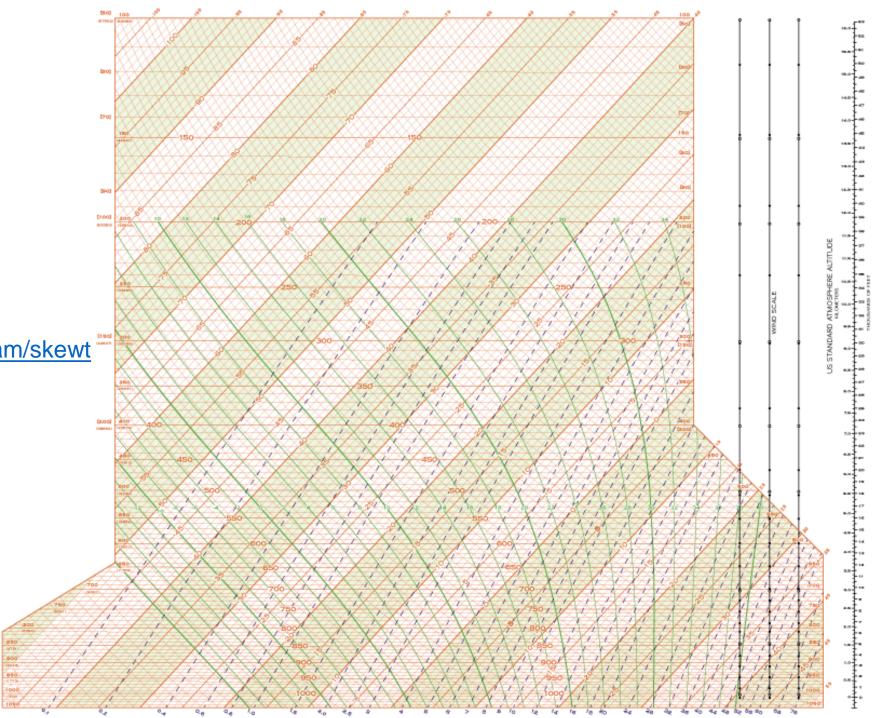
Now a standard "everywhere"

This one from NWS.

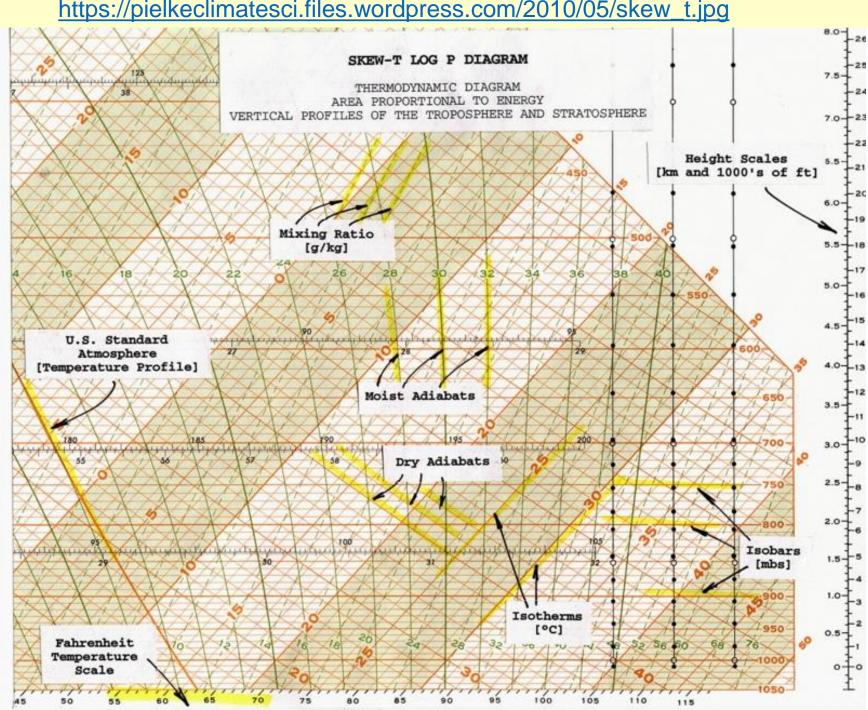
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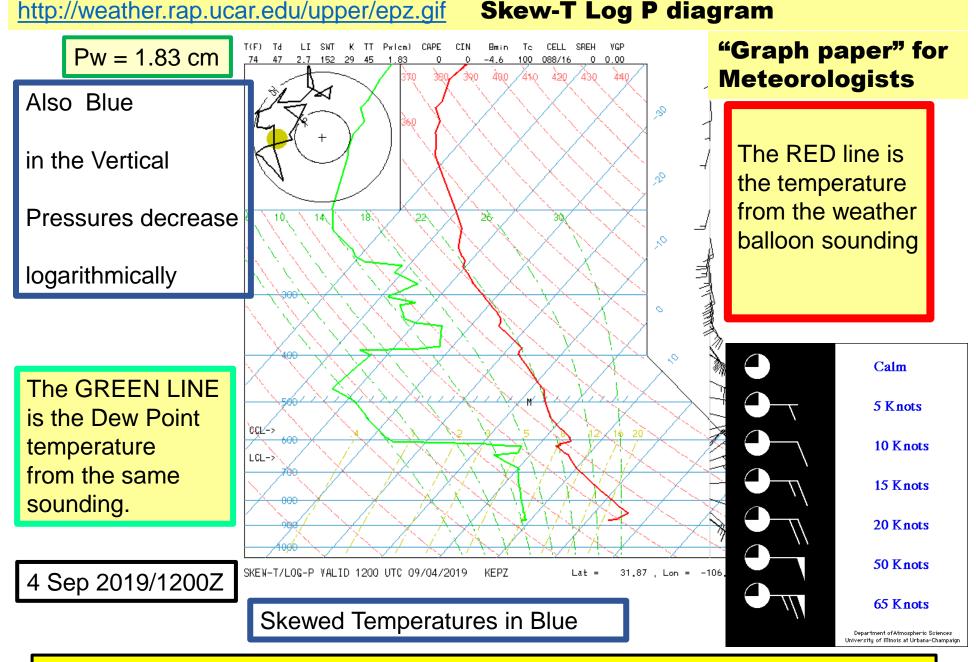
**Skewed Temperatures** 

Pressures, on a log scale in the vertical.



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The Skew-T allows easy calculation of dozens of thermodynamic variables

#### http://weather.rap.ucar.edu/upper/displayUpper.php?img=KEPZ.png&endDate=-1&endTime=-1&duration=0

El Paso sounding 12 Sep 2021/1200Z 0600L EPZ means Santa Teresa NM Airport.

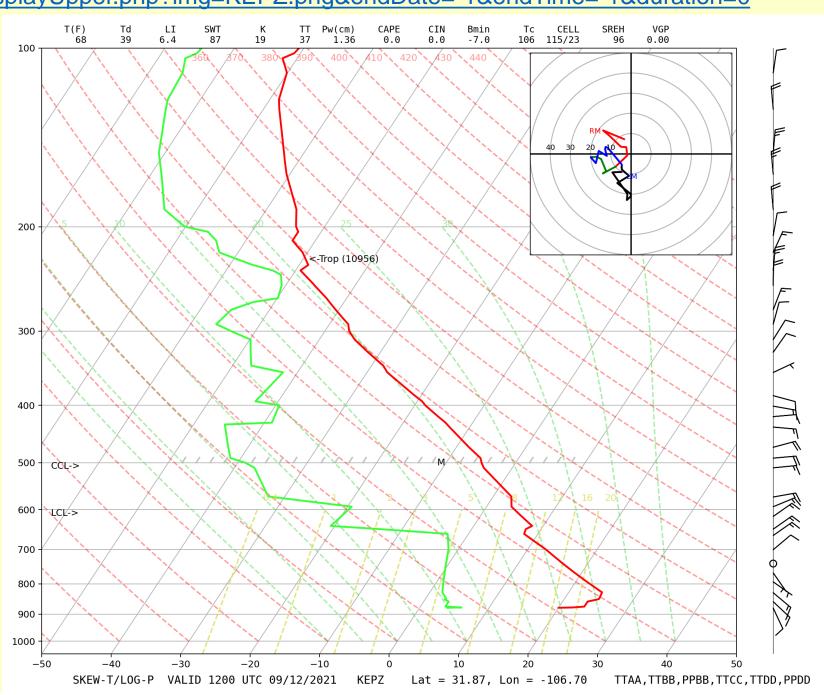
Under the Subtropical Ridge with Numerous Subsidence Inversions.

Prominent surface inversion (of temperature, which increases with height, the inverse of the typical daytime case)

All winds from East, except from North above 300 mb or 30,000 ft MSL.

One of the last soundings with winds from the East.

We're at the end of the Monsoon (Season) with Easterly winds.



#### http://weather.rap.ucar.edu/upper/displayUpper.php?img=KEPZ.png&endDate=-1&endTime=-1&duration=0

El Paso sounding for 13 Sep 2021 at 0000Z or 1800L

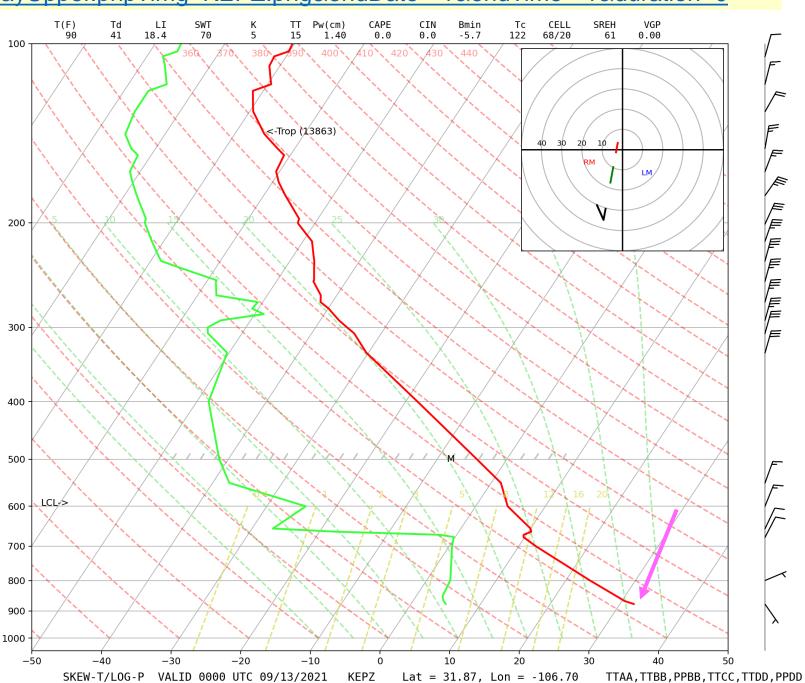
Well-developed planetary boundary layer, PBL, surface to 680 mb or about 11,000 ft MSL.

Surface boundary layer is superadiabatic. (Magenta Arrow)
The surface boundary layer "runs" convection in the PBL.

Air in the PBL is well mixed through convection.

The water vapor "q" is well mixed and about constant at 5 parts per thousand.

At 32C saturation mixing ratio is 35 parts/thousand RH = q/qs = 5/35 about 14%



http://weather.rap.ucar.edu/upper/epz.gif

This is a September 2019 Sounding for EPZ.

Shows distinct superadiabatic Surface Layer, Magenta Arrow, which "runs" the PBL

Strong winds aloft abv, esp abv 30,000 Ft "Leaved" tropopause

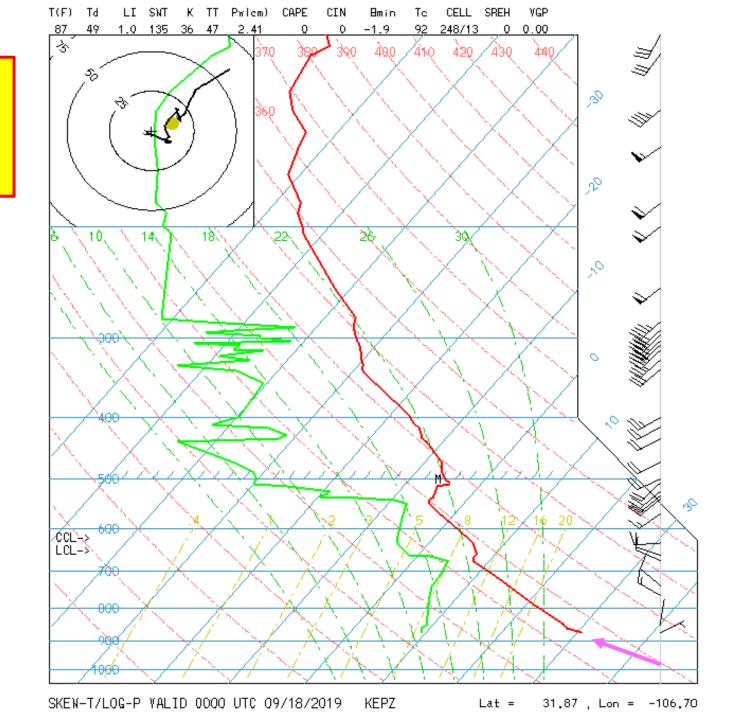
Subsidence inversions in Troposphere

Moist layers cirrus clouds

Two lower cloud layers 16,000 Ft

12,000 Ft

Planetary Boundary Layer Surface Layer



#### http://weather.rap.ucar.edu/imagemap/imap\_skewt.gif

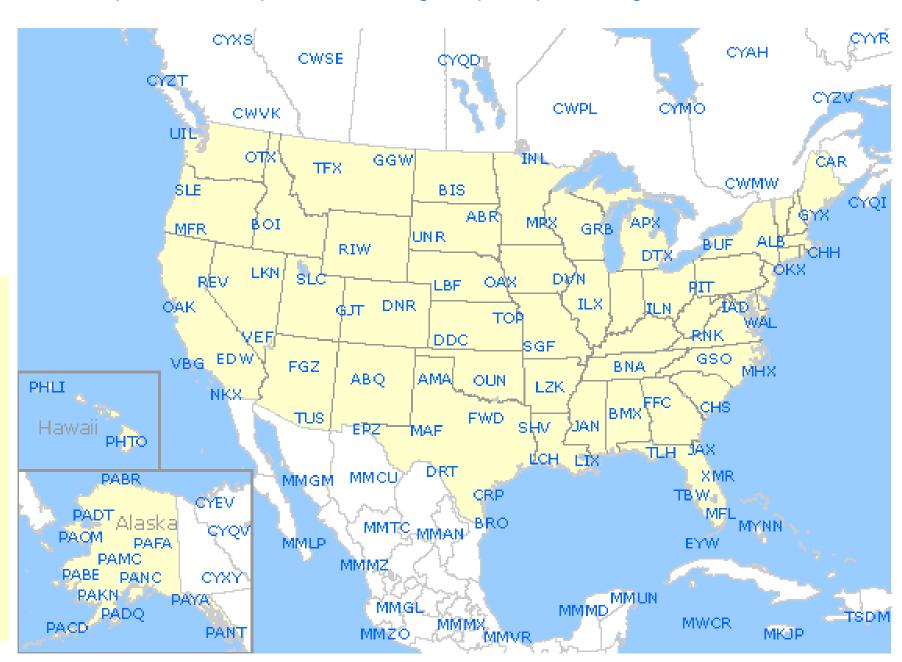
Map showing Rawinsonde stations.

For the US, they are the 3-letter locations.

OKX is Upton, Long Island NY, 65 miles east of NYC.

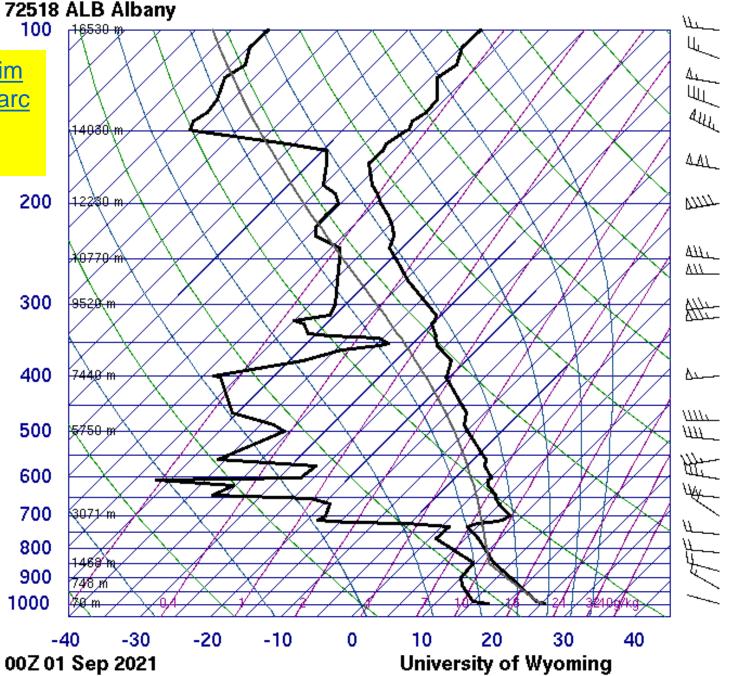
CHH is Chatham, MA. on the elbow of Cape Cod.

I did not find soundings from Chatham on the net on 2 Sep 0000z the evening of 1 Sep 2021.

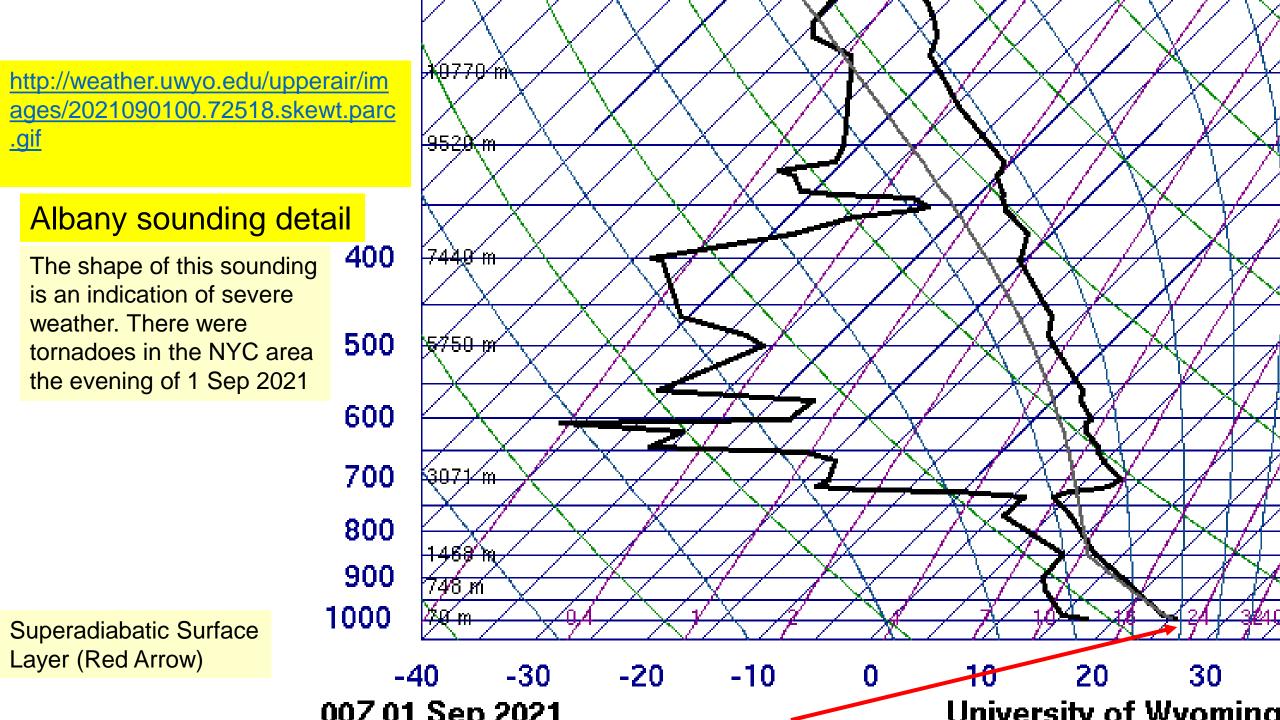


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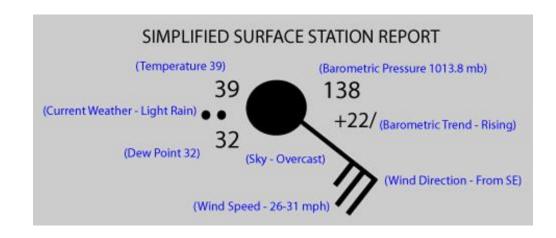
Here is the Albany, NY, sounding at 00Z on 1 Sep 2021

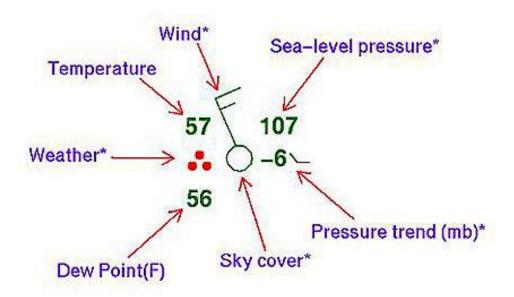


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## Surface weather observations are plotted on a map in this stylistic manner:



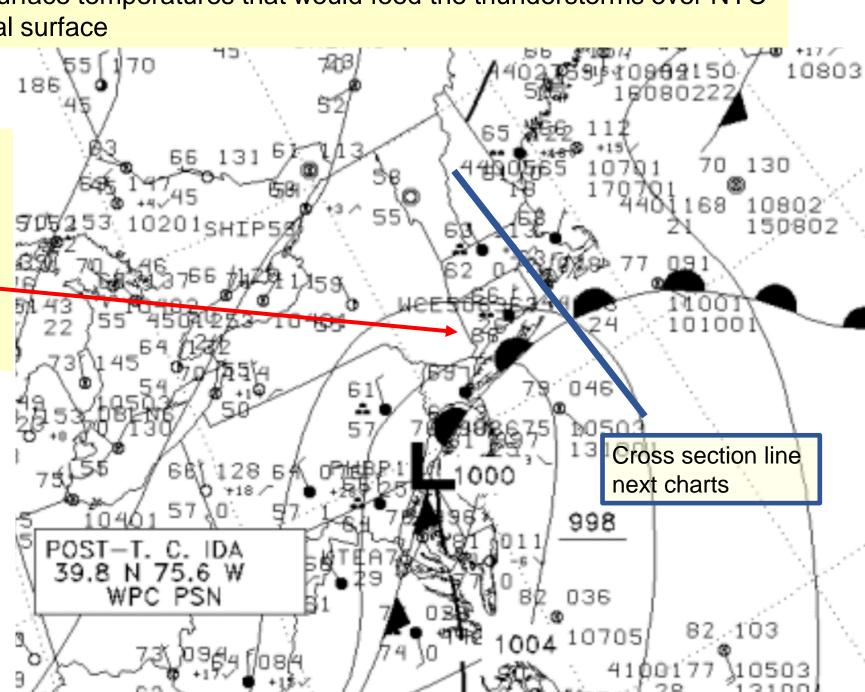


Let's try to find the max credible surface temperatures that would feed the thunderstorms over NYC and a lifting mechanism, the frontal surface

Surface Map from Cliff Mass' blog post.

This looks like a surface temperature of 86F, or 30C

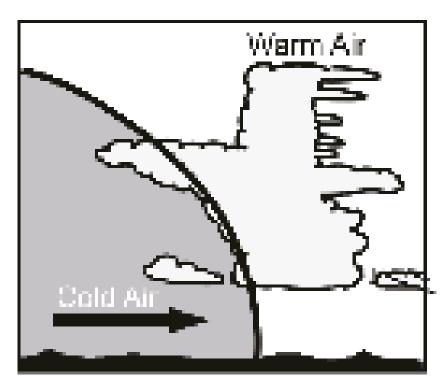
In Blue, cross-section line for warm front.

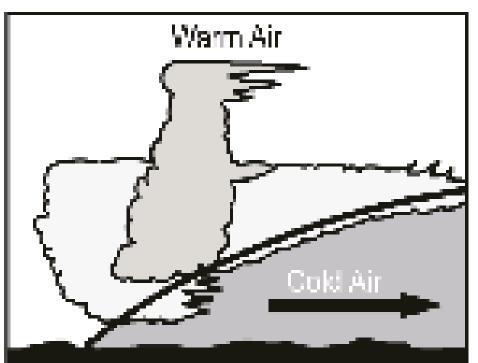


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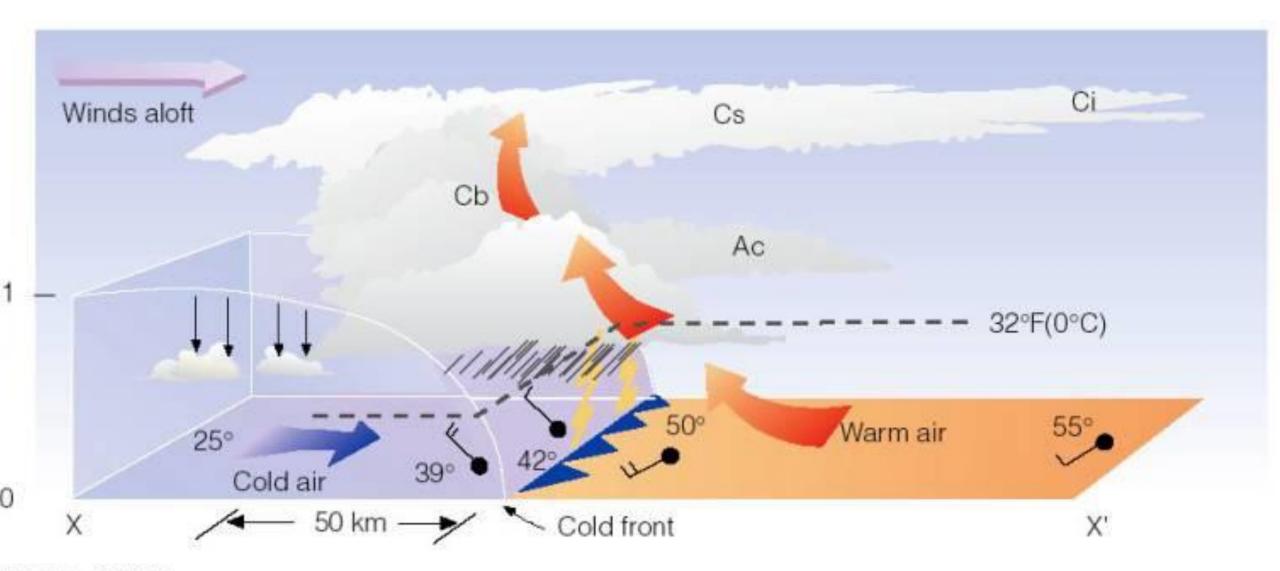
#### COLD FRONT

#### WARM FRONT

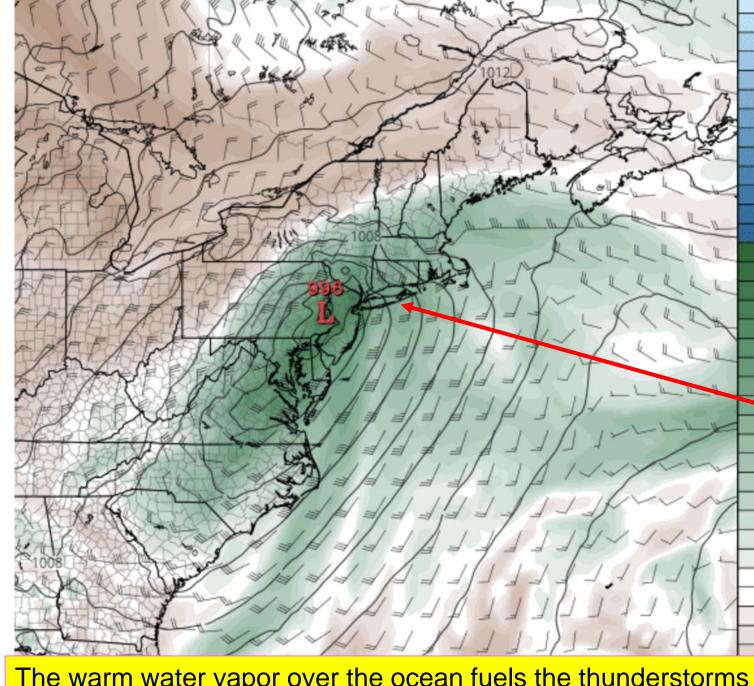




The slope of a cold front is steeper than that of a warm front because of the friction between the cold air and surface.



# Geography reinforces the effects of the approaching low-pressure system



The warm water vapor over the ocean fuels the thunderstorms

Wind flow over the ocean is less affected by surface friction.

When the winds come onshore surface friction increases.

Surface friction is increased by NYC skyscrapers.

There is local low level convergence.

The lifting by the convergence is aided by the Urban Heat Island Effect.

Lifting is aided by the warm front

### Urban Heat Island effect

#### **EPA Characterizes the UHI**

Table 1: Basic Characteristics of Surface and Atmospheric Urban Heat Islands (UHIs)<sup>4</sup>

Feature	Surface UHI	Atmospheric UHI
Temporal Development	<ul> <li>Present at all times of the day and night</li> <li>Most intense during the day and in the summer</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>May be small or non-existent during the day</li> <li>Most intense at night or predawn and in the winter</li> </ul>
Peak Intensity (Most intense UHI conditions)	<ul> <li>More spatial and temporal variation:</li> <li>Day: 18 to 27°F (10 to 15°C)</li> <li>Night: 9 to 18°F (5 to 10°C)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Less variation:</li> <li>Day: -1.8 to 5.4°F (-1 to 3°C)</li> <li>Night: 12.6 to 21.6°F (7 to 12°C)</li> </ul>
Typical Identification Method	<ul> <li>Indirect measurement:</li> <li>Remote sensing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Direct measurement:</li> <li>Fixed weather stations</li> <li>Mobile traverses</li> </ul>
Typical Depiction	Thermal image	<ul><li>Isotherm map</li><li>Temperature graph</li></ul>

#### 1.1 Surface Urban Heat Islands

On a hot, sunny summer day, the sun can heat dry, exposed urban surfaces, like roofs and pavement, to temperatures 50 to 90°F (27 to 50°C) hotter than the air,<sup>5</sup> while shaded or moist surfaces—often in more rural surroundings—remain close to air temperatures. Surface urban heat islands are typically present day and night, but tend to be strongest during the day when the sun is shining.

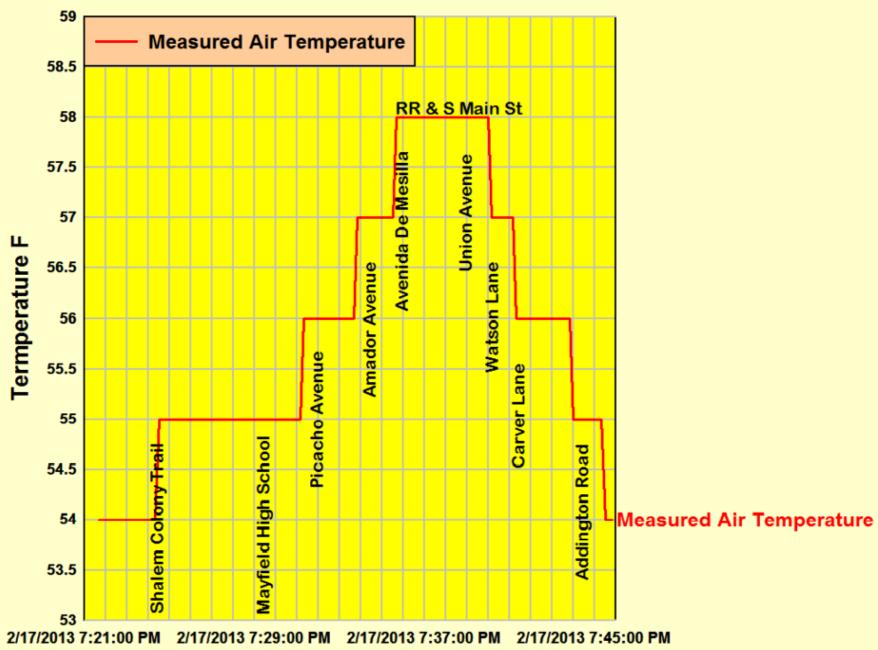
Roofs and Pavement 27C to 50C hotter than the air

## How Weather Influences Urban Heat Islands

Summertime urban heat islands are most intense when the sky is clear and winds are calm. Heavy cloud cover blocks solar radiation, reducing daytime warming in cities. Strong winds increase atmospheric mixing, lowering the urban-rural temperature difference. This document, *Reducing* Urban Heat Islands: Compendium of Strategies, focuses on mitigating summertime heat islands through strategies that have maximum impact under clear, calm conditions.

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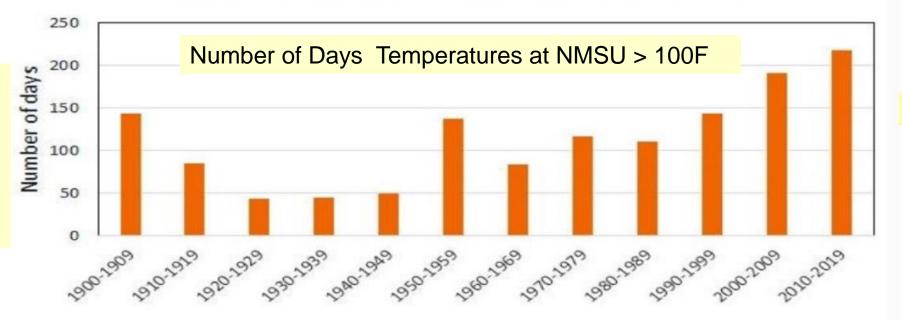




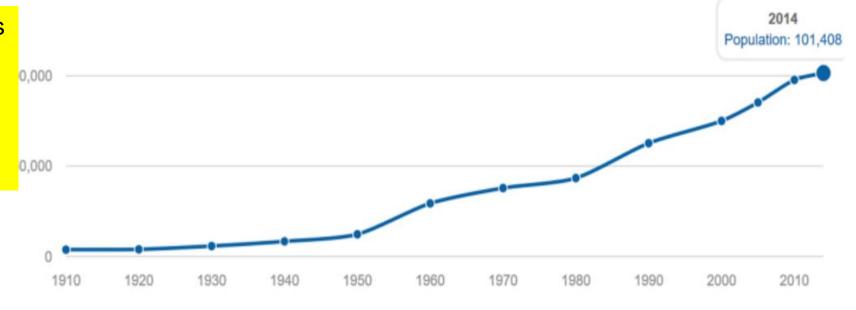
Time

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Chart right shows the number of days NMSU's surface temperatures exceed 100F, top, and Las Cruces' population since NM was a territory of the USA, bottom.



Except for severe drought years of the 1950s, for the past century, the number of days hotter than 100F parallels the urban growth of Las Cruces, NM.

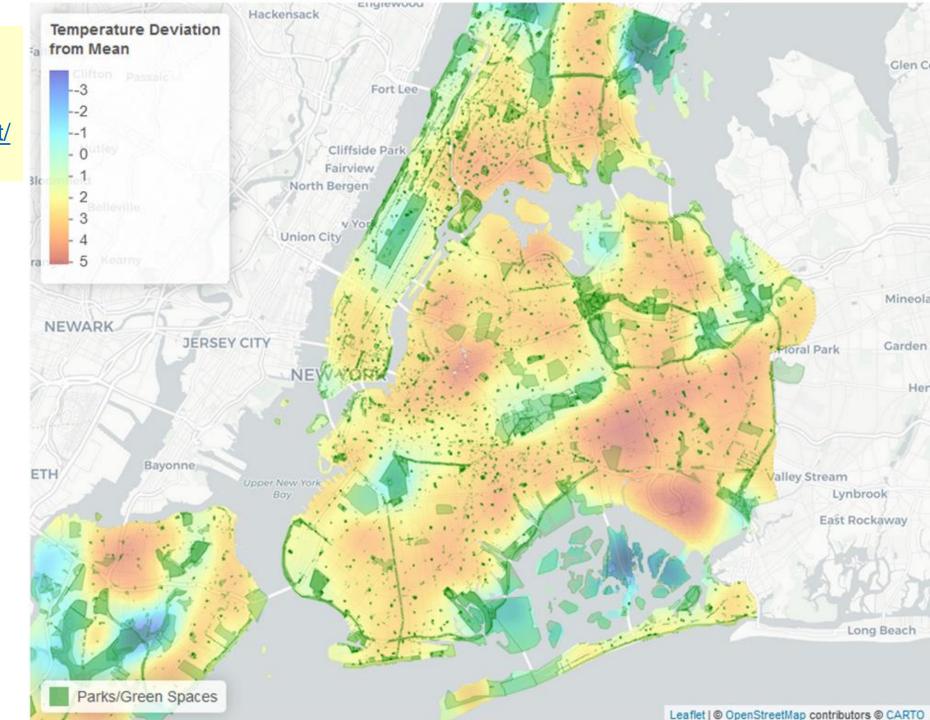


Heat island map from
New York City Council:
<a href="https://council.nyc.gov/data/heat/">https://council.nyc.gov/data/heat/</a>

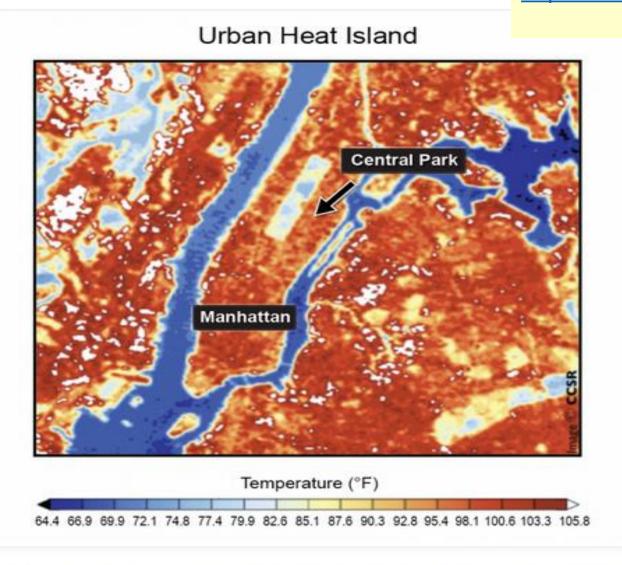
My interpretation of deep red-orange areas:

The scarcity of green dots, lines, or areas indicates paved-over, roofed-over or otherwise, areas of little or no grassy areas where excess rainfall can soak into the earth.

Heavy rainfall runs off.



Map from the US Government, Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx. <a href="https://www.globalchange.gov/browse/multimedia/urban-heat-island">https://www.globalchange.gov/browse/multimedia/urban-heat-island</a>



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Surface temperatures in New York City on a summer's day show the "urban heat island," with temperatures in populous urban areas being approximately 10°F higher than the forested parts of Central Park. Dark blue reflects the colder waters of the Hudson and East Rivers. (Figure source: Center for Climate Systems Research, Columbia University).

Map from a UHI study published by the AMS <a href="https://coolrooftoolkit.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/NYC-2009\_Rosenzweig\_etal.pdf">https://coolrooftoolkit.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/NYC-2009\_Rosenzweig\_etal.pdf</a>

not particularly useful since it was at sunrise

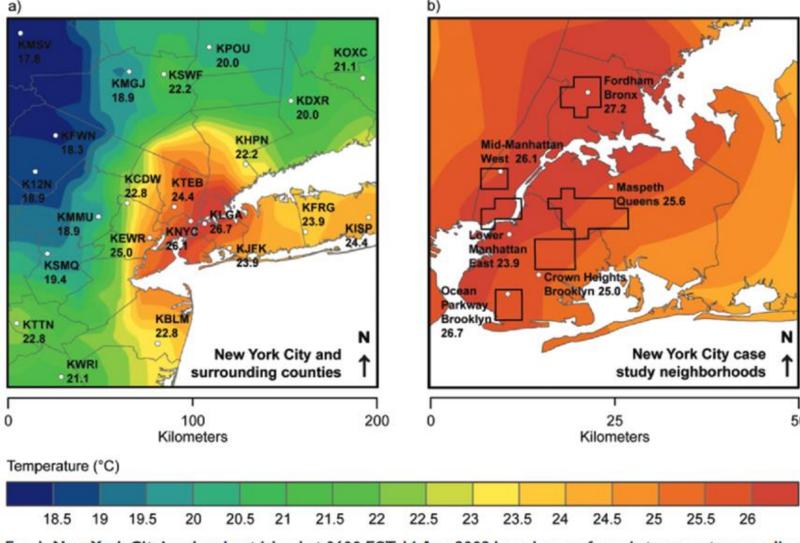
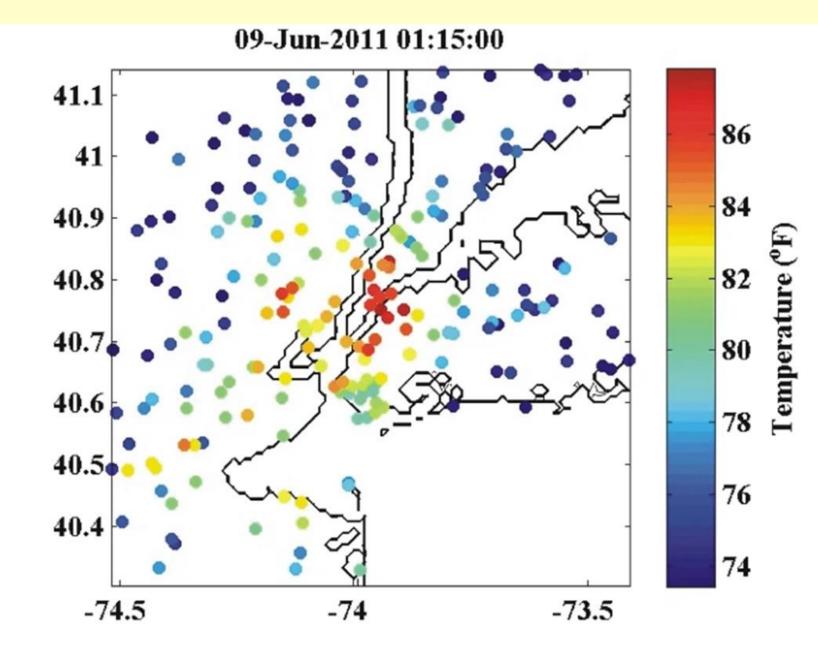


Fig. 1. New York City's urban heat island at 0600 EST 14 Aug 2002 based on surface air temperature readings taken at NWS and WeatherBug stations. (a) New York City and surrounding counties, with locations of NWS stations. (b) New York City case study neighborhoods, with locations of WeatherBug stations. Note: Inverse-weighted-distance interpolation with three neighbors, a power value of I, a variable search radius, and an output grid size of 0.1° were applied to meteorological data. All NWS and WeatherBug data shown were used in the interpolation, with the exception of the WeatherBug station representing Lower Manhattan East, which was excluded because of low confidence in data quality. Because multiple neighboring points contributed to the interpolation, contours may differ from individual station temperatures.

Map of temperatures taken at 0115 Local showing 12F UHI ten years ago. Temperatures in Newark nearly as hot as Queens: <a href="https://seaandskyny.com/2011/09/23/fall-colors-and-the-urban-heat-island/">https://seaandskyny.com/2011/09/23/fall-colors-and-the-urban-heat-island/</a>



Climate Central blurts out this: New York City is up to 20F warmer than suburbs:

https://www.climatecentral.org/news/urban-heat-islands-threaten-us-health-17919

SUMMER IN THE CITY New York



SUMMER HEAT IN

## New York

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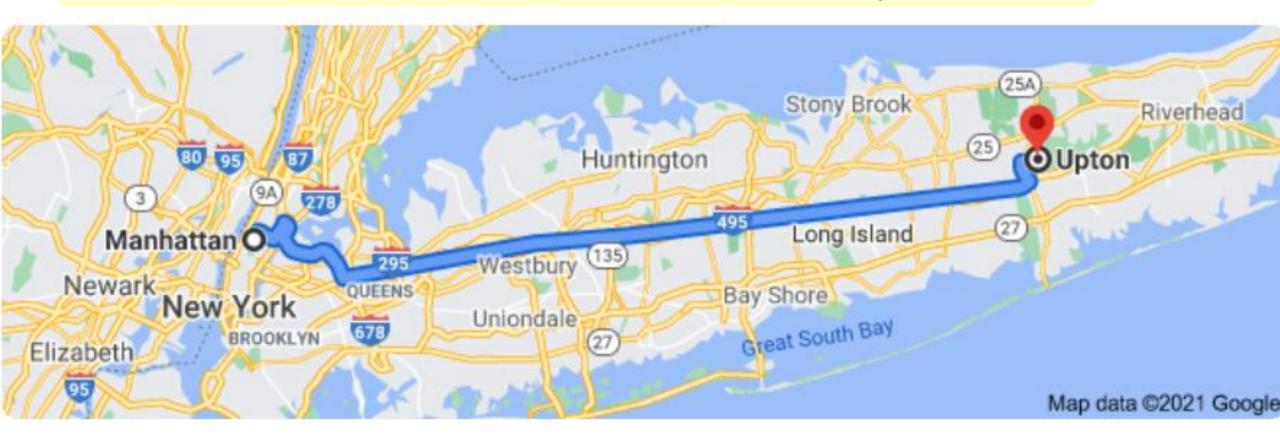
20.0° HOTTER IN THE CITY THAN IN NEARBY RURAL AREAS

**AVERAGE** 

2.7° CITY SUMMERS ARE HOTTER THAN IN RURAL AREAS

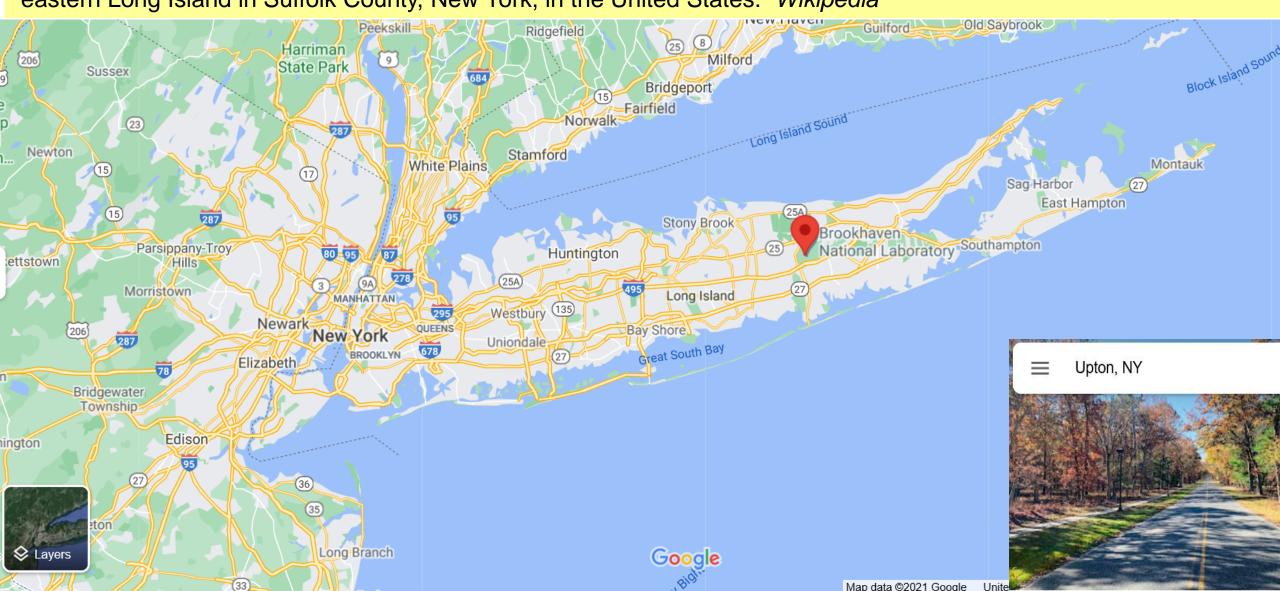


It is about 65 miles from Manhattan to Upton, NY, where the closest sounding to NYC is made.



#### https://www.google.com/maps/place/Upton,+NY/@40.8322092,-73.7353486

Upton, New York is a hamlet and census-designated place on Long Island in the town of Brookhaven. It is the home of the Brookhaven National Laboratory and a National Weather Service weather forecast office. Upton is located on eastern Long Island in Suffolk County, New York, in the United States. *Wikipedia* 

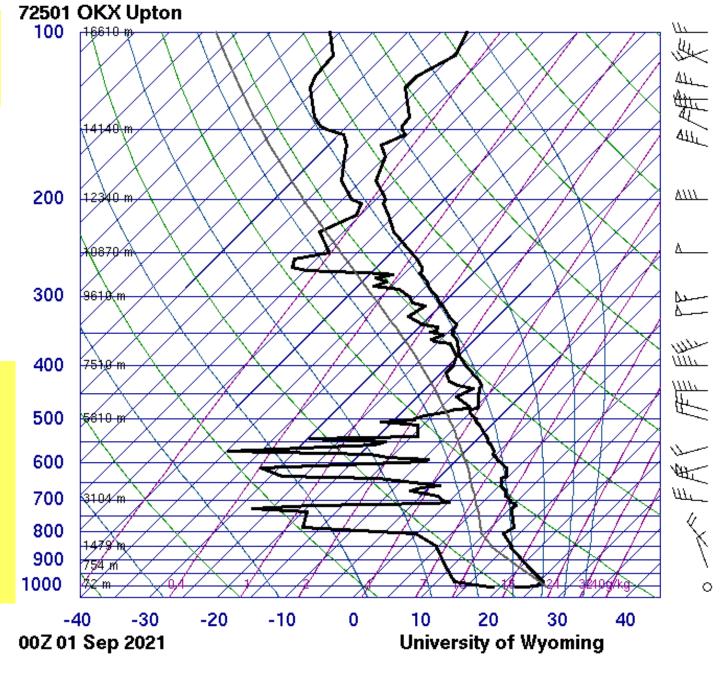


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The sounding is not representative of New York City.

The sounding was taken around sunset with thunderstorms, even tornadoes in the NYC area, yet the sounding here eastern Long Island, shows an inversion of temperature.

Contrast with Albany, poleward, with superadiabatic surface layer.



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PWAT 26.61

72501 is the WMO Block Station Number for Upper Air Observations, Station Number 501 in WMO Block 72

My analysis means that instead of surface temperature of 22.4C it would be at least 30C.

OTOH, the EPA, others have indicated that the UHI daytime heating effect is in the range from +10C to +50C

In this case, from 25C to 35C, even higher.

#### 72501 OKX Upton Observations at 00Z 01 Sep 2021

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Average ocean temperature in °F

	Cape May	<b>Atlantic City</b>	Sandy Hook
January	37	37	37
February	37	35	36
March	42	42	40
April	50	48	46
May	59	56	55
June	68	63	62
July	73	70	69
August	74	73	72
September	72	70	68
October	61	61	59
November	52	53	51
December	42	44	43
Annual	55	54	53

Hot Ocean Temperatures on 1 Sep, every year!

https://www.currentresults.com/Oceans/ Temperature/new-jersey-average-watertemperature.php

The First of September is the date of the hottest water temperature of the year!

Heat island map from
New York City Council:
<a href="https://council.nyc.gov/data/heat/">https://council.nyc.gov/data/heat/</a>

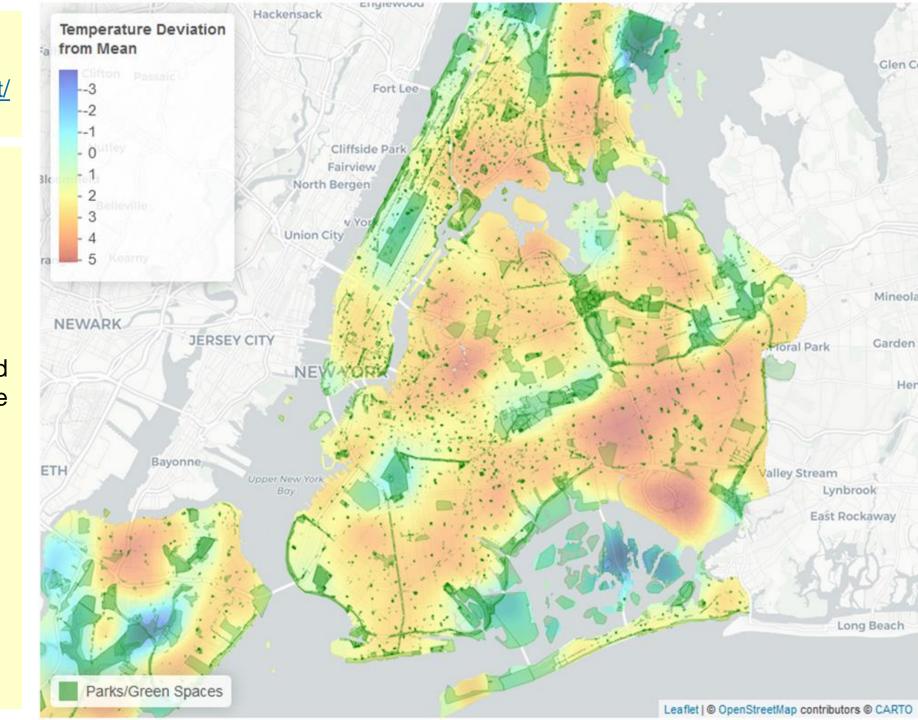
Natural Geographical features: Shape of New York Harbor.

Anthropogenic Geography shown by the map:

Warm Colors show impervious surfaces. They have the elevated temperature deviations over wide areas of Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx.

Roofs, sidewalks, roads, parking lots, residential and industrial areas.

All contribute to rain runoff, not rain entering permeable soil surfaces.



Natural phenomena brought extremely heavy rain, excessive runoff to NYC on 1 Sep 2021

Water temperatures hottest of the year brought warm water vapor to fuel thunderstorms

Warm Frontal surface lifted the air as it reached NYC

Strong vertical motion as remnants of Ida became an "Extratropical Storm"

Center of low and warm front reached NYC at time of maximum temperature for the day.

EPA report says add 18F to 27F Urban Heat Island effect (10C to 15C hotter)

Forecast Thunderstorms brought extreme vertical motion, heavy rainfall, even tornadoes.

#### **Anthropogenic Effects**

Exaggerated Heat Island Effect. Over 8 million live in NYC. Friction of skyscrapers.

Areas of Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, Richmond (Staten Island) and Newark have over 90% impermeable surface. Rainfall runs off.

"Flooding from Ida occurred because an overloaded, century-old drainage system was not built to accommodate that much water," city officials acknowledged

### SIDEBARS:

The New York Times and NOAA:

feeding the Narrative

Story: "Extraordinary increase in US Coastal Flooding"

Deception and outright lying by the New York Times

14 July 2021

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#### The New York Times

# New Data Shows an 'Extraordinary' Rise in U.S. Coastal Flooding

Rising seas are bringing water into communities at record rates, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Tuesday.

"Climate change and carbon emissions are a factor at play when we look at how tides are rising," Ms. LeBoeuf acknowledged in the call with reporters, adding the paper had not been reviewed or edited by political officials. But she emphasized that the report, strictly speaking, was limited to data collected from the tide gauges.



A flooded street in Key Largo, Fla., in October.

The question of what is causing seas to rise is, she said, "a little different."

#### https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/14/climate/coastal-flooding-noaa.html

"NOAA defines high-tide flooding, also called sunny-day or nuisance flooding, as water rising more than half a meter, or about 20 inches, above the normal daily high-tide mark.

The frequency of that flooding has increased because of rising sea levels, which were roughly 13 inches higher nationally last year than in 1920, the agency reported.

The number of days with high-tide flooding set or tied records in 19 places around the country last year, including Corpus Christi, Texas, which recorded 18 days of flooding; Galveston, Texas (18 days); Annapolis, Md. (18 days); and Charleston, S.C. (13 days).

The place with the greatest number of recorded flood days was Eagle Point, Texas, in Galveston Bay; it reported high-tide flooding on 64 days, or almost one day out of five."



Your one-stop source for sea-level information, with interactive tools for linear and quadratic regression analysis, and graphing, of measured sea-level trends, at over 1200 locations.

The web site, <a href="https://www.sealevel.info/">https://www.sealevel.info/</a> is run by my friend from the Climate Change Conferences, Dave Burton.

Unlike many of the other sea level sites, Dave Burton plots <CO2> over time from Mauna Loa and the Ice Cores, reputable sources.

The data clearly show these features: Rate of sea level rise is unrelated to <CO2>, and There is no acceleration in the rate of sea level rise.

#### https://www.sealevel.info/data.php

#### Search for a tide gauge's sea-level measurement record

#### Enter any of the following:

- A seven-digit NOAA station ID number
- A one to four-digit PSMSL station ID number
- A coastline-station pair, in the form ccc-sss (must be seven characters total)
- All or part of a station location name

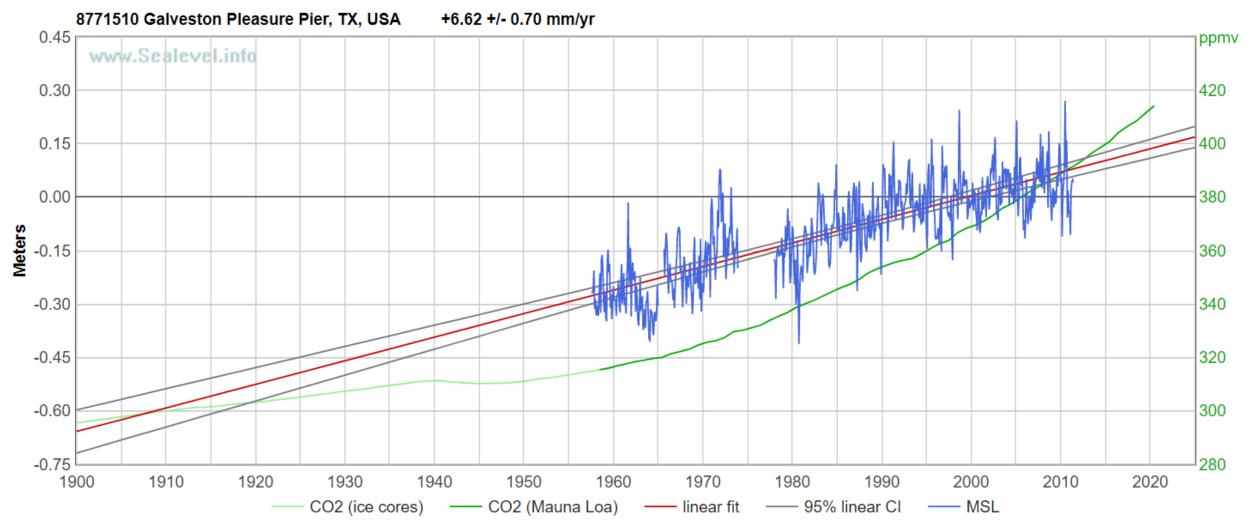
### Enter tide gauge: Search

E.g., these examples all find the San Diego, CA, USA tide gauge:

- 9410170 (NOAA station number)
- 158 (PSMSL station number)
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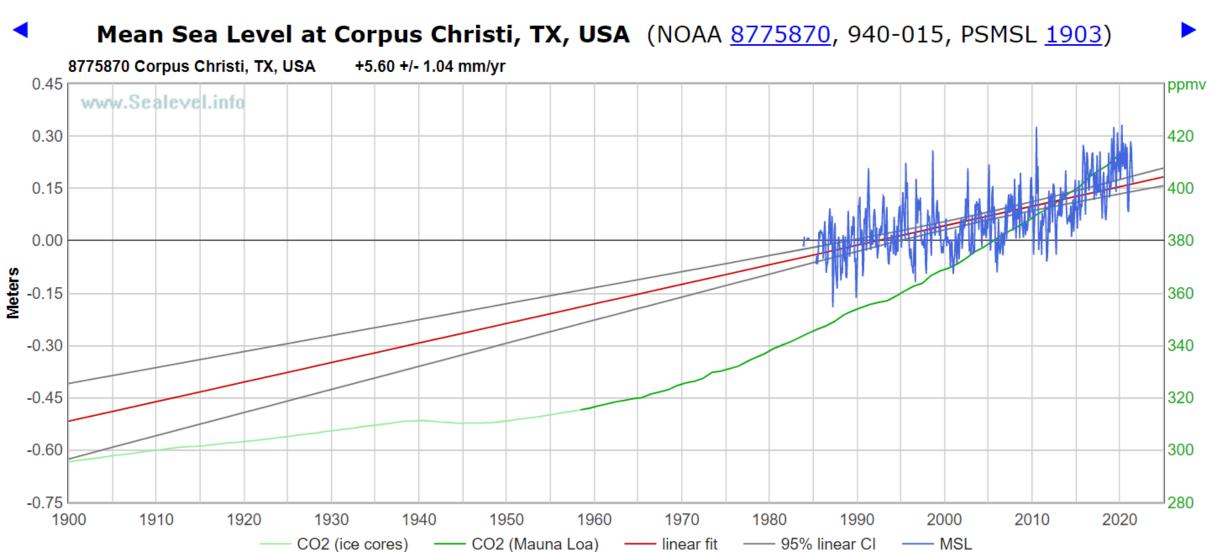
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#### ■ Mean Sea Level at Galveston Pleasure Pier, TX, USA (NOAA 8771510, 940-007, PSMSL 828)



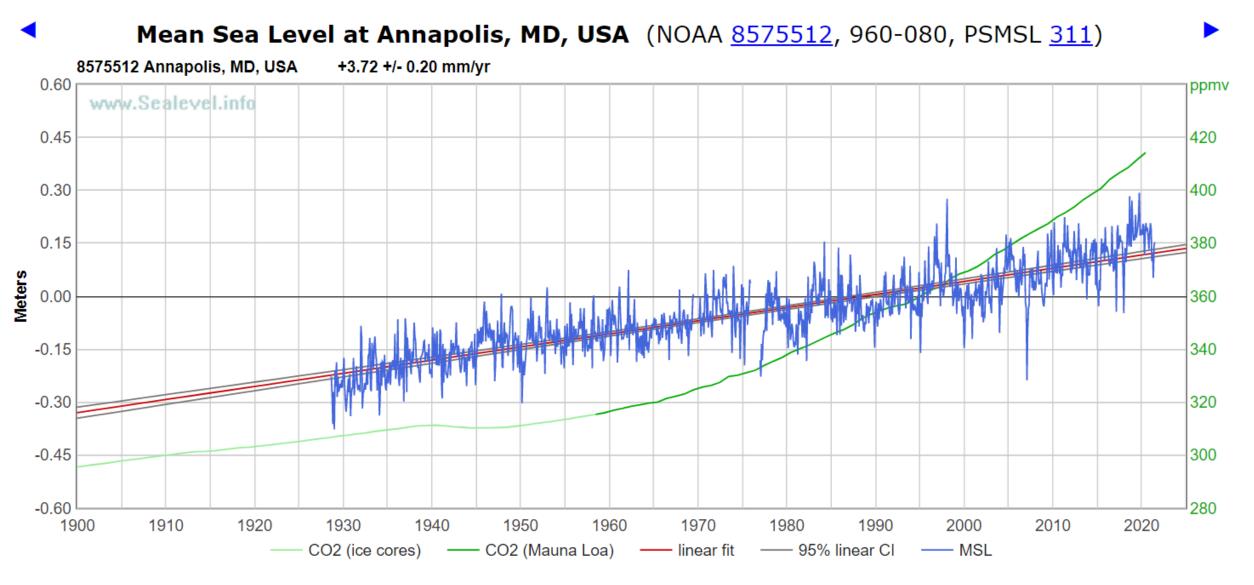
The mean sea level (MSL) trend at Galveston Pleasure Pier, TX, USA is +6.62 mm/year with a 95% confidence interval of  $\pm 0.70$  mm/year, based on monthly mean sea level data from 1957/9 to 2011/6. That is equivalent to a change of 2.17 feet in 100 years. (R-squared = 0.653)

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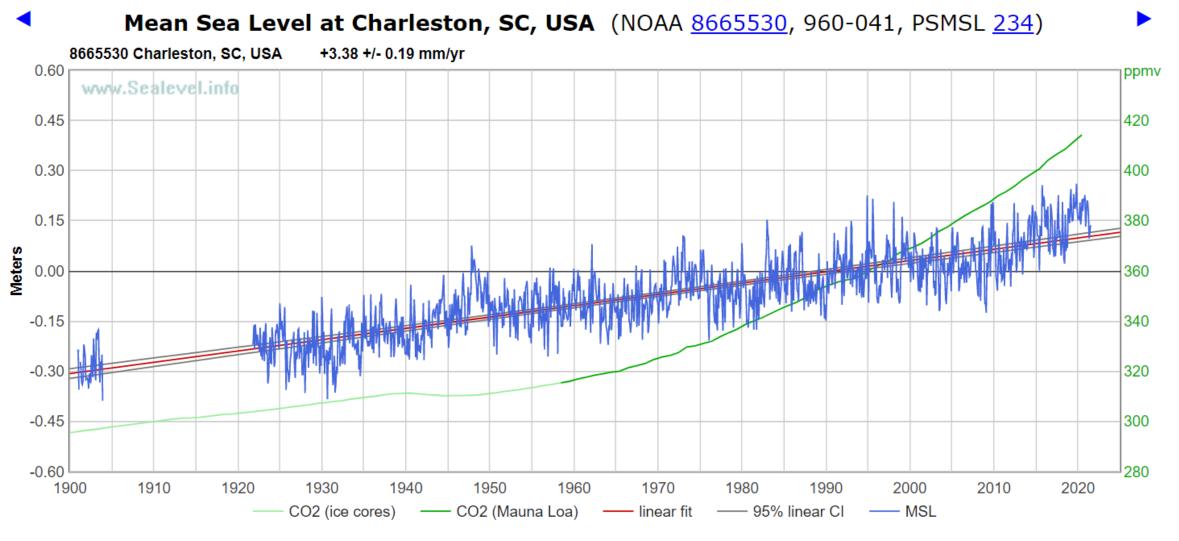
The mean sea level (MSL) trend at Corpus Christi, TX, USA is +5.60 mm/year with a 95% confidence interval of ±1.04 mm/year, based on monthly mean sea level data from 1983/12 to 2021/7. That is equivalent to a change of 1.84 feet in 100 years. (R-squared = 0.410)

Sealevel.info → Data → 8575512



The mean sea level (MSL) trend at Annapolis, MD, USA is +3.72 mm/year with a 95% confidence interval of  $\pm 0.20$  mm/year, based on monthly mean sea level data from 1928/9 to 2021/7. That is equivalent to a change of 1.22 feet in 100 years. (R-squared = 0.742)

Sealevel.info  $\rightarrow$  Data  $\rightarrow$  8665530



The mean sea level (MSL) trend at Charleston, SC, USA is  $\pm 3.38$  mm/year with a 95% confidence interval of  $\pm 0.19$  mm/year, based on monthly mean sea level data from 1901/1 to 2021/7. That is equivalent to a change of 1.11 feet in 100 years. (R-squared = 0.710)

This quote from the Times story,

"Climate change and carbon emissions are a factor at play when we look at how tides are rising," is clearly wrong.

A look at plots of the level of the sea from the tide gages over time and <CO2> vs time on the same plot shows that the quote is just wrong.

This points to one of two circumstances:

ONE: The New York Times is ignorant of the facts of the story,

TWO: The New York Times knows the facts and allows a falsehood in the story to carry the story line, The Narrative of human-caused CO2 fueled sea level rise, which is plainly natural sea level rise.

No matter what, either ignorance or deliberate falsehood, the New York Times is often unworthy of trust in its contents. You must do your own research.

Story: "Climate Change is Bankrupting America's Small Towns"

Deception and outright lying by the New York Times

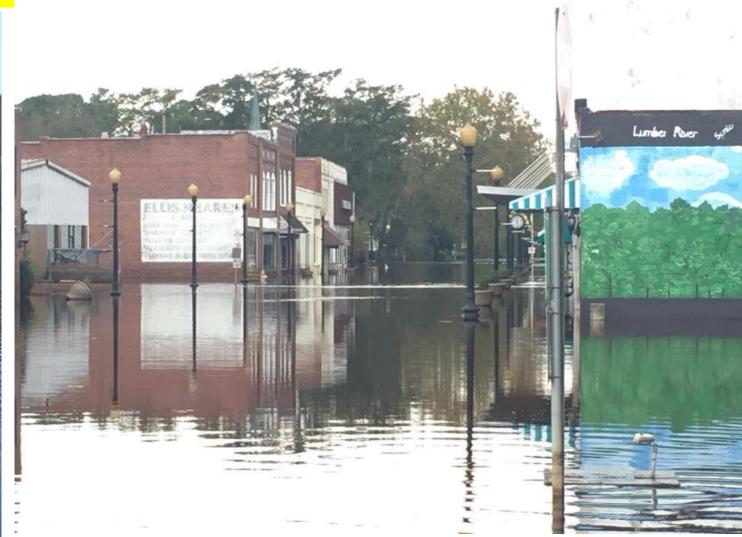
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#### https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/02/climate/climate-towns-bankruptcy.html

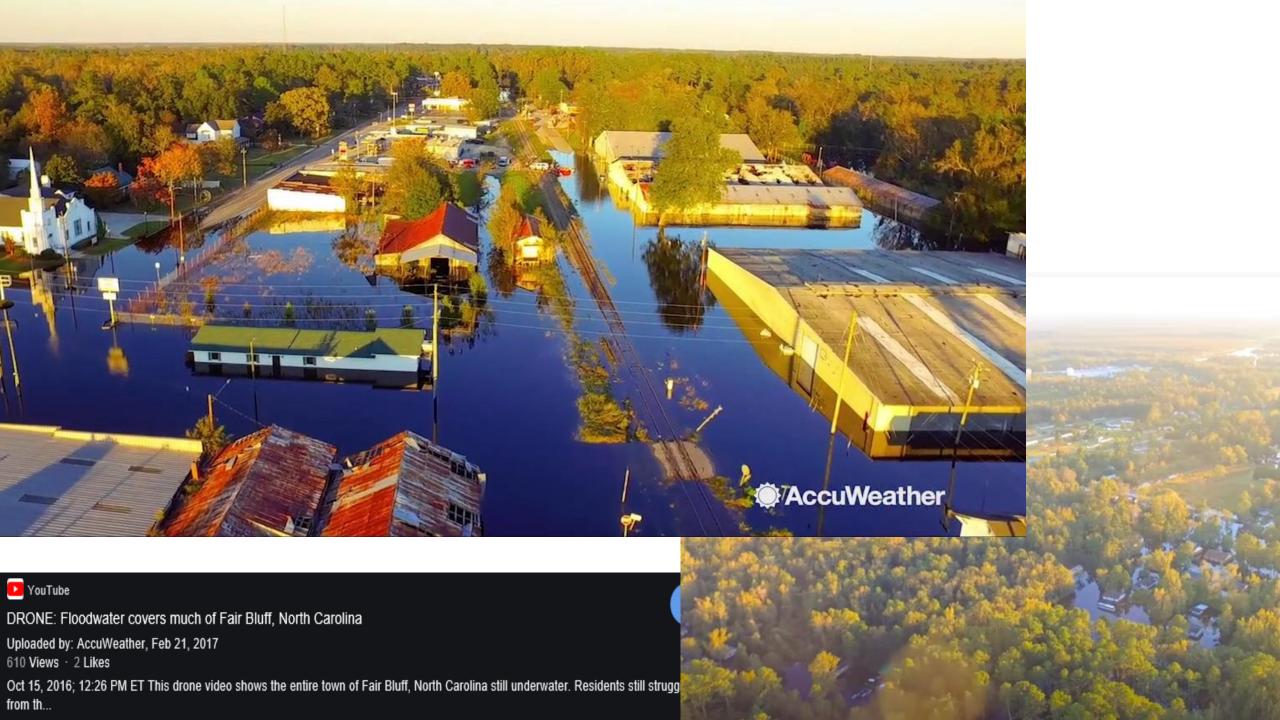
Fair Bluff is small-town idyllic, nestled among fields of corn and tobacco near the South Carolina border, shielded from the Lumber River by a narrow bank of tupelo gum, river birch and bald cypress trees. But its main road offers a sobering glimpse of what climate change could mean for communities that can't defend themselves.





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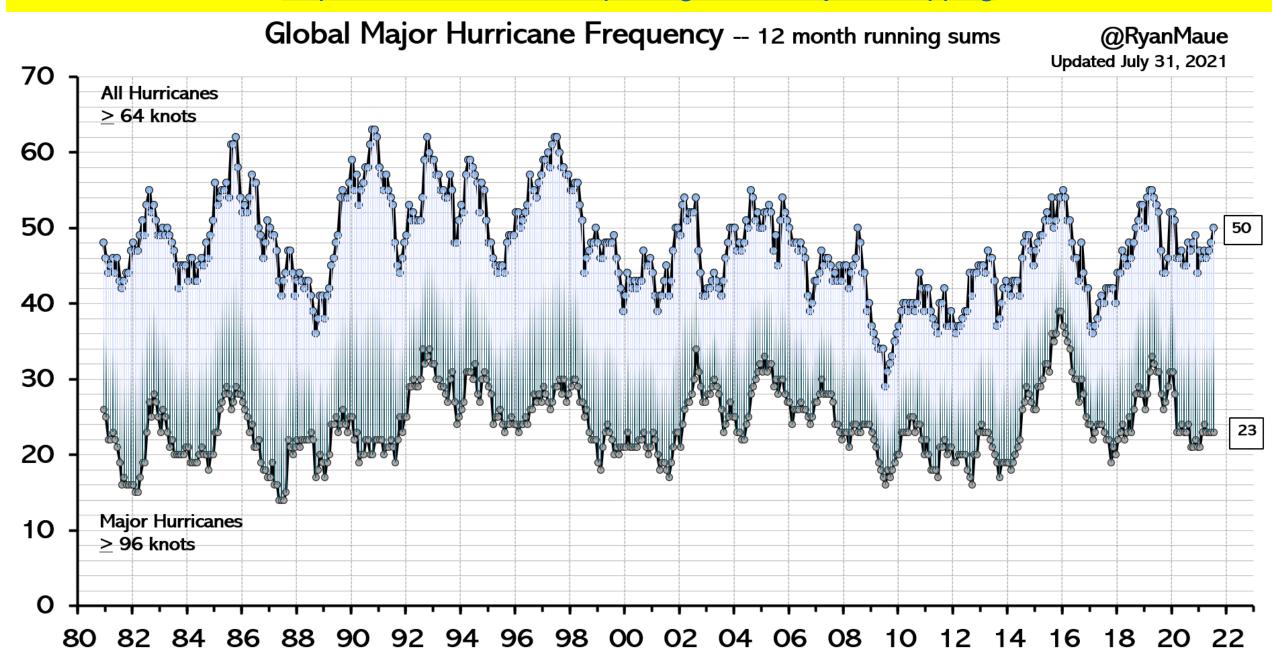


It's no coincidence that small towns in eastern North Carolina are among the first in the country to face an existential threat from climate change. Many were already struggling from the decline of the tobacco and textile industries, and the area's flat terrain makes it especially vulnerable to flooding from powerful hurricanes that are coming more often. (bold added)

Between 1954 and 2016, North Carolina was hit by 19 hurricanes severe enough to produce a federal disaster declaration, about one every three years. By contrast, four hurricanes have cleared that bar since 2018

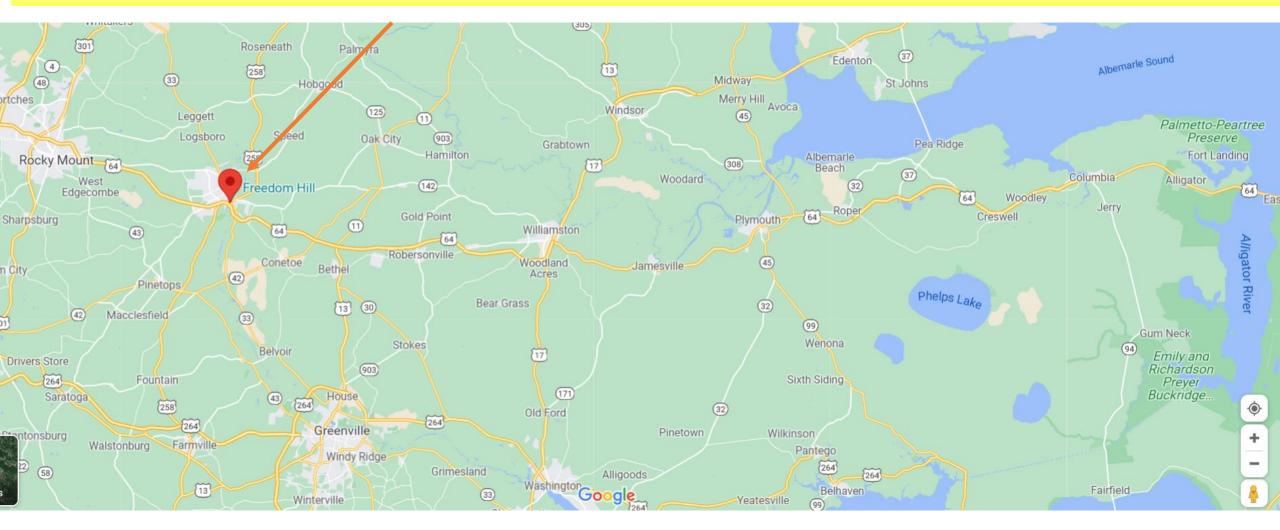
The New York Times says that powerful hurricanes are coming more often. What do the data say? Next slide...

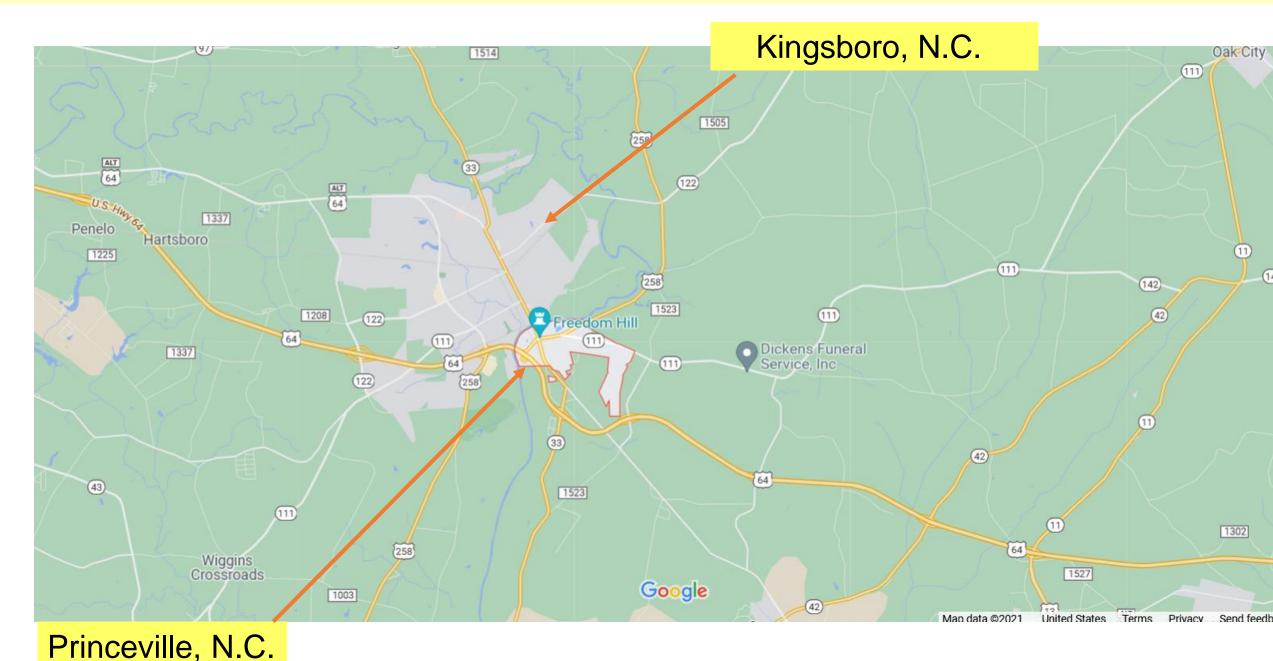
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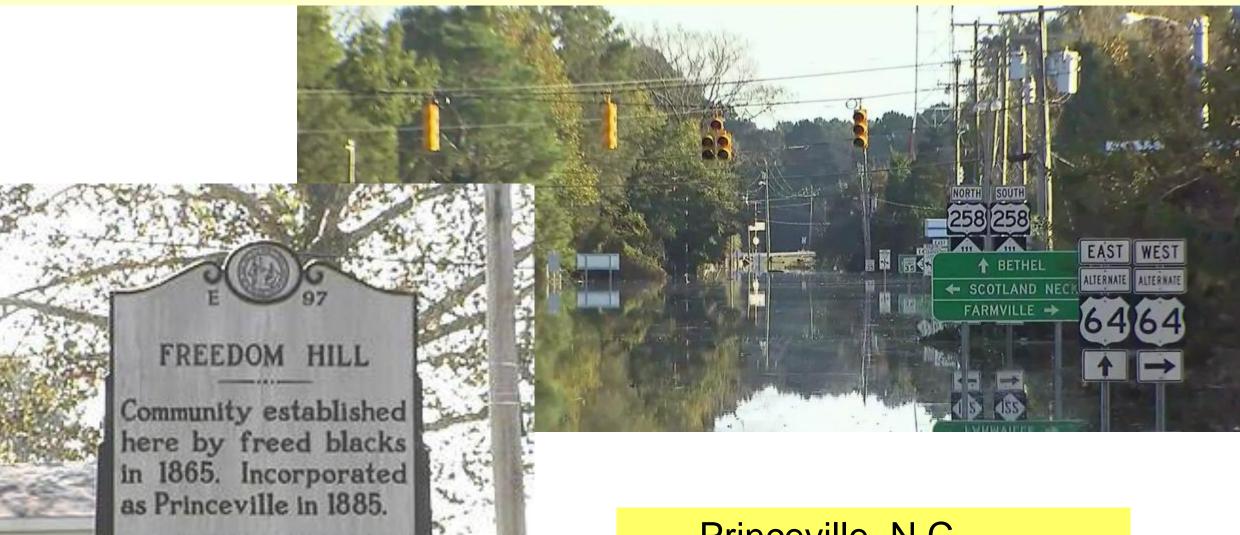




# Princeville, N.C. is one of the New York Times' "small towns being bankrupted by climate change"







Princeville, N.C.

Elevation: 30 ft MSL.

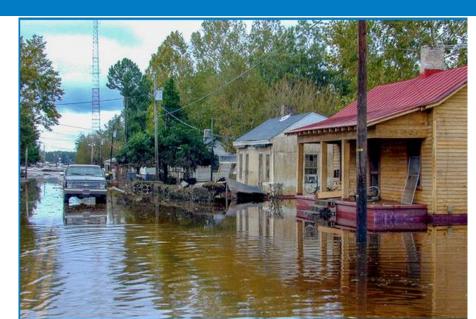
Threat

https://tclf.org/sites/default/files/microsites/ landslide2018/princeville.html

Flooding on the main street of Princeville in 1919.

Courtesy of the North Carolina State Archives Princeville's cultural landscape faces threats that are both immediate and ongoing. Climate change threatens to increase the frequency and severity of local floods, which, bringing losses of property and population, will only compound the social and economic challenges already facing Princeville as a small rural town. Every year, from June to November, the threat of flood is imminent, and evidence suggests the threat will grow as hurricanes become more frequent and intense. The capacity of the community to rebuild continually is also uncertain, and as long as the cultural landscape is undefined and under-acknowledged, its long-term fate is equally in doubt.



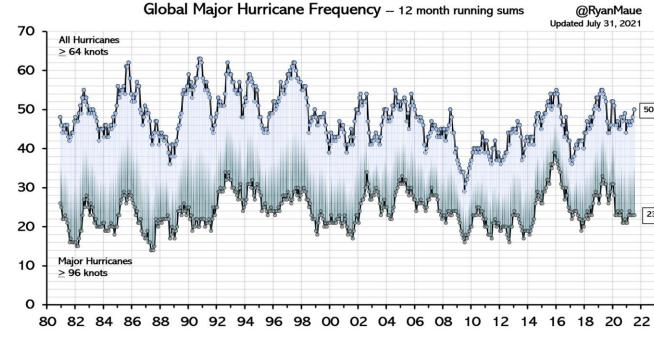


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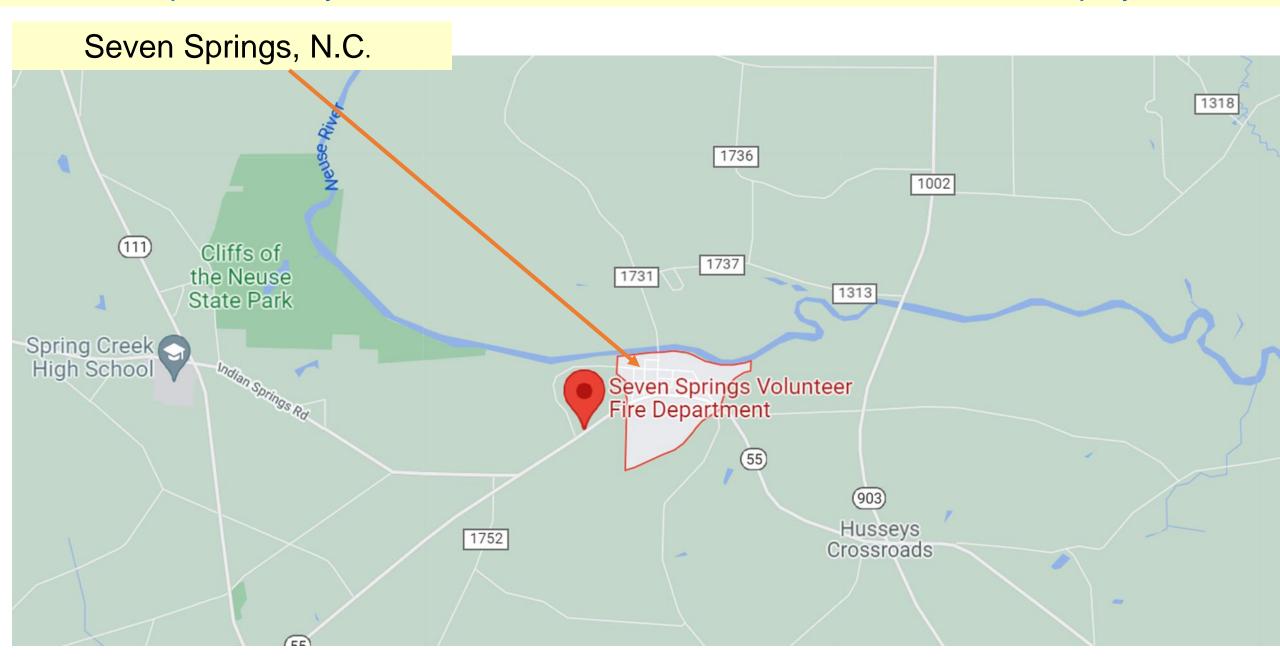
A house on piers near the Tar River in Princeville, N.C. 1981 *Photo Courtesy Architectural Survey.* 

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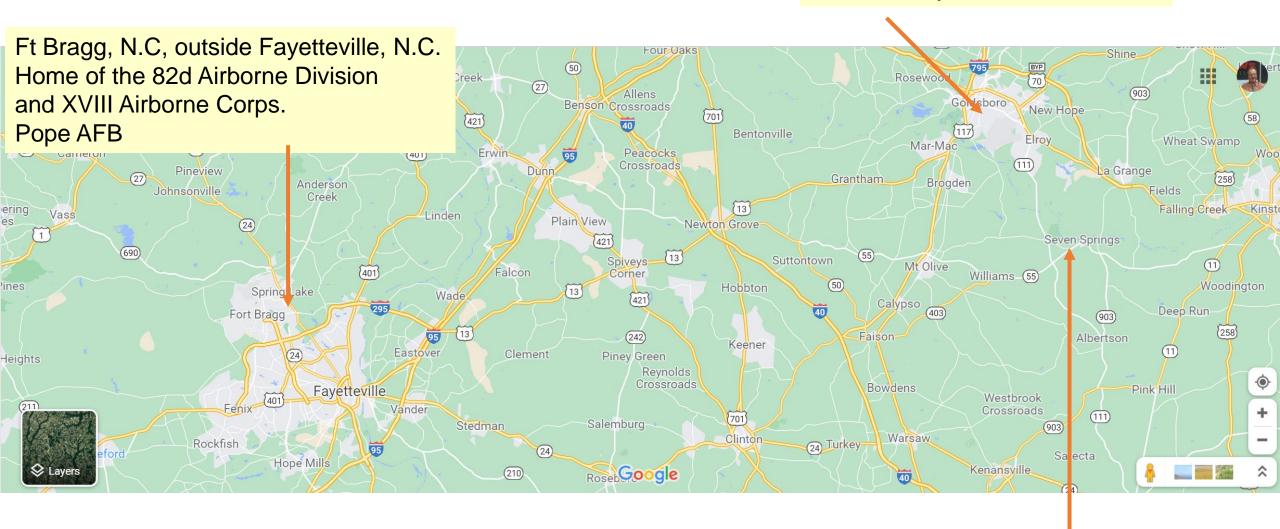


Within this site, photos of floods, this house on piers. Floods have been a problem for at least a century. Data are clear. Yet, NYT and this site continue...fairy tale of "hurricanes...more frequent and intense."





Goldsboro, N.C. Home of Seymour Johnson AFB.



Seven Springs, N.C. Elevation 53 ft MSL

https://www.wral.com/weather/hurricanes/image/16123061/?ref\_id=16629940



Water on Sunday was still surrounding homes in Seven Springs, a town that lost nearly half of its residents following Hurricane Floyd.



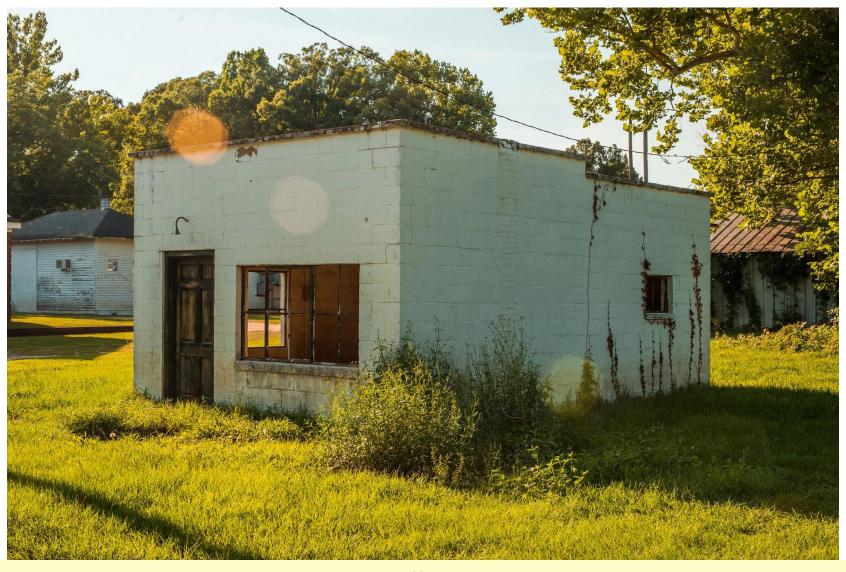
An abandoned home in Seven Springs.



All that's left of the town of Seven Springs is a few dozen buildings on the south bank of the Neuse River, land that rises gently to a highway a few hundred feet away. The effect is like a bathtub — which is what the town became when Hurricane Floyd sent the Neuse over its banks in 1999. Hurricane Matthew flooded the town again in 2016.

Hurricane Florence repeated the damage in 2018.

Floyd cut the population of Seven Springs by about half; Matthew cut it again. Of the 30 or so houses left between the river and the highway, maybe a dozen are still occupied, said Stephen Potter, the mayor. The population, which peaked at 207 in 1960, had dwindled to 55 by last year.



Once Seven Springs became too small to maintain its own jail, officials used the building to store lawn mowers that volunteers could use to keep up the town.

Now the jail is abandoned, and the lawn mowers are, too.

Let's summarize: Fair Bluff, Princeville and Seven Springs are all small towns on the outer coastal plain of North Carolina.

The outer coastal plain of North Carolina has very low, almost flat, almost featureless terrain, and a very shallow slope towards the Atlantic Ocean.

Any rain from a tropical system here has the potential to dump heavy rain, which will tend to remain in place, or run off slowly, producing flooding.

The data show that hurricane frequency has multidecadal fluctuations unrelated to the monotonic increase in <CO2>. Hurricane frequency has been falling since 1996.

The New York Times plainly is not telling the truth in this story.

# The Narrative continues well into September 2021

### **Hottest Summer On Record In The US**

Posted on September 10, 2021 by tonyheller

NOAA says this past summer was hotter than 1936.

https://realclimatescience.com/2021/ 09/hottest-summer-on-record-in-the -us/

# Summer 2021 Was Hottest on Record in the Contiguous U.S., NOAA Says

By Chris Dolce · 3 hours ago

#### At a Glance

- The Lower 48 had its hottest summer on record in 2021.
- 2021 barely edged out 1936 for the top spot.
- Areas from the West to the nation's northern tier had the most extreme heat compared to average.

Summer 2021 was the hottest in 126 years of records for the contiguous United States, according to a report released by NOAA on Thursday.

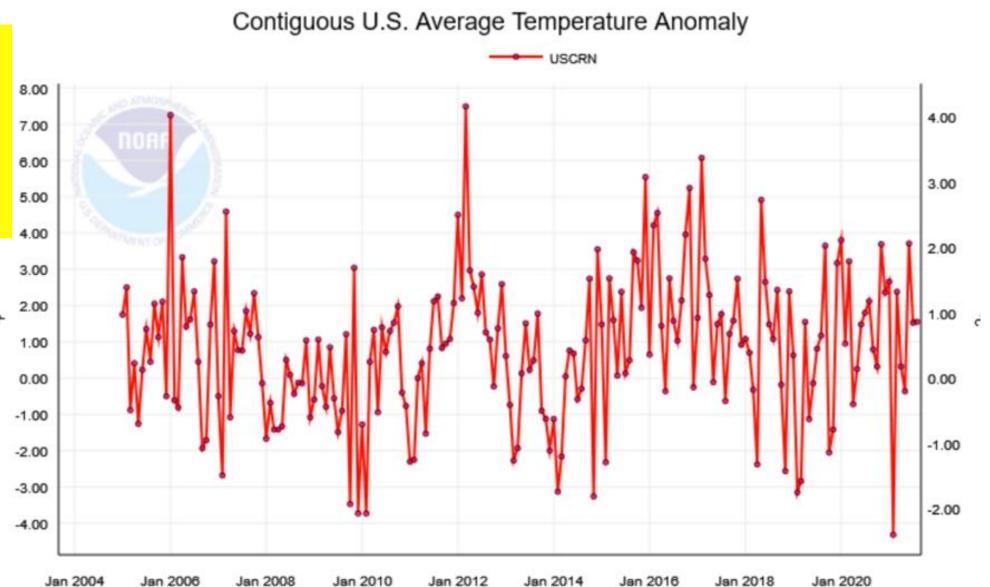
The average temperature for all of the Lower 48 states from June through August was 74.0 degrees Fahrenheit, or 2.6 degrees above average. That barely edged out the Dust Bowl summer of 1936 for the top spot by less than

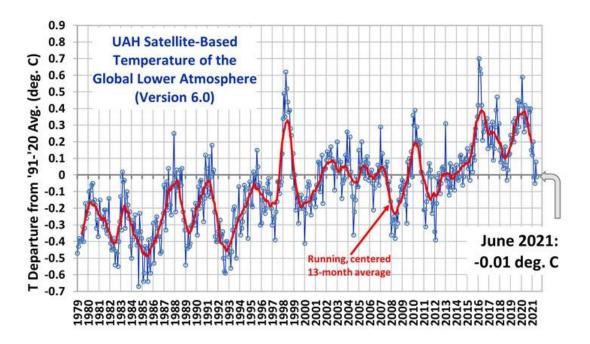
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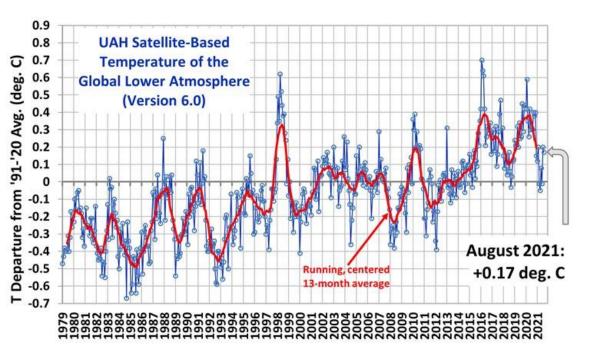
Place mouse on axis and left-click to pan; wheel up/down for zoom in/out (or shift key+left-click).

And what does the "Unimpeachable" USCRN data set say?

"not a chance..."

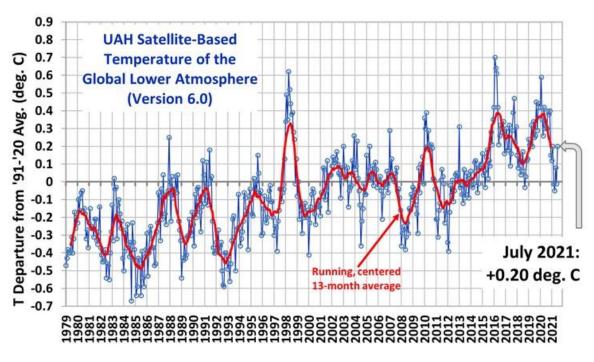






And the Greenhouse Temperatures, in the Troposphere?

**UAH measures the temperatures IN THE GREENHOUSE** 



June, July, and August 2021 were nowhere close to the hottest in the satellite record.

What have we learned?

Remnants of post-hurricane Ida brought a heavy rain event to NYC

- The NWS had a good handle on the timing, severity and effects (flash flooding) and disseminated warnings.
- NYC rain event was only ONE QUARTER the 1943 rainfall near Burnsville, West Virginia, the US 1-hour rainfall record.
- The Urban Terrain of NYC cannot handle ordinary heavy rain events; immediate runoff occurs.
- Little improvement in drainage in NYC the last century.
- Offshore water was warmest of the year, brings more water vapor for thunderstorms.
- Geography, Urban Heat Island, Timing (near historical high temperature for the day) all contributed
- Political Leaders claim climate crisis yet offer little in maintenance of subway and drainage systems.
- They blame "Human-Caused CO2-fueled Global Warming" for a routine heavy rain event and the runoff which is sure to occur.
- The Media and Deep State operatives gladly jump on the Climate Narrative.
- Careful examination of the facts disproves The Narrative. Critical Thought is rare.

Sidebar:

Unreliable Commercial Weather Sites

# **Newark, NJ Past Weather**

Example of my attempt to gather comparative weather information. Rain Total 0.784 in

### Wed, Sep 1st 2021

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https://forecast.weather.gov/product.php?si te=NWS&issuedby=EWR

Newark Airport, NJ

Tmax 79, 26C

Rainfall 8.41 in Record

...THE NEWARK NJ CLIMATE SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1 2021...

CLIMATE NORMAL PERIOD 1991 TO 2020
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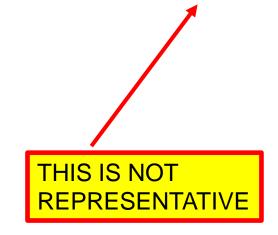
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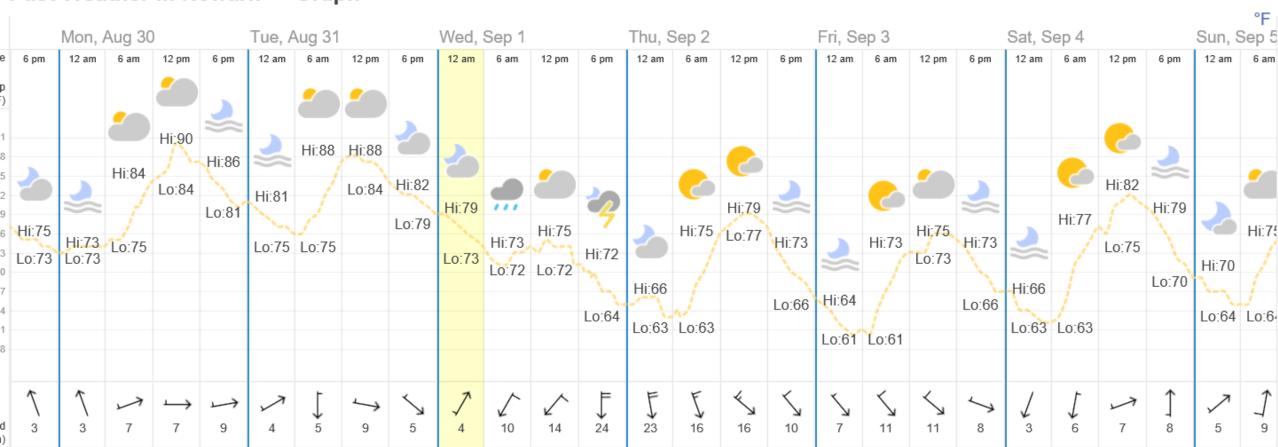
I do not recommend using commercial internet sites such as these.

Lots of work, wrong info: Dead End.

For serious work STAY AWAY!

This commercial site gives no indication that on 1 Sept 2021. an evening downpour brought the rainfall total to 8.41, a new record for the date.

### Past Weather in Newark — Graph



Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 12:00 am — 6:00 am

79 / 73 °F
Mostly cloudy.

Humidity: 68%

Barometer: 29.79 "Hg

SSW
Wind: 4.35 mph