

## Climate Change

Smart Growth principles help states and municipalities retrofit their environment in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way which will help communities mitigate and adapt to potential public health problems that will arise from climate change.

Additionally, implementing smart growth principles would help reduce carbon dioxide emissions, one of the primary greenhouse gases thought to be responsible for global climate change, by creating safe and accessible walkways, bike paths, and public transportation.

### Case Studies

- [Office of Environmental Health - Protecting yourself from Arizona Heat - AZ Dept. of Health Services](#)
  - This case study demonstrates how Arizona is preparing its residents for potential illnesses that may occur due to increase heat intensity.
- [Learning from State Action on Climate Change: The Pew Center on Global Climate Change](#)
  - This brief by the Pew Center on Global Climate Change and the Pew Center on the States highlights how different states have taken the initiative to address climate change in the absence of Federal law.

### Other Resources

- [New Jersey Governor Releases Updated Energy Master Plan: The Pew Center on Global Climate Change](#)
  - This document demonstrated how New Jersey's legislation combats greenhouse gas emissions and other renewable energy options.
- [Alaska Fact Sheet](#)
  - This fact sheet shows how Alaska informs their residents on climate change and potential health impacts