

Urban Heat Island Reduction for Los Angeles County



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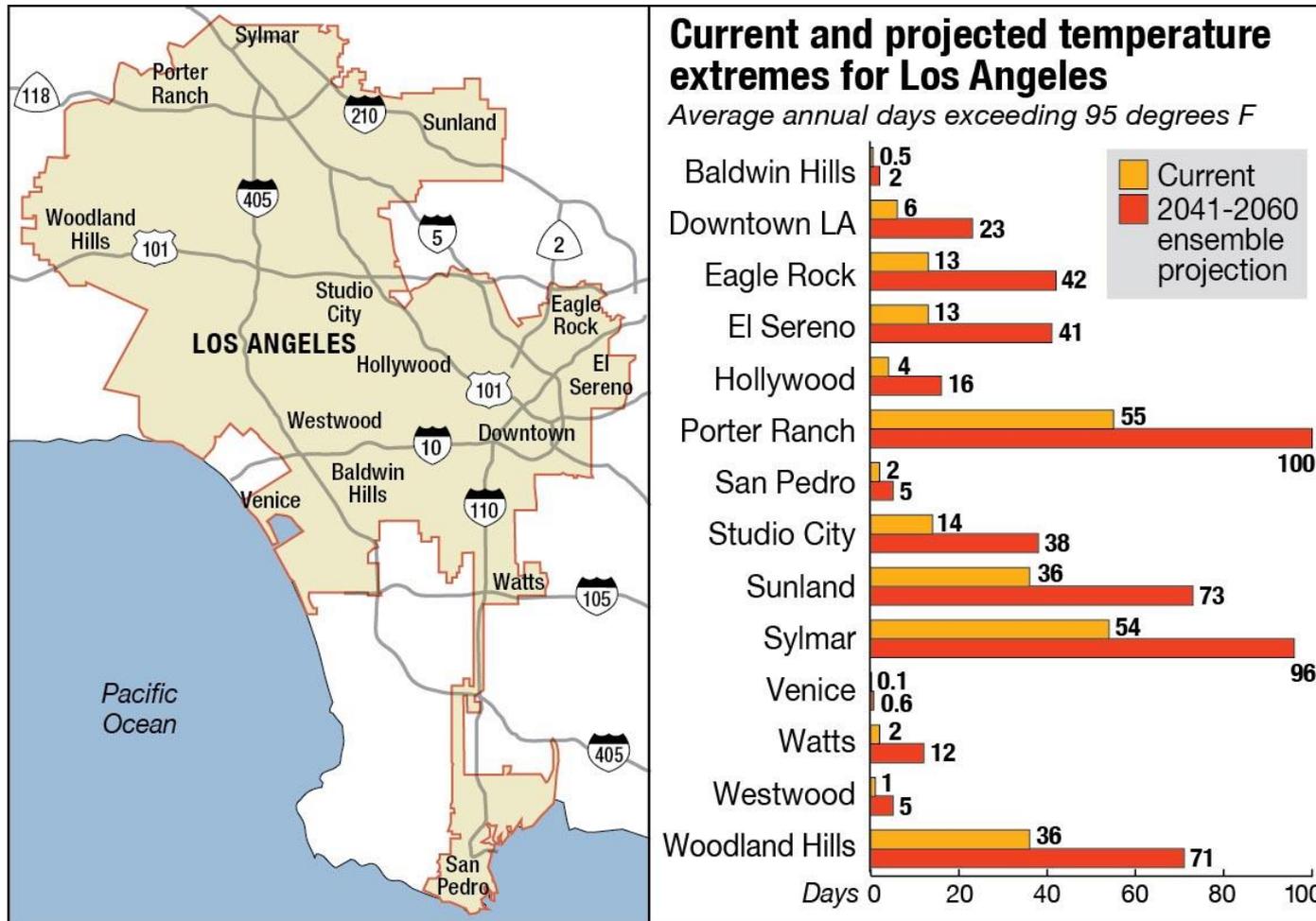


Heat predictions for Los Angeles

- Higher average temperatures
- More episodes of extreme heat
 - Inland and mountain areas most affected



Heat predictions for Los Angeles



Source: UCLA LARC study, 2012; chart based on the mean/average projected by the 18 climate models

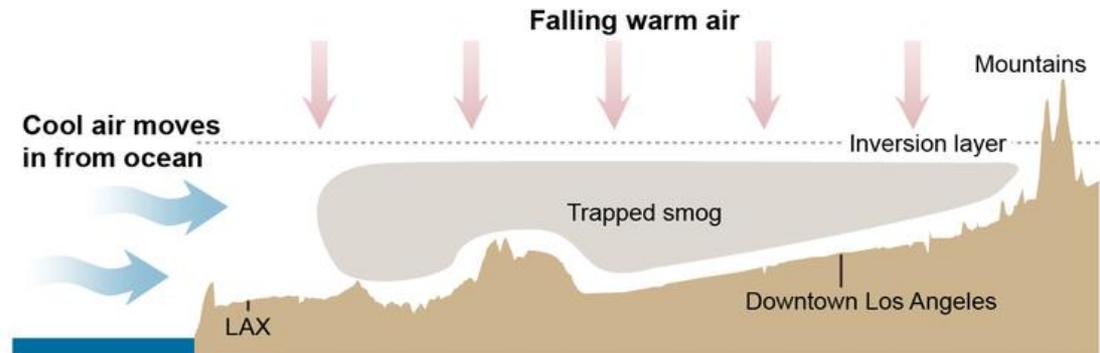


Public health impacts of heat

- Heat worsens air quality
 - More creation of ground-level ozone
 - More temperature inversions
 - Wildfires

Smog sticks around

Pollution can get trapped in a basin when high pressure prevents air from moving.



Sources: Times reporting and Google Earth

Jon Schleuss / @latimesgraphics

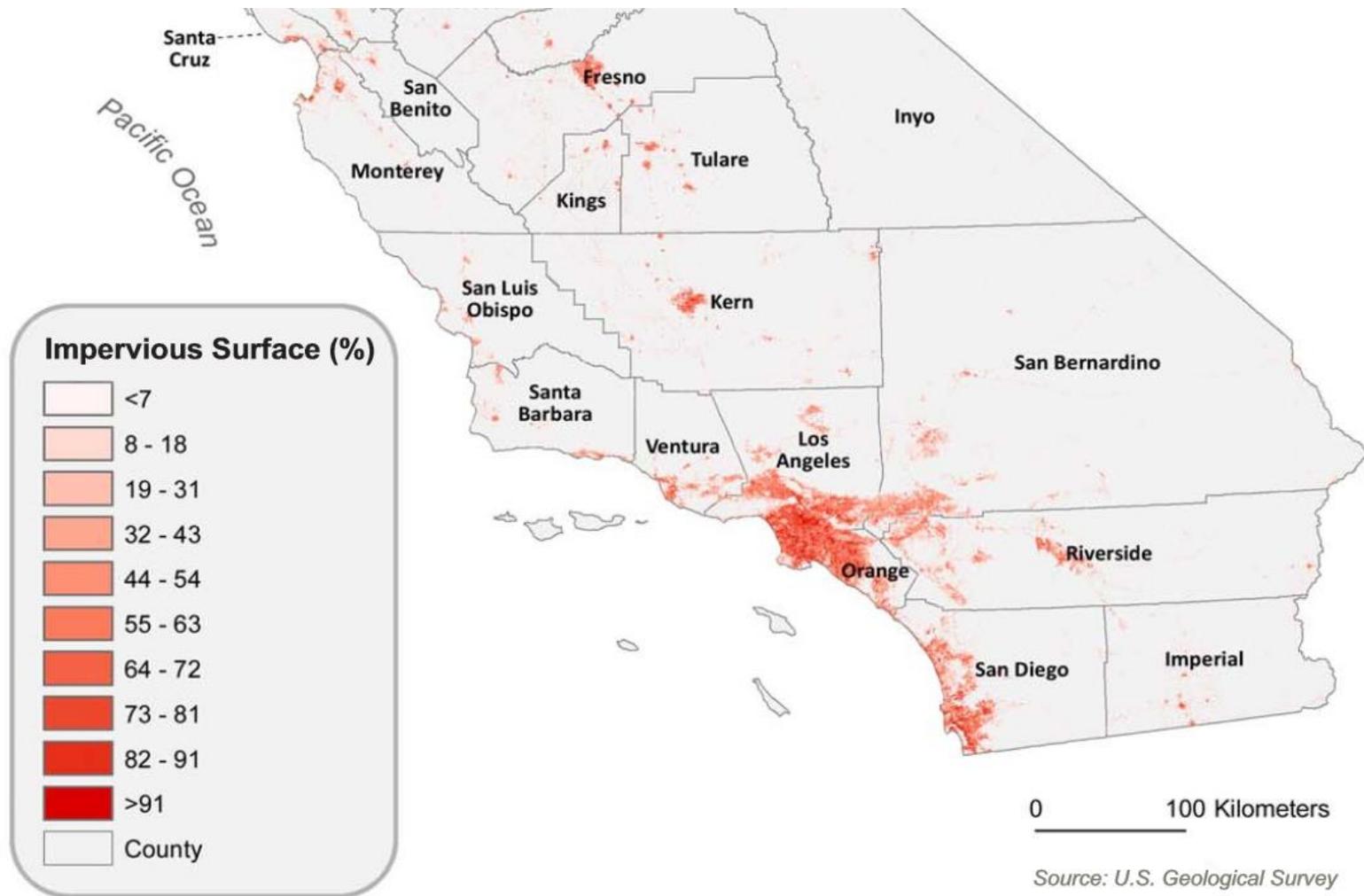


Extreme Heat – Possible Interventions

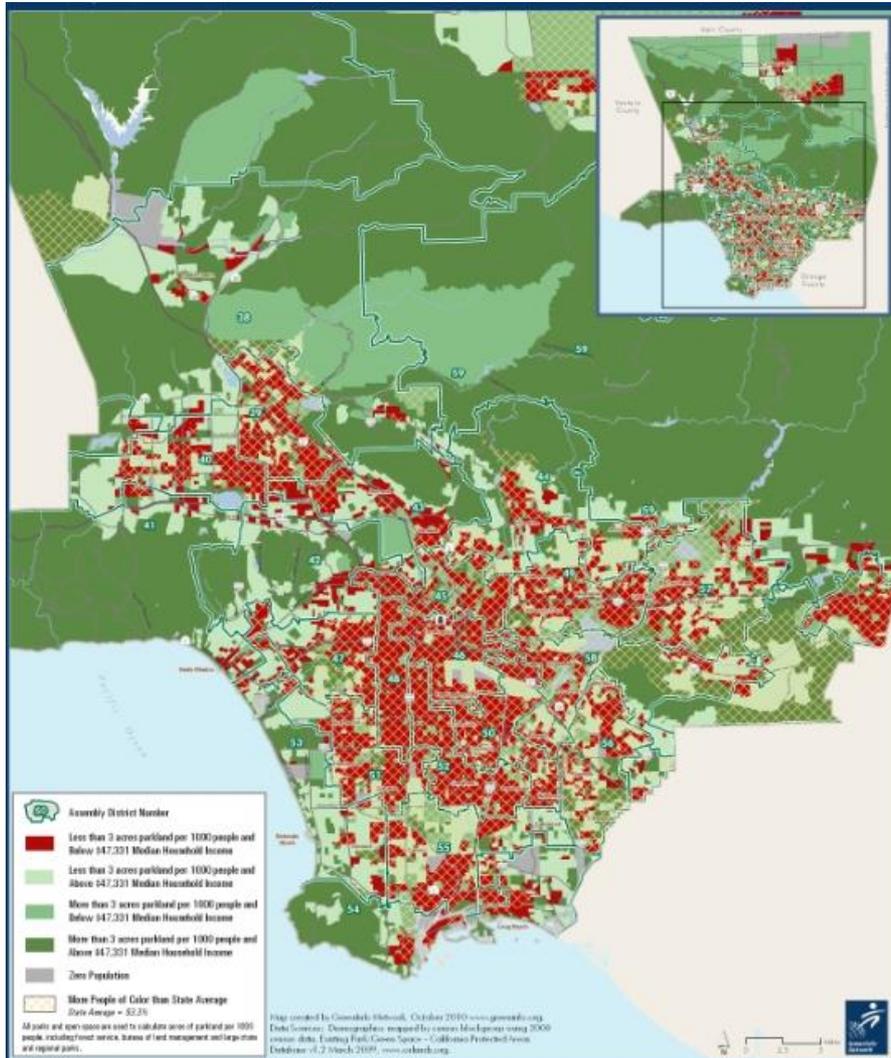
- Urban heat island reduction
- Cooling centers + other emergency response
- Air conditioning + energy efficiency



Impervious surfaces



Park-poor areas with low income



Assembly District Number



Less than 3 acres parkland per 1000 people and Below \$47,331 Median Household Income



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Zero Population



More People of Color than State Average
State Average = 53.3%

All parks and open space are used to calculate acres of parkland per 1000 people, including forest service, bureau of land management and large state and regional parks.



Why work on the Urban Heat Island?

- Saves lives
- Improves air quality
- Lowers energy consumption
- Creates comfortable environments for exercise and play outside



Why work on the Urban Heat Island?

- Addresses equity issues
- Features long-term solutions
- Benefits whole communities and future generations



Urban Heat Island Plan

- County of Los Angeles developing an Urban Heat Island Reduction Plan
 - County Climate Committee comprised of Public Health, Public Works, Regional Planning, Parks and Recreation, Fire, Beaches and Harbors, Internal Services



UHI Plan Components

- Trees
- Cool roofs
- Cool and permeable pavements



Thank you!

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