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# Using Applied Climate Science Modeling to Develop Forest Management Strategies

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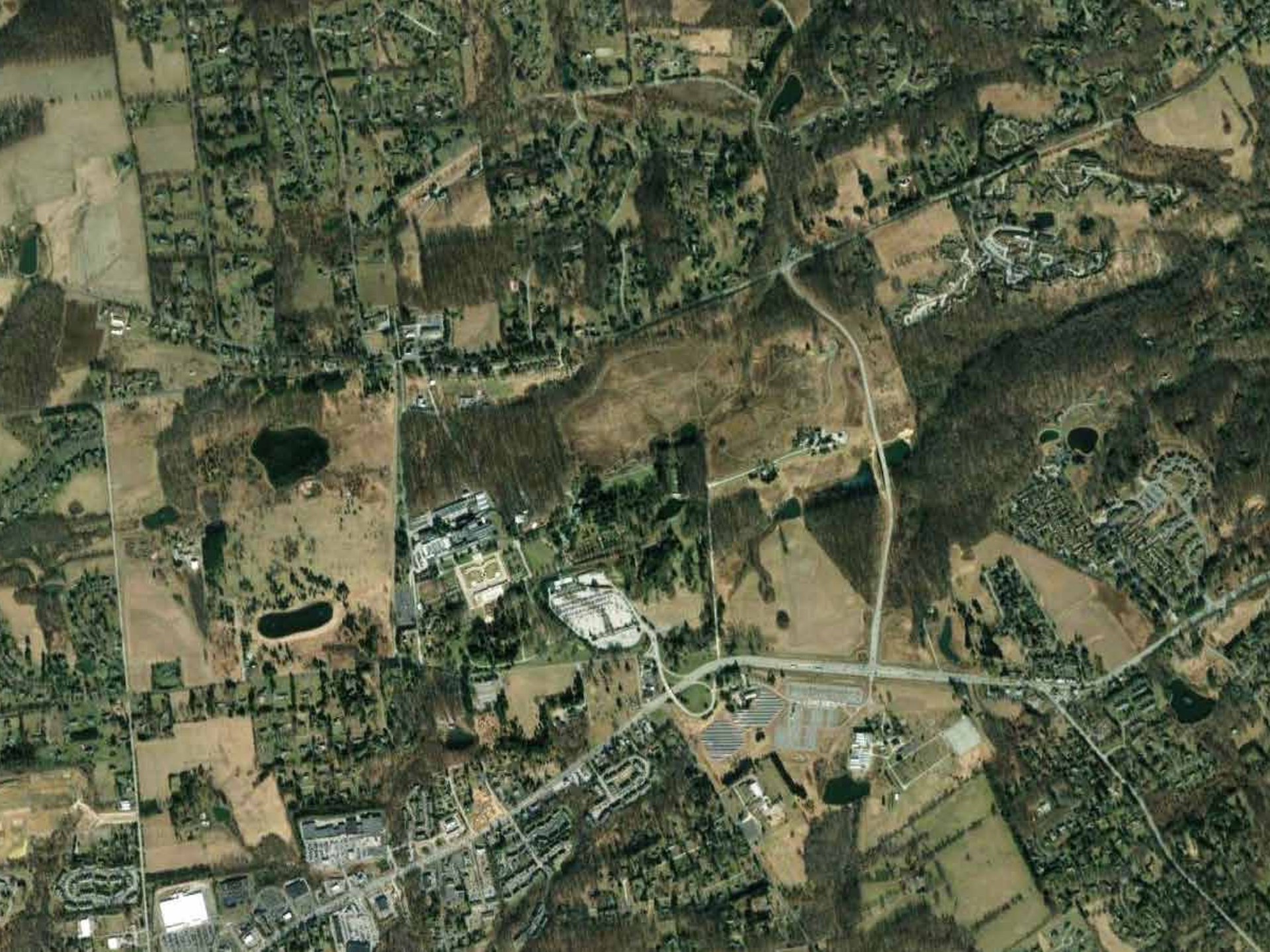
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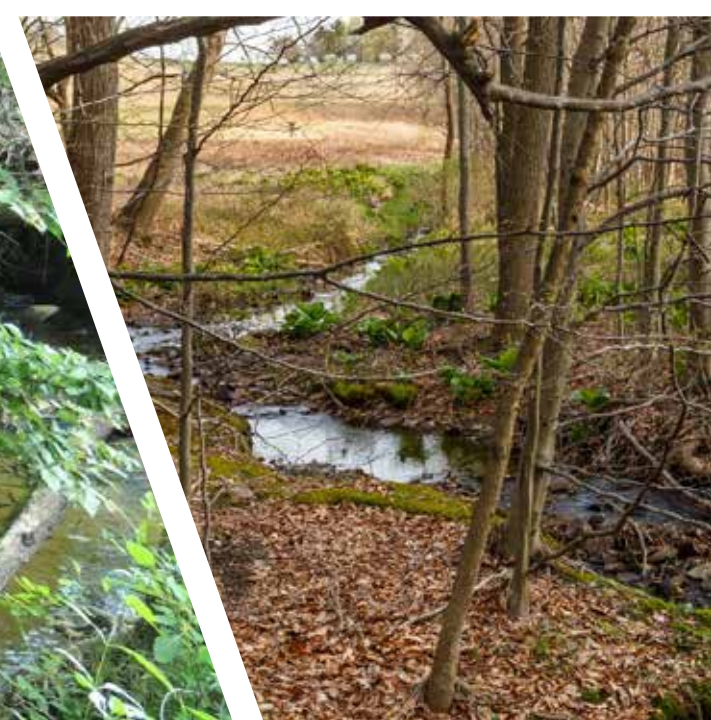




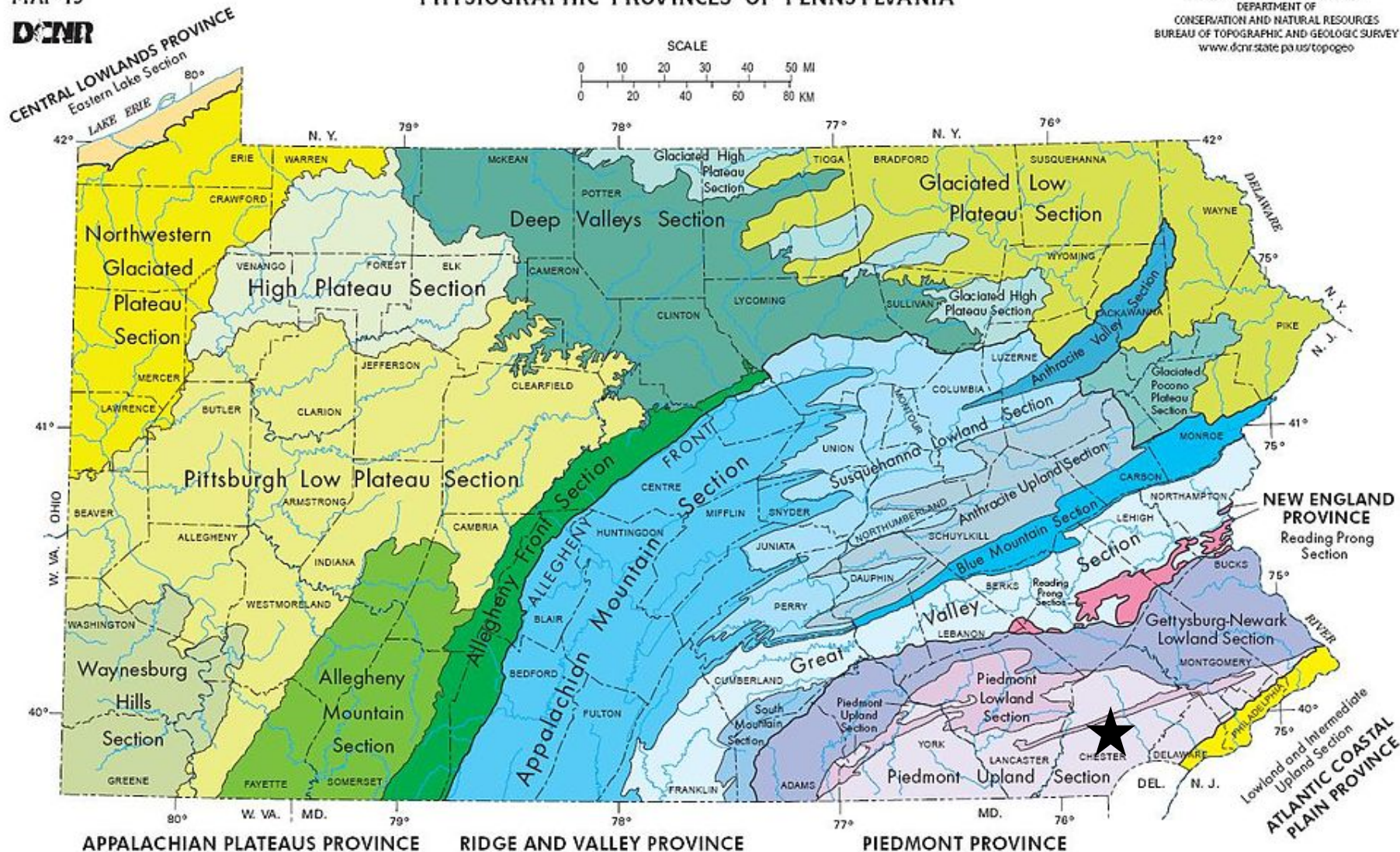








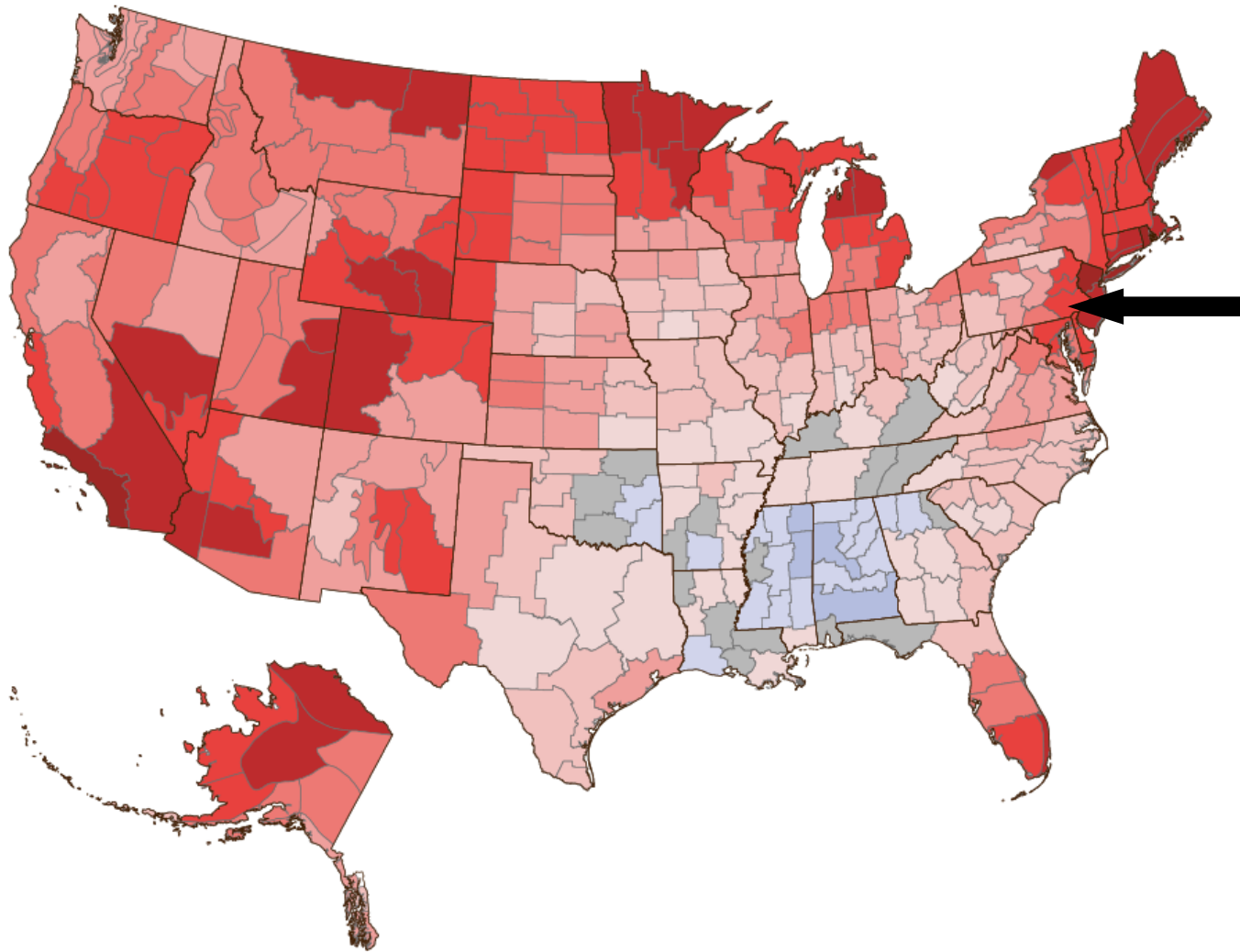
# PHYSIOGRAPHIC PROVINCES OF PENNSYLVANIA



**EXPLANATION**

<p><b>CENTRAL LOWLANDS PROVINCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eastern Lake Section</li> <li>Northwestern Glaciated Plateau Section</li> <li>High Plateau Section</li> <li>Pittsburgh Low Plateau Section</li> </ul>	<p><b>APPALACHIAN PLATEAUS PROVINCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waynesburg Hills Section</li> <li>Allegheny Mountain Section</li> <li>Allegheny Front Section</li> <li>Deep Valleys Section</li> <li>Glaciated High Plateau Section</li> <li>Glaciated Low Plateau Section</li> <li>Glaciated Pocono Plateau Section</li> </ul>	<p><b>RIDGE AND VALLEY PROVINCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appalachian Section</li> <li>Susquehanna Lowland Section</li> <li>Anthracite Valley Section</li> <li>Anthracite Upland Section</li> <li>Blue Mountain Section</li> <li>Great Valley Section</li> <li>South Mountain Section</li> </ul>	<p><b>NEW ENGLAND PROVINCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading Prong Section</li> </ul>	<p><b>PIEDMONT PROVINCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gettysburg-Newark Lowland Section</li> <li>Piedmont Lowland Section</li> <li>Piedmont Upland Section</li> </ul>	<p><b>ATLANTIC COASTAL PLAIN PROVINCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lowland and Intermediate Upland Section</li> </ul>	<p><b>SYMBOLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximate boundary between physiographic provinces</li> <li>Approximate boundary between physiographic sections</li> </ul>
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Rate of temperature change (°F per century):

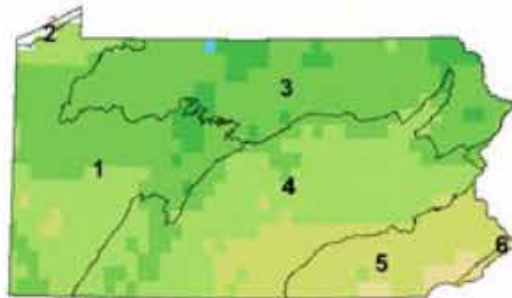
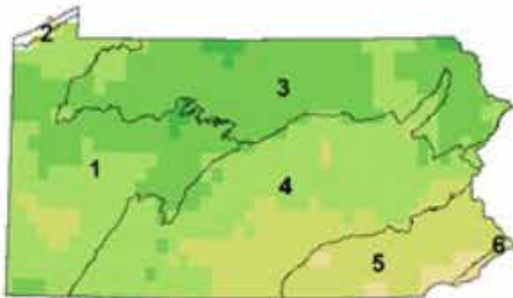


Gray interval: -0.1 to 0.1°F

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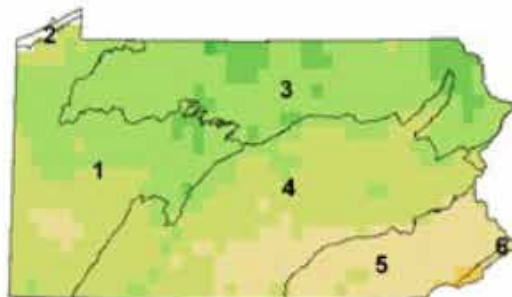
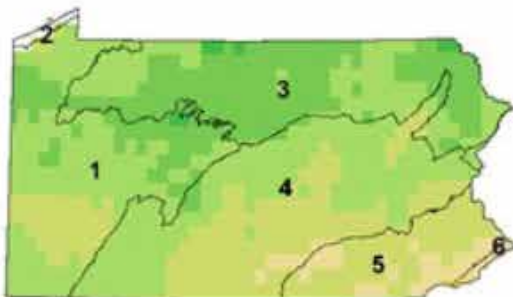
1980 to 2009



### Regions of Pennsylvania

- 1 – Western Allegheny Plateau
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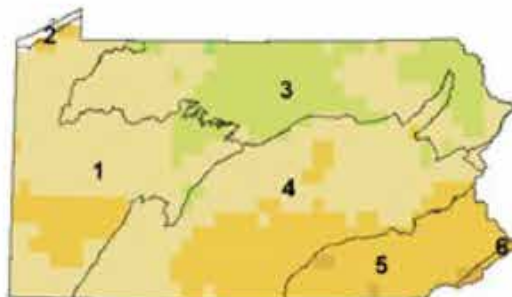
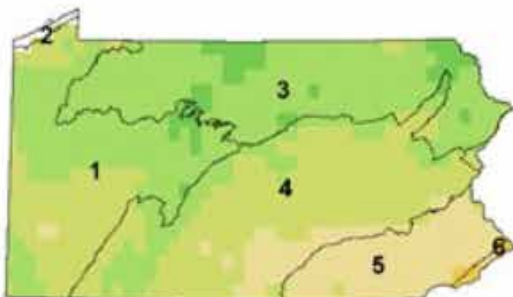
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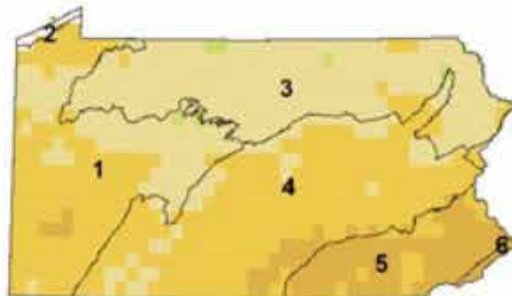
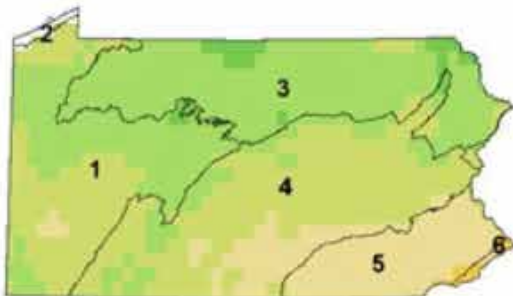
### Hardiness Zone

Temp (°F)	Zone
-40 to -35	3a
-35 to -30	3b
-30 to -25	4a
-25 to -20	4b
-20 to -15	5a
-15 to -10	5b
-10 to -5	6a
0 to 5	7a
5 to 10	7b
10 to 15	8a
15 to 20	8b
20 to 25	9a
25 to 30	9b
30 to 35	10a
35 to 40	10b
40 to 45	11a
45 to 50	11b
50 to 55	12a
55 to 60	12b

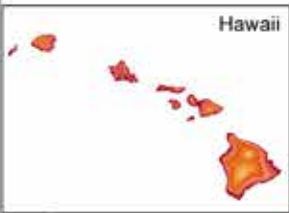
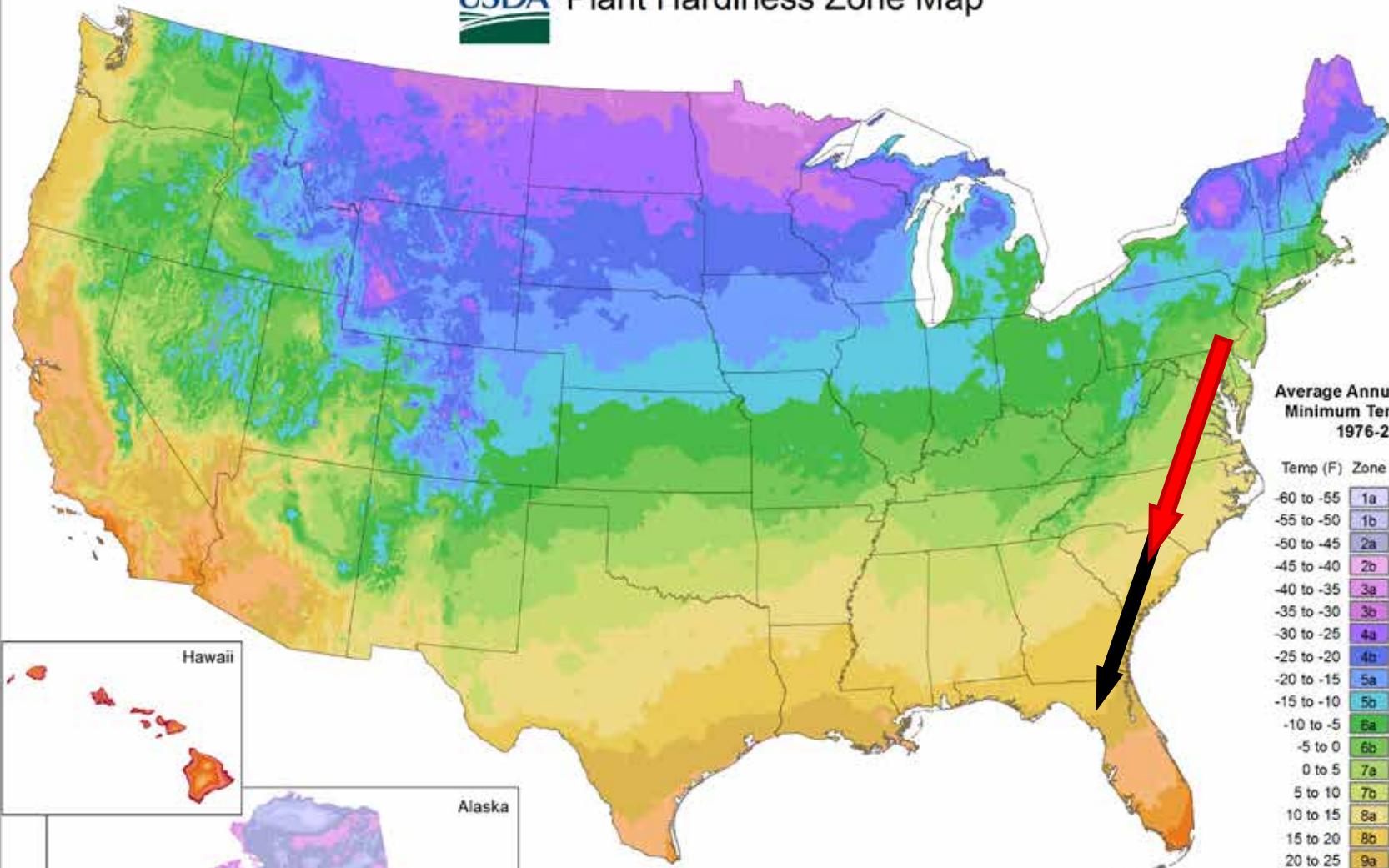
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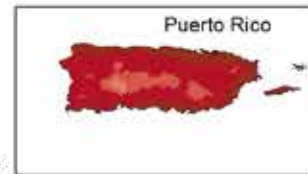
**USDA** Plant Hardiness Zone Map



Hawaii



Alaska



Puerto Rico

**Average Annual Extreme Minimum Temperature 1976-2005**

Temp (F)	Zone	Temp (C)
-60 to -55	1a	-51.1 to -48.3
-55 to -50	1b	-48.3 to -45.6
-50 to -45	2a	-45.6 to -42.8
-45 to -40	2b	-42.8 to -40
-40 to -35	3a	-40 to -37.2
-35 to -30	3b	-37.2 to -34.4
-30 to -25	4a	-34.4 to -31.7
-25 to -20	4b	-31.7 to -28.9
-20 to -15	5a	-28.9 to -26.1
-15 to -10	5b	-26.1 to -23.3
-10 to -5	6a	-23.3 to -20.6
-5 to 0	6b	-20.6 to -17.8
0 to 5	7a	-17.8 to -15
5 to 10	7b	-15 to -12.2
10 to 15	8a	-12.2 to -9.4
15 to 20	8b	-9.4 to -6.7
20 to 25	9a	-6.7 to -3.9
25 to 30	9b	-3.9 to -1.1
30 to 35	10a	-1.1 to 1.7
35 to 40	10b	1.7 to 4.4
40 to 45	11a	4.4 to 7.2
45 to 50	11b	7.2 to 10
50 to 55	12a	10 to 12.8
55 to 60	12b	12.8 to 15.6
60 to 65	13a	15.6 to 18.3
65 to 70	13b	18.3 to 21.1

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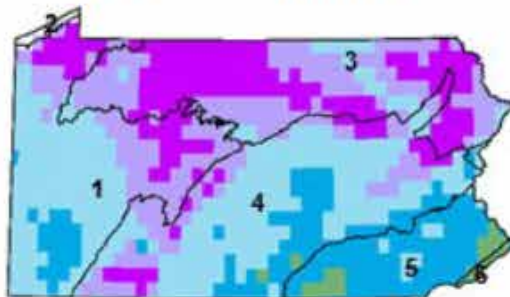
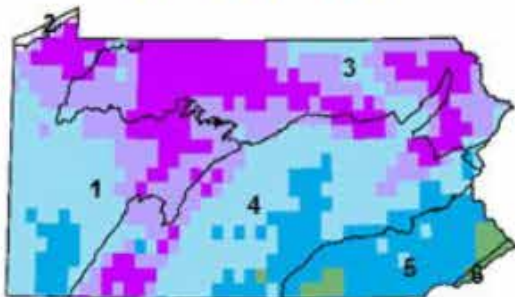
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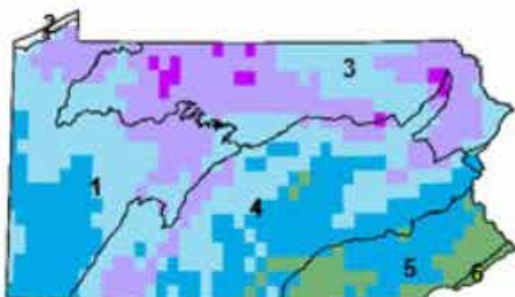
### Heat Zone (days over 86°F)

- 1: < 1
- 2: 1 to 7
- 3: >7 to 14
- 4: >14 to 30
- 5: >30 to 45
- 6: >45 to 60
- 7: >60 to 90
- 8: >90 to 120
- 9: >120 to 150
- 10: >150 to 180
- 11: >180 to 210
- 12: > 210

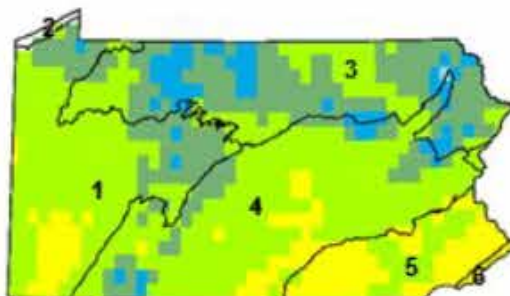
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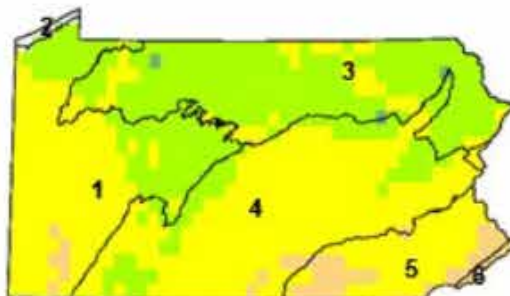
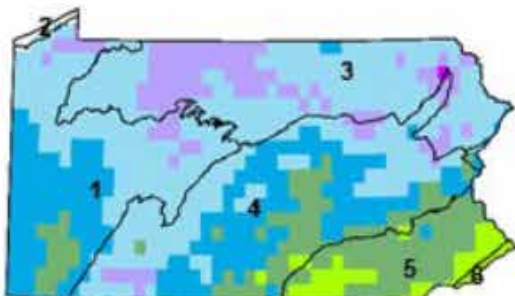
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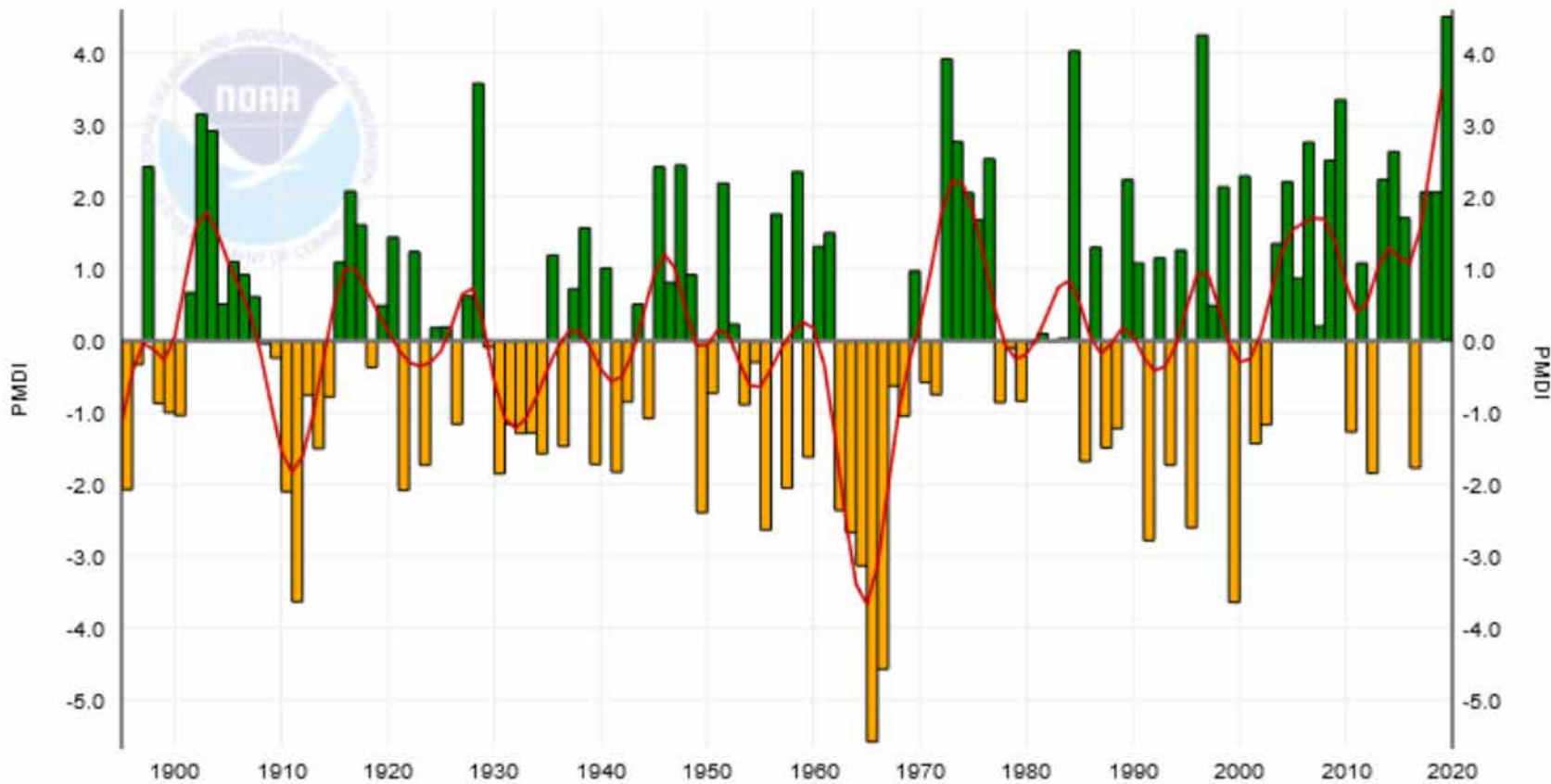


2070 to 2099



# Northeast Climate Region, PMDI, July

■ PMDI      — 1901-2000 Mean: 0.00      — Binomial Filter





ham County Park, Chester County PA



Southern Pine beetle affecting Pitch Pine in 2017

# Climate Adaptation Strategies



Precipitation

Pests

Storms

Temperature extremes

- Staffing needs
- The next 100 years

# Climate Change Response Framework

- Home
- Our Approach
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- Central Appalachians
- Central Hardwoods
- Mid-Atlantic
- New England
- Northwoods
- Urban



## Longwood Gardens: Planning Future Plantings in a Changing Climate



Longwood Gardens is in the beginning phases of planning for climate change. We are assessing the species on the property and will propose which species should be phased out and which should be introduced.

Longwood Gardens is analyzing the species to be planted in the gardens for cold hardiness, heat tolerance and longevity. Located in the mid-Atlantic, the seasonal temperatures and rainfall are more apt to change quickly. Many species are at the limit of their range in this area. Selecting wisely will provide less unwanted, unexpected changes in the future.

### Project Area

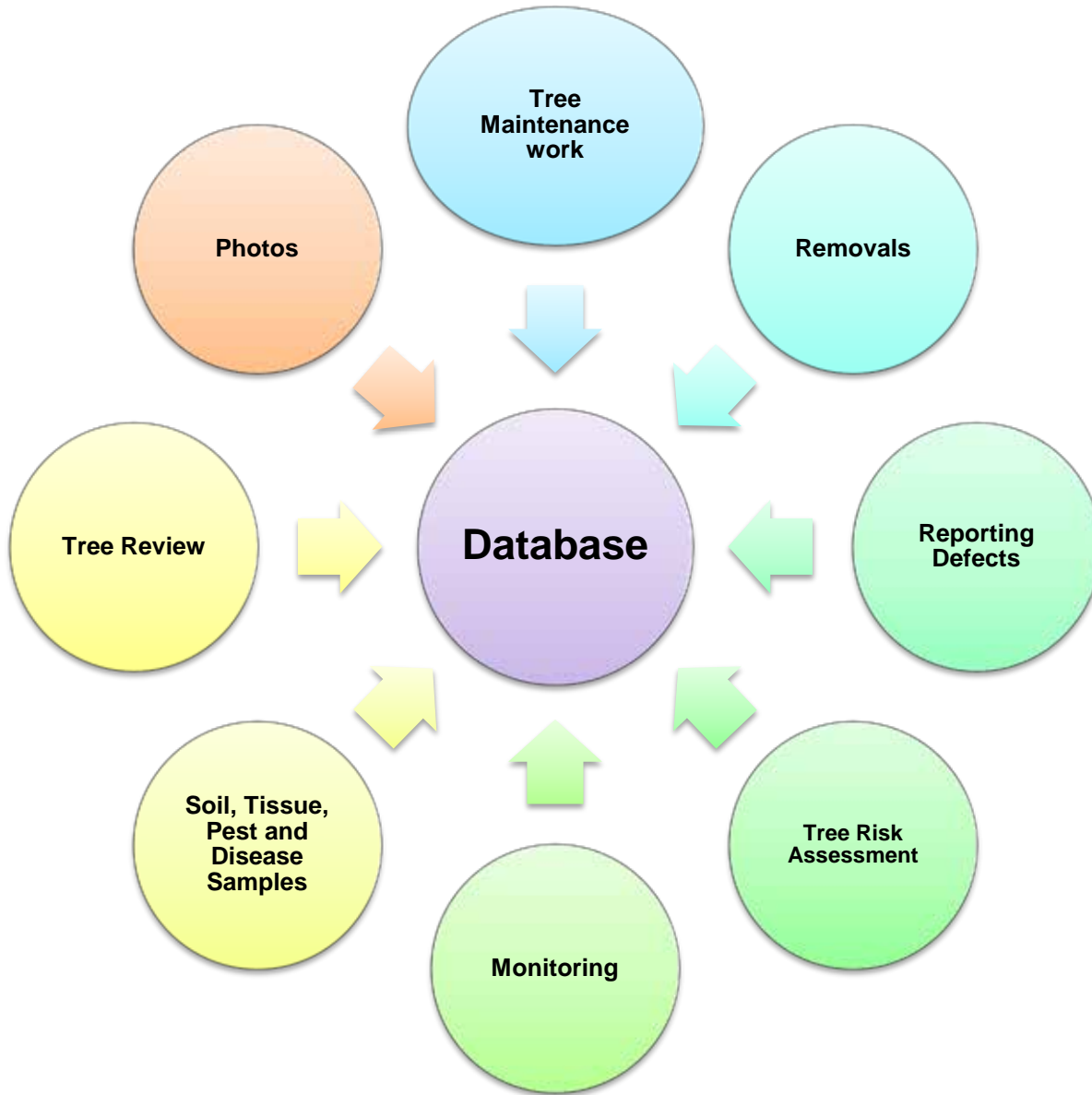
Longwood Gardens is a 1,077 acre parcel situated in southern Chester County, Pennsylvania. The property is mixed use. The gardens proper encompass 400 acres. There are more than 9,000 identified and tagged trees. These trees represent many taxa from around the world. There are several successional forest plots of different ages on the property as well.



# Climate Adaptation Strategies



- Assessment
- Prioritization
- Management Planning





- Inventory
- Condition

1 *Chasmanthium latifolium*  
(Wild-oats)



2 *Parrotia persica* (Persian Parrotia)



3 *Fagus sylvatica*  
'Pendula' (Weeping Beech)



4 *Skimmia reevesiana*  
(Reeves Skimmia)



5 *Hamamelis x intermedia*  
'Arnold Promise' (Witch-hazel)



6 *Tsuga canadensis* (Pendula Group)  
(Weeping Hemlock)



7 *Magnolia grandiflora*  
(Southern Magnolia)



8 *Acer palmatum*  
'Ornatum' (Dissectum Group)  
(Threadleaf Japanese Maple)



9 *Acer griseum* (Paperbark Maple)



MAP HELP



Center the Items

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Plant Records Reporting Tool  
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Accession Number: L-0330\*A

[Click For Taxon Level Data On Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea](#)

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**LIN. NUM.** L-0330

**RECD. AS** Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea

**HOW RECD.** PT

**RECD. QTY.** 1

**ORIGINAL PLANT SOURCE** UNKNOWN SOURCE

**SPEC. ACC. CHARS.** DH (Disaster Preparedness High Priority)

**SPEC. PL. CHARS.** Christmas Lights; Christmas Lights; Christmas Lights; Christmas Lights; Christmas Lights; Christmas Lights; Christmas Lights; Christmas Lights; Christmas Lights; Christmas Lights

**SPEC. PL. CHAR. NOTES** Christmas 2016; Christmas 2015; Christmas 2014; Christmas 2013; Christmas 2012; Christmas 2011; Christmas 2010; Christmas 2009; Christmas 2008; Christmas 2007

Location History - L-0330*A <i>Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea</i>						Measurements - L-0330*A <i>Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea</i>					
Loc. Code	Date	Location	Quad.	Chg. Type	Num Plts.	Measured By	Date Measured	Ht.	DBH	Circ.	Spr.
QUAD_J09	11/06/06	QUAD_J09	J09	A	1	Scott Wade	10/05/17	74.0'	45.3'	142.3'	96.0'
QUAD_J09		QUAD_J09		N	1	Rick Patton	02/02/09	75.8'	42.7'	134.1'	79.5'
QUAD_J09	07/27/04	QUAD_J09	J16	R	3	Jeremy	10/26/06	70.0'			60.0'

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Field Checks - L-0330*A <i>Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea</i>										
Cond.	Check Date	Repro. Stat.	Veg. Stat.	S.	C.	Check Note	Check By			
alive	10/05/17					per tree assessment	Scott Wade			
alive	04/18/17					sprayed: agrifos, pentrabark, and tengard	Ipm Intern			
alive	09/06/16	D					Phenology Team			

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L-0330\*A

*Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea*

Arborist

02 JUN 2011



L-0330\*A

*Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea*

25 APR 2013



L-0330\*A

*Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea*

02 OCT 2009



L-0330\*A

*Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea*

02 FEB 2009



L-0330\*A

*Fagus sylvatica f. purpurea*

Scott Wade

05 OCT 2017

- 8,101 trees assessed and identified since 2009
- 1,843 trees reassessed (2017-2018)
- 1 National Champion: cucumber magnolia
- 1 Northeast height champion: tulip poplar 163.3 feet tall
- 185 State champions (1-6<sup>th</sup>)







## Historical Trees

1800 series trees = 307

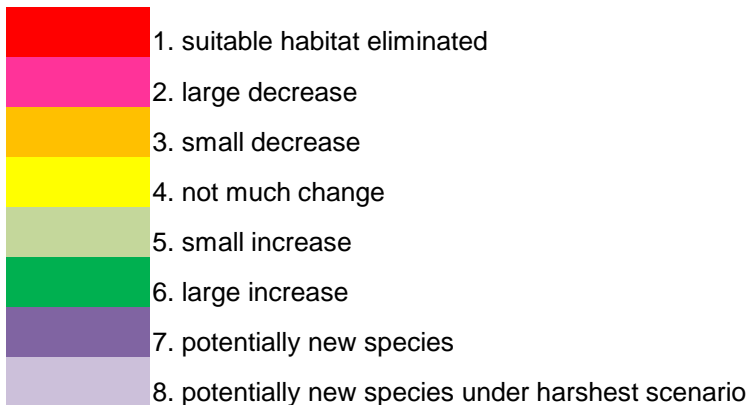
- Sugar maple = 35
- Tulip poplar = 119
- Canada hemlock = 50

'L' series trees = 1,394

- Sugar maple = 46
- Tulip poplar = 71
- Canada hemlock = 146
- White pine = 157

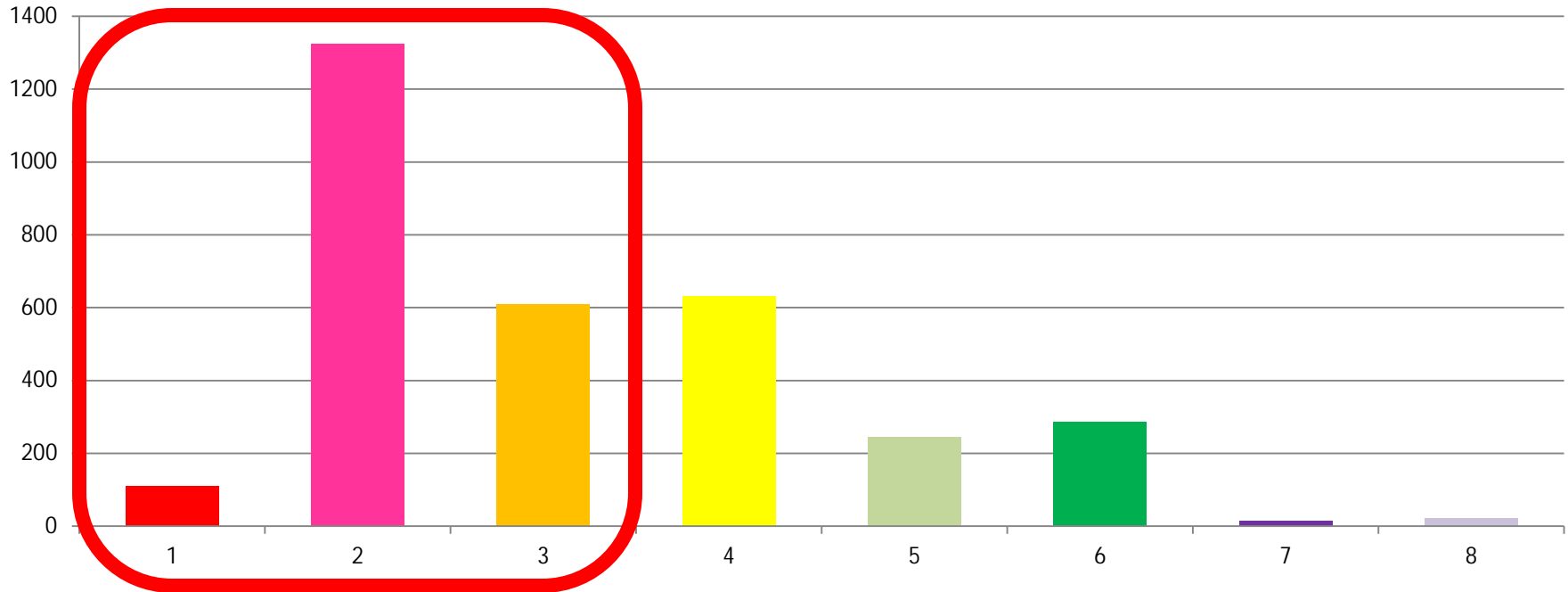
	A	B	C	D
1	<b>Three-model comparison for the Piedmont Region</b>			
2	<b>Species</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>PCM B1 (mild scenario)</b>	<b>GFDL A1FI (harsh scenario)</b>
3	American basswood	Tree Atlas	No Change	No Change
4	American beech	Linkages	No Change	Large Decrease
5		Landis BA	No Change	Increase
6		Landis TPA	No Change	Decrease
7		Tree Atlas	No Change	Large Decrease
8	American chestnut	Tree Atlas	No Change	No Change
9	American elm	Tree Atlas	No Change	Increase
10	American holly	Tree Atlas	Increase	Large Increase
11	American hornbeam (musclewood)	Tree Atlas	No Change	No Change
12	Atlantic white-cedar	Tree Atlas	Large Decrease	Large Decrease
13	Baldcypress	Tree Atlas	No Change	Increase
14	Balsam fir	Linkages	-	Extirpated
15		Landis BA	No Change	No Change
16		Landis TPA	Decrease	Decrease
17		Tree Atlas	Large Decrease	Extirpated
18	Bear oak (scrub oak)	Tree Atlas	Large Increase	Large Increase
19	Bigtooth aspen	Tree Atlas	Small decrease	Large Decrease
20	Bitternut hickory	Tree Atlas	Small increase	Large increase
21	Black ash	Tree Atlas	Large Decrease	Large Decrease
22	Black cherry	Linkages	No Change	Large Decrease
23		Landis BA	No Change	Small increase
24		Landis TPA	No Change	Small increase
25		Tree Atlas	Small decrease	Large Decrease
26	Black hickory	Tree Atlas	Small increase	Large increase
27	Black locust	Tree Atlas	No change	No change
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# Number of accessioned tree species by climate change model category



- 105 species modeled
- 36% of modeled Longwood tree species are high to medium high risk

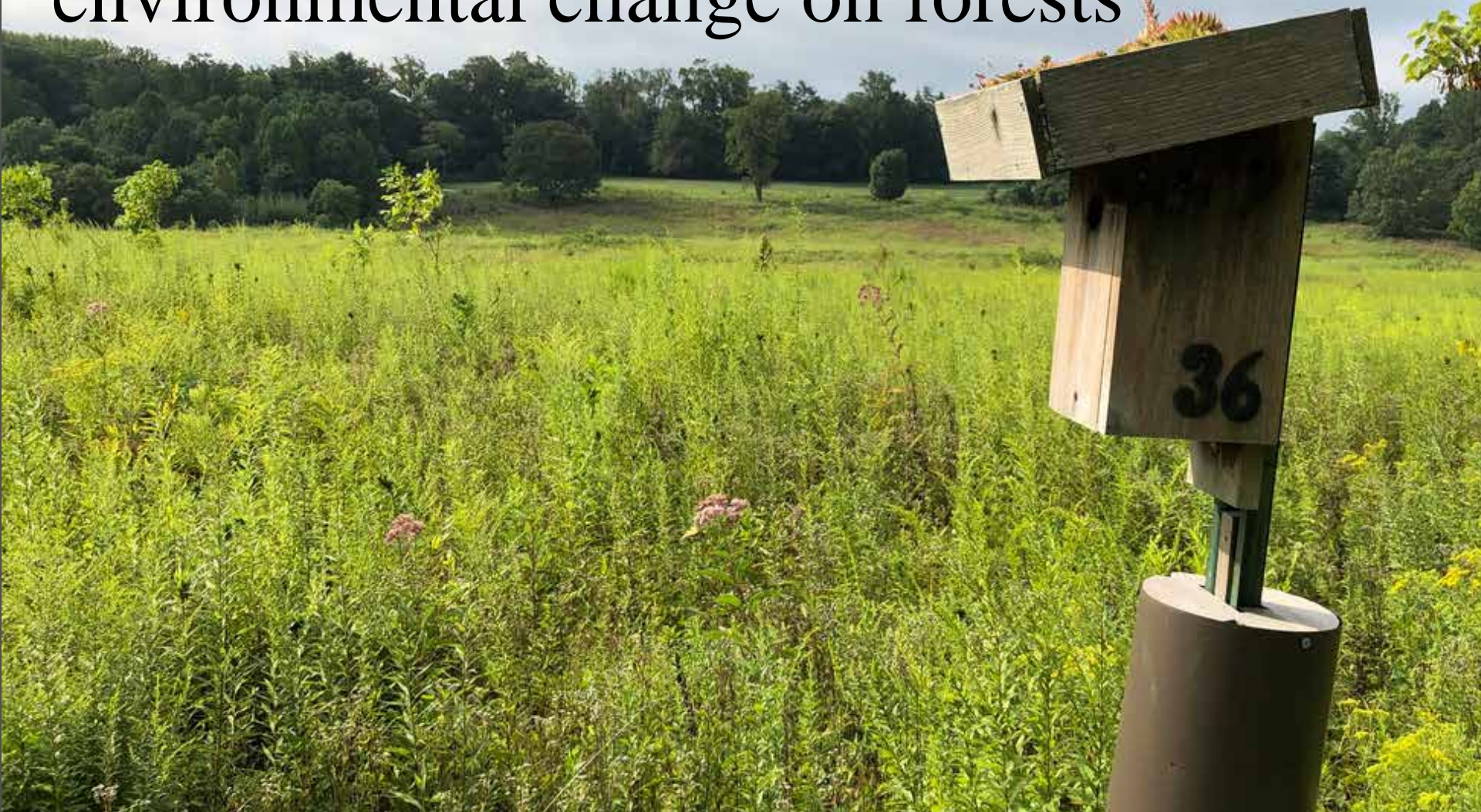
# Number of accessioned **individual trees** by climate change model category



- 1. suitable habitat eliminated
- 2. large decrease
- 3. small decrease
- 4. not much change
- 5. small increase
- 6. large increase
- 7. potentially new species
- 8. potentially new species under harshest scenario

41% of Longwood trees are high to medium high risk (3,623 trees)

Establish a baseline for evaluating effects of management efforts and environmental change on forests

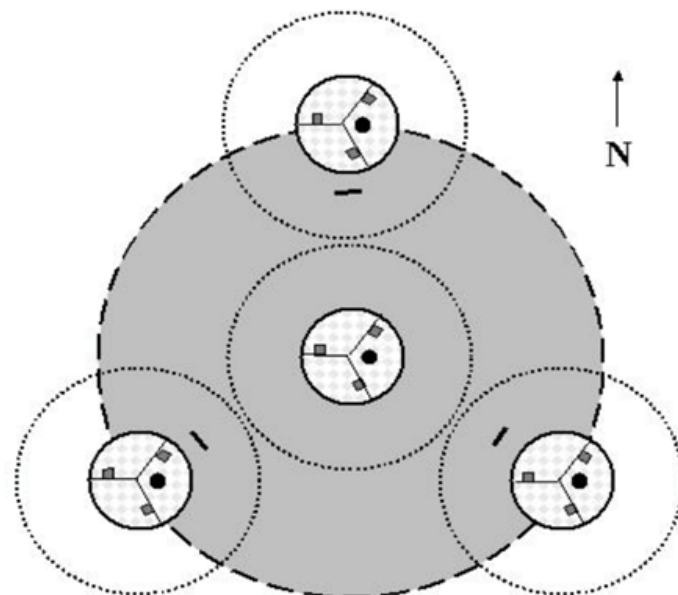








## Phase 2/Phase 3 Plot Design



○	Subplot	24.0 ft ( 7.32 m) radius
●	Microplot	6.8 ft ( 2.07 m) radius
○	Annular plot	58.9 ft (17.95 m) radius
●	Lichens plot	120.0 ft (36.60 m) radius
■	Vegetation plot	1.0 m <sup>2</sup> area
—	Soil Sampling	(point sample)
—	Down Woody Debris	24.0 ft ( 7.32 m) transects





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## Plant Community Classification

Plant communities are groups of plants sharing a common environment that interact with each other, animal populations, and the physical environment. The types of plant communities found in an area can tell us a lot about that landscape. Plant community surveys provide information about plant species presence, the structure and composition of the plant community, soil chemistry, geology, presence of wildlife habitat, and quality of the entire landscape. These data can be used to create comprehensive, wide-scale land management and conservation plans.

PNHP's plant community classification system, [Terrestrial and Palustrine Plant Communities of Pennsylvania 2nd Ed.](#), includes information on over 100 natural plant communities found in Pennsylvania. Community descriptions include plant species and their associated soil types, geology, related plant communities, and range. Information from the PNHP classification system has been incorporated into NatureServe's [National Vegetation Classification](#) and other national projects.



Using the Classification



Palustrine Communities



Terrestrial Communities



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## pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)

Model Reliability: Low ○

Current Distribution

Projected Future Habitat ○

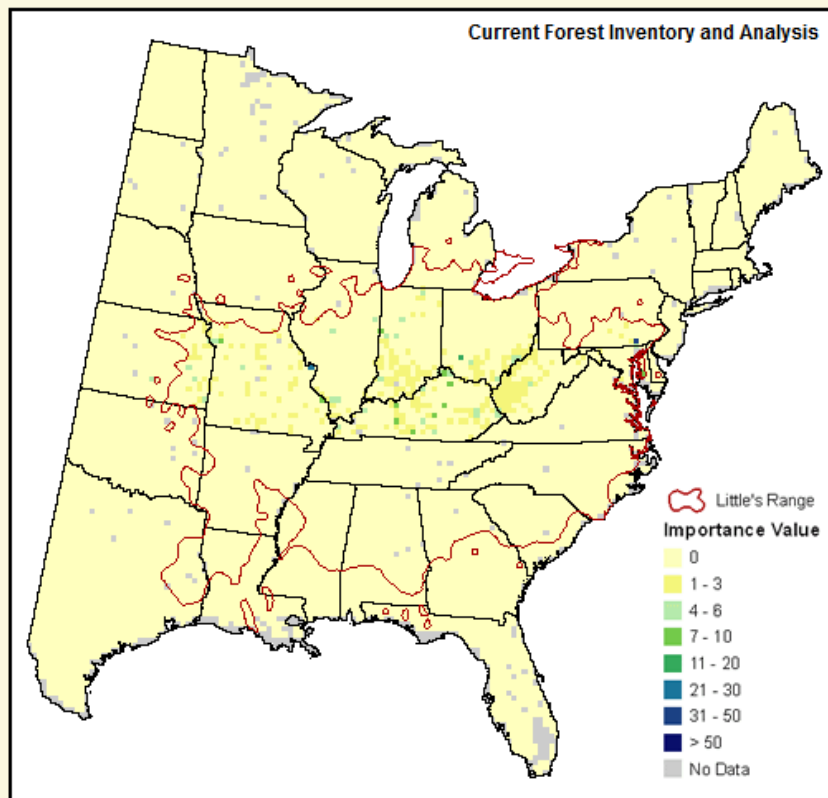
Predictor Maps

### Current Distribution Maps for pawpaw

Help »

Current Forest Inventory and Analysis v

Compare Two Species



▲ Cautions & Model Info

#### Notice:

This is an updated version of the Climate Change Tree Atlas. You can view the [previous pawpaw page](#), or [browse the previous Tree Atlas](#).

#### ▼ About pawpaw

Family: Annonaceae  
Guild: shade tolerant  
Functional Lifeform: small deciduous tree

- [Life History and Disturbance Response](#)
- [Silvics Manual](#)
- [Photos of pawpaw in USDA Plants Database](#)
- [View current and modeled pawpaw distributions in Google Earth \(142 KB\)](#)

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► Climate Change Adaptability

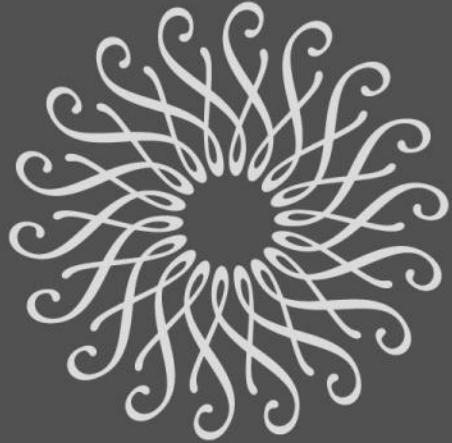
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