



Strategies for Adapting to Climate Change: Taking the Broad View

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Water Today in Canada

- Increasing variability and uncertainty
- Death of stationarity
- Diverse and complex challenges
- Institutional complexity

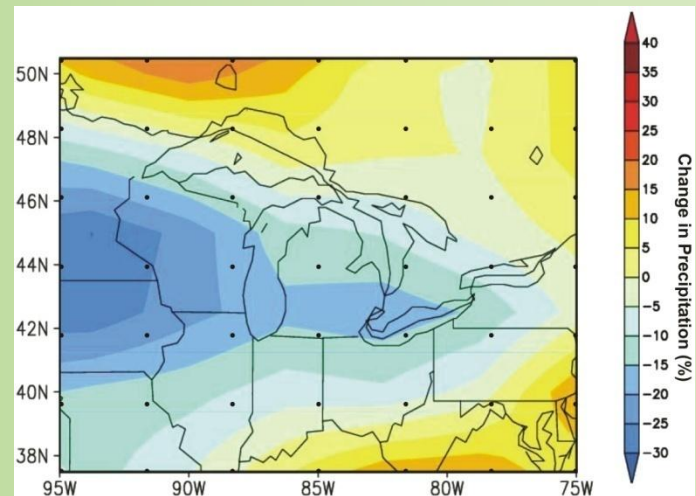


Adaptation

- “Adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climatic stimuli or their effects, which moderates harm or exploits beneficial opportunities”

Key Considerations

- System complexity
- Anticipated impacts and outcomes
- Capacity to adapt
- Resilience



Urban Water Systems

- High degree of exposure to climate change
- Numerous existing challenges
- Importance of mainstreaming
- Critical governance concerns



Conclusions

- Context matters
- Challenges are technical and social
- Mainstreaming and integration are critical

