



# Indiana's Past & Future Climate

*Photo of St. Joseph River flooding, Feb 2018  
Courtesy of Alan Hamlet*

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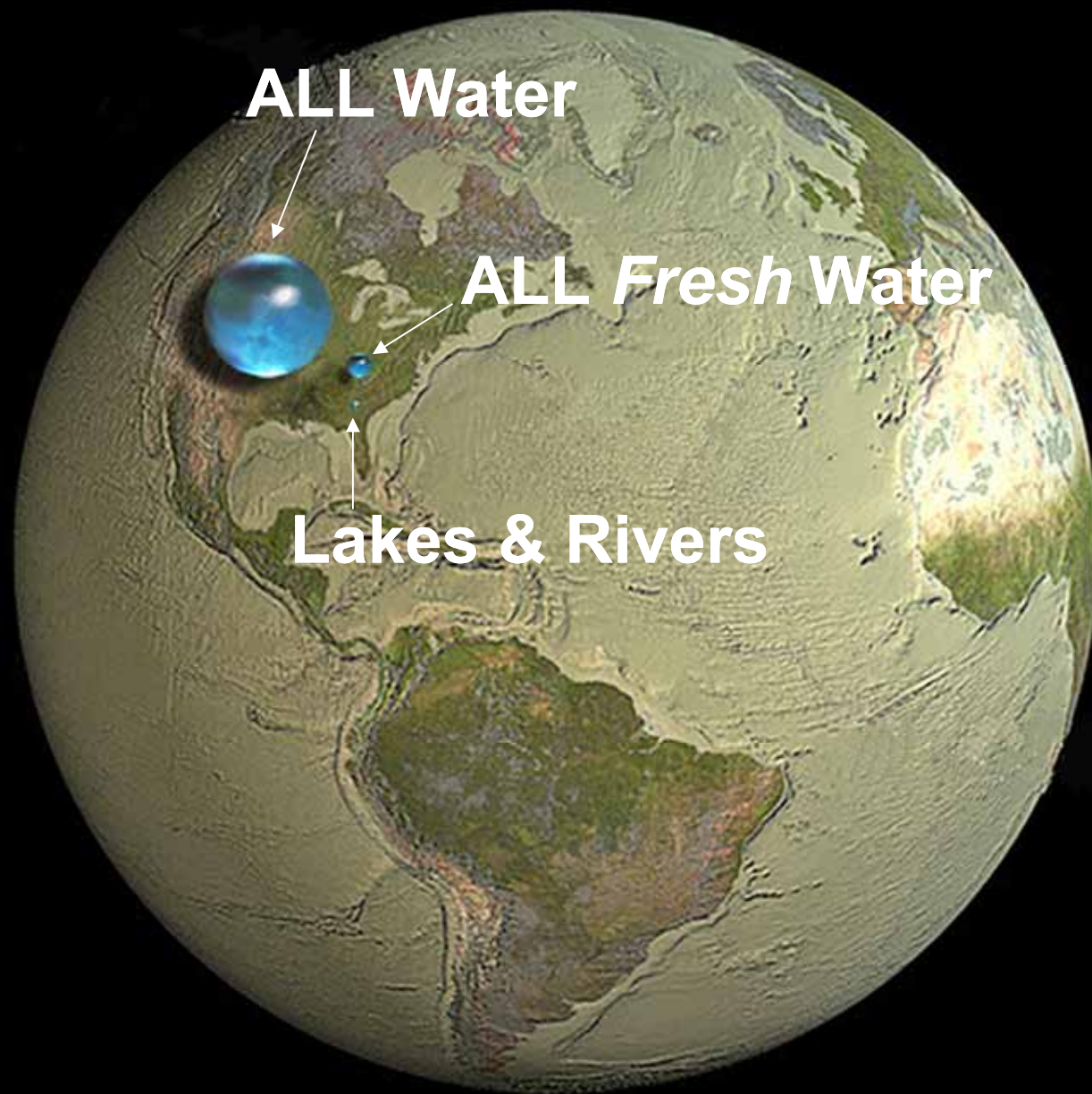
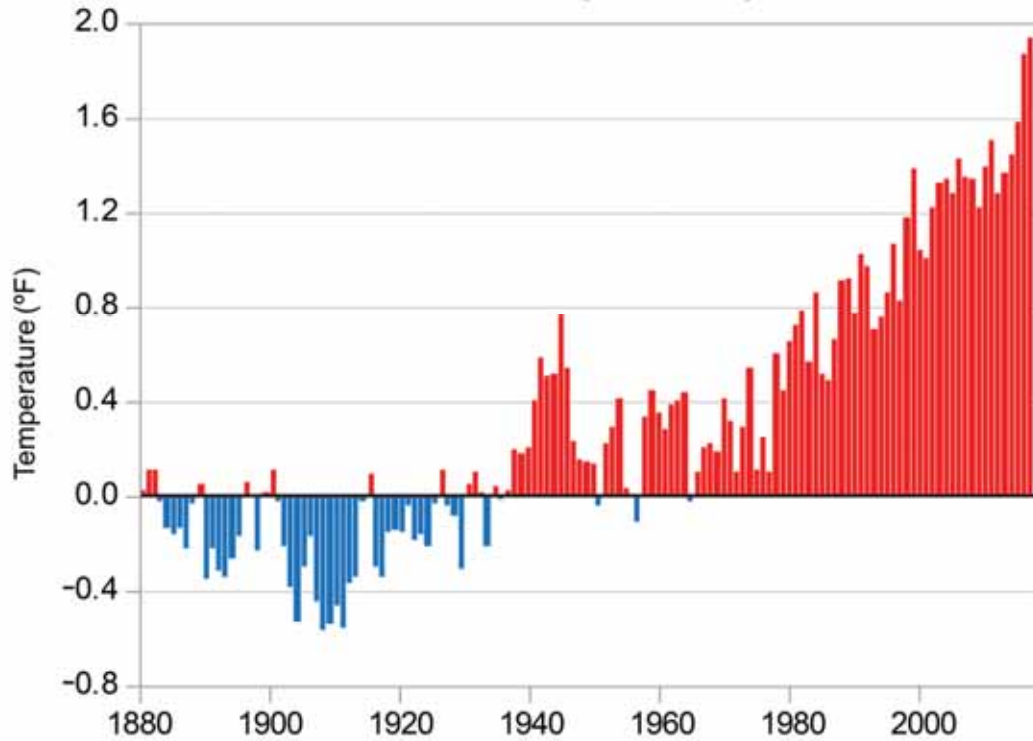


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# Global Average Temperature

Difference from long-term average



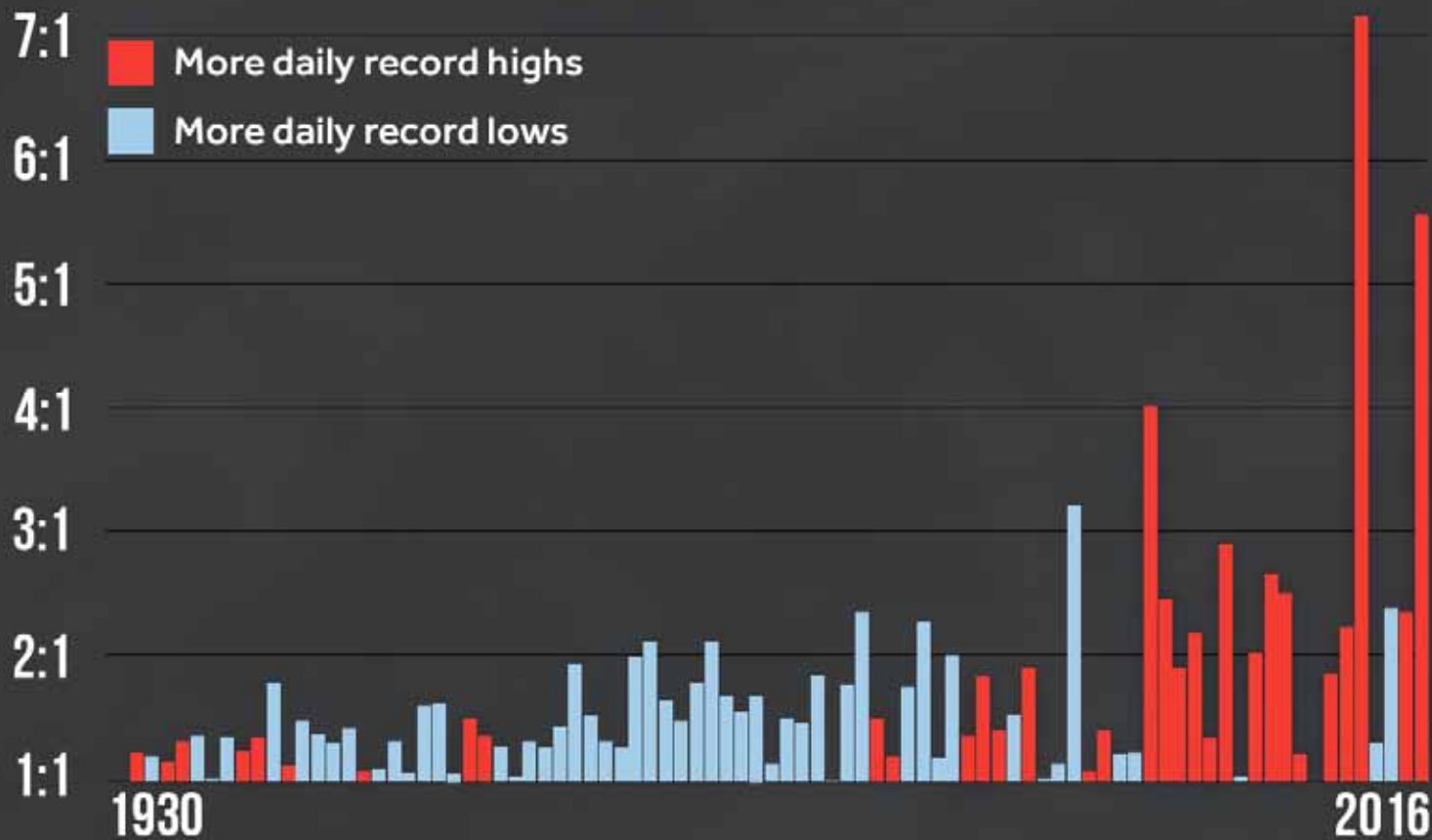
CO<sub>2</sub> Concentration

↑ 45%  
Since 1800



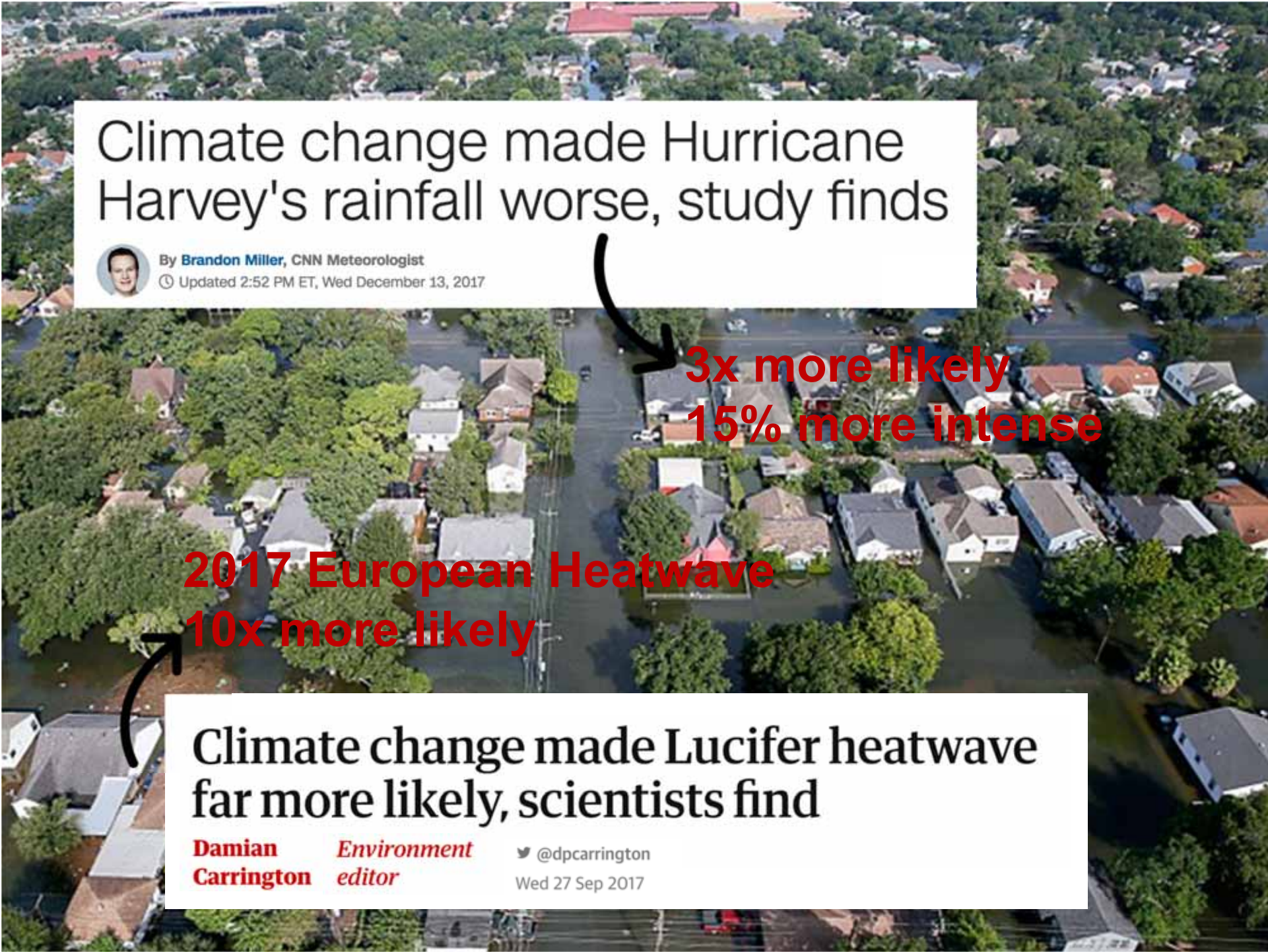
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# RECORD HIGHS BEATING LOWS



Source: USGCRP Climate Science Special Report 2017

CLIMATE  CENTRAL



# Climate change made Hurricane Harvey's rainfall worse, study finds



By **Brandon Miller**, CNN Meteorologist  
Updated 2:52 PM ET, Wed December 13, 2017

**3x more likely**  
**15% more intense**

**2017 European Heatwave**  
**10x more likely**

# Climate change made Lucifer heatwave far more likely, scientists find

**Damian Carrington** *Environment editor*

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Wed 27 Sep 2017

It's happening now...

Photo Credit: Santiago Flores, South Bend Tribune

...it's hurting Hoosiers



# Indiana is getting warmer

- Longer frost-free season
- Fewer cold days
- Significantly warmer overnight temperatures

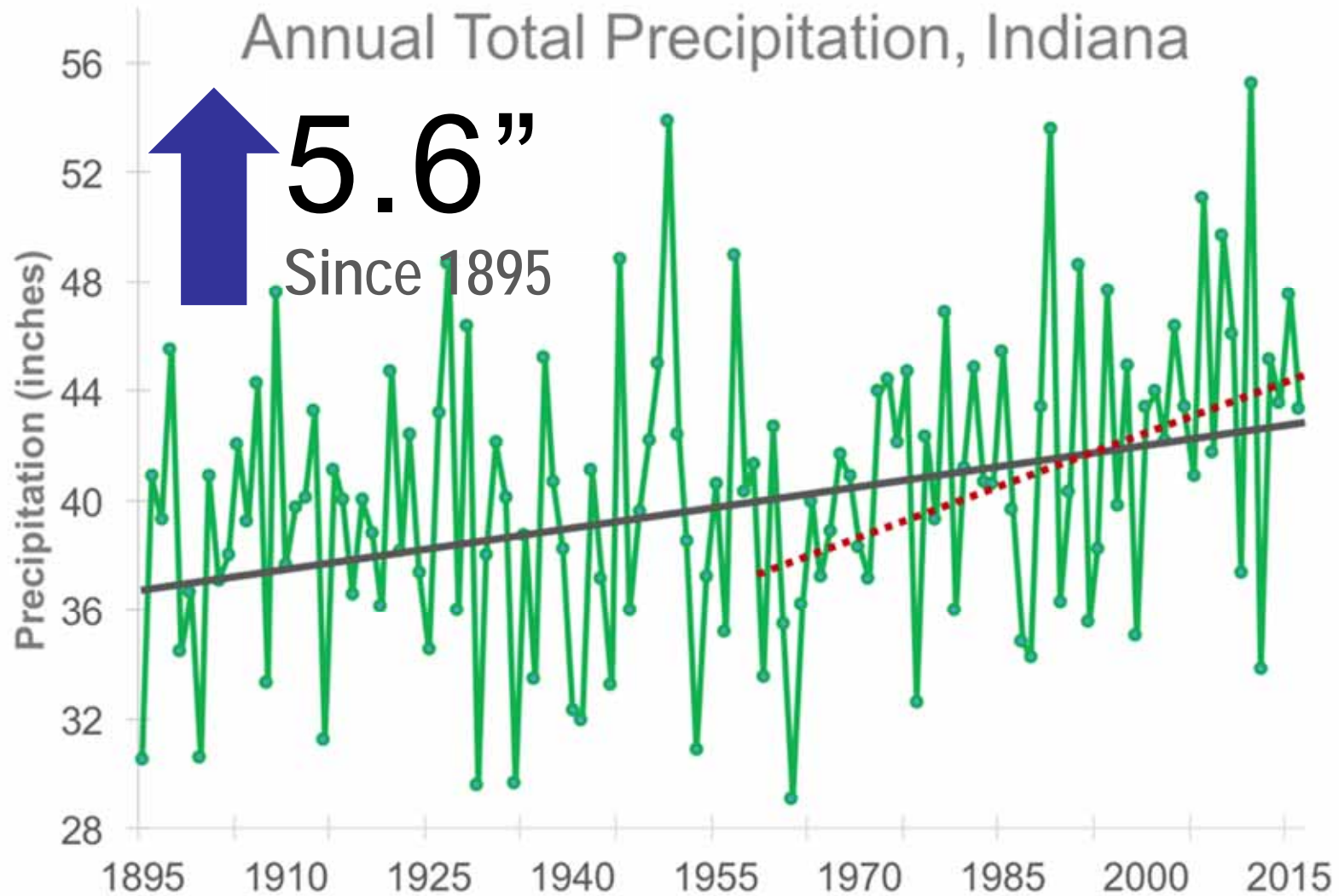
Spring Low Temps

 **0.6°F**  
Per Decade





# Indiana is getting wetter



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Heavy rainfall events are increasing in **frequency and intensity**

↑ **53%**

In the occurrence of  
2-day total, 5-year return

↑ **42%**

In the amount of rain  
falling in heavy downpours

*Data for Midwest U.S., 1958 – 2016. Source: NOAA*



# What is Indiana's Water Future?



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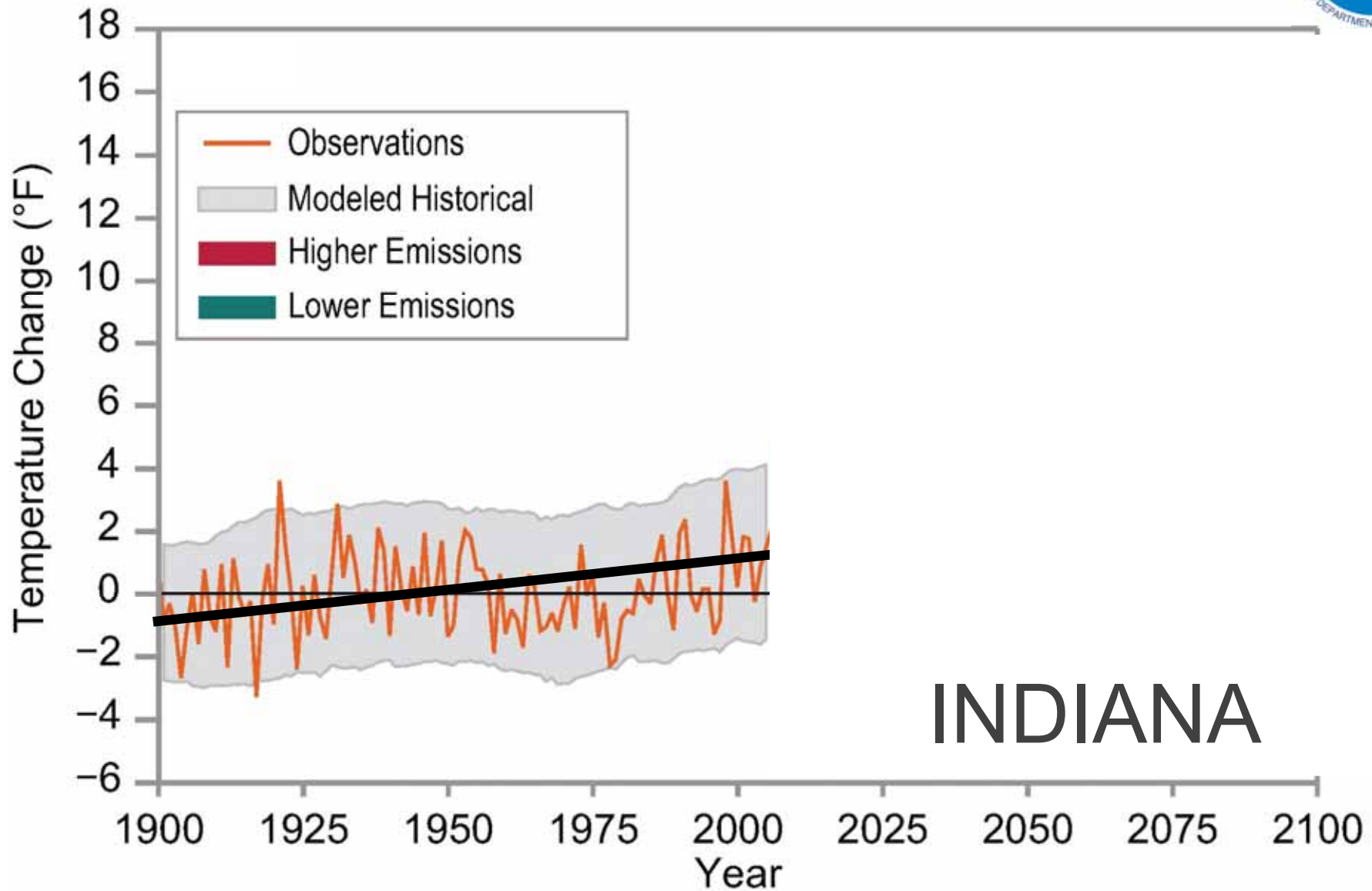
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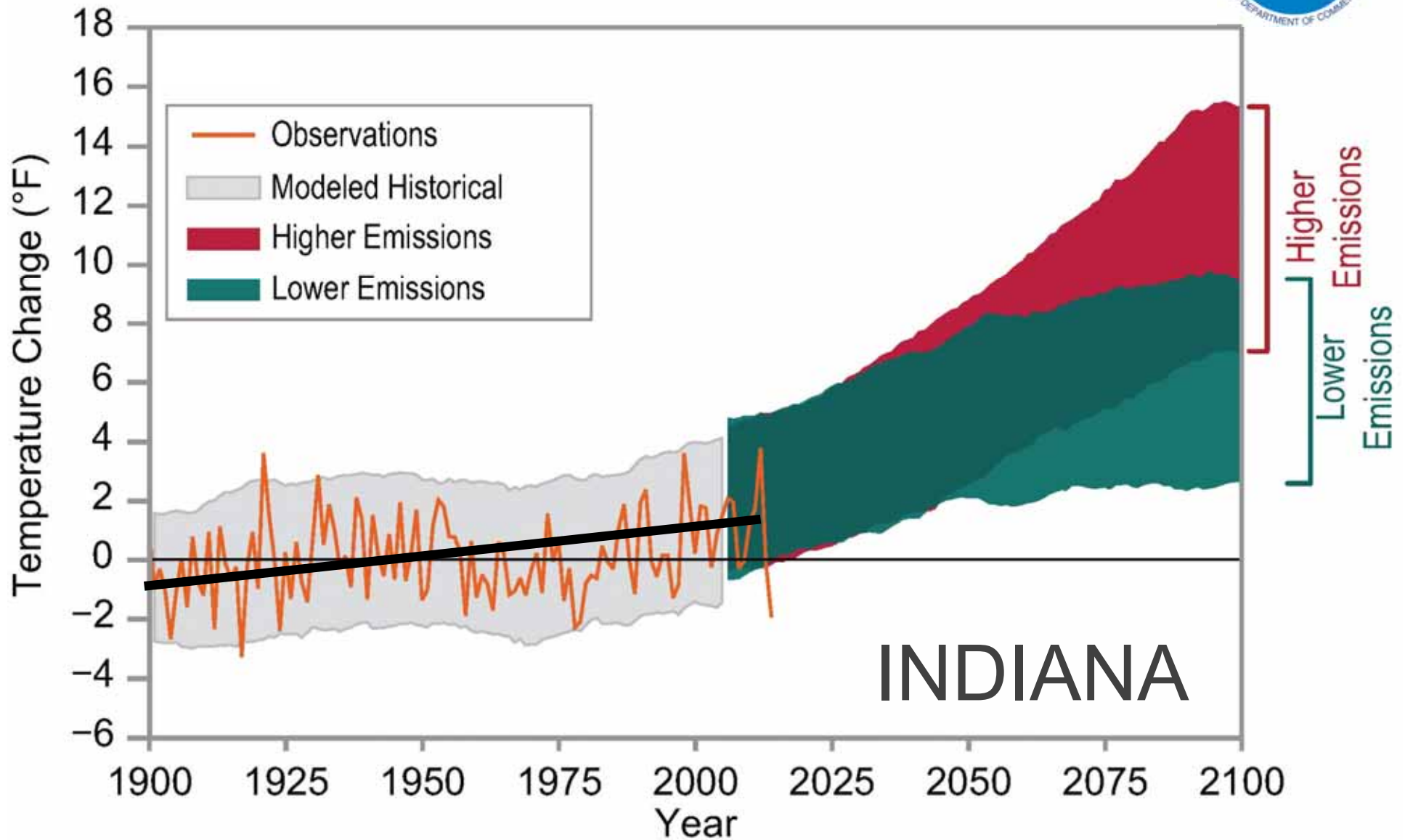


# Annual Statewide Average Temperature



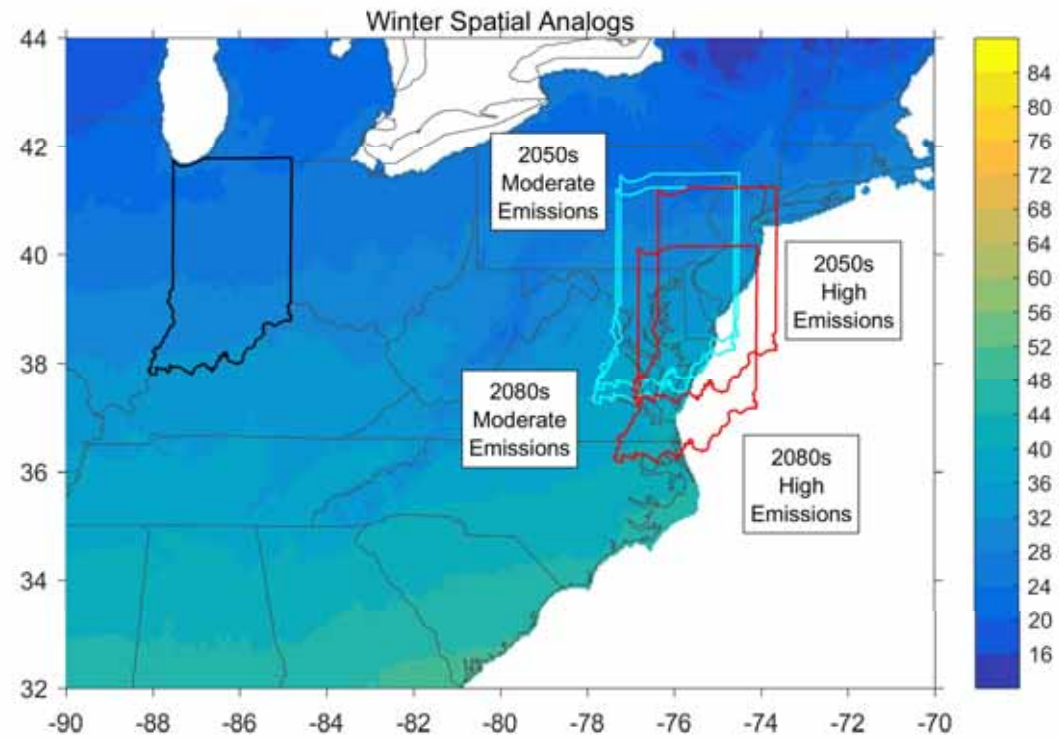
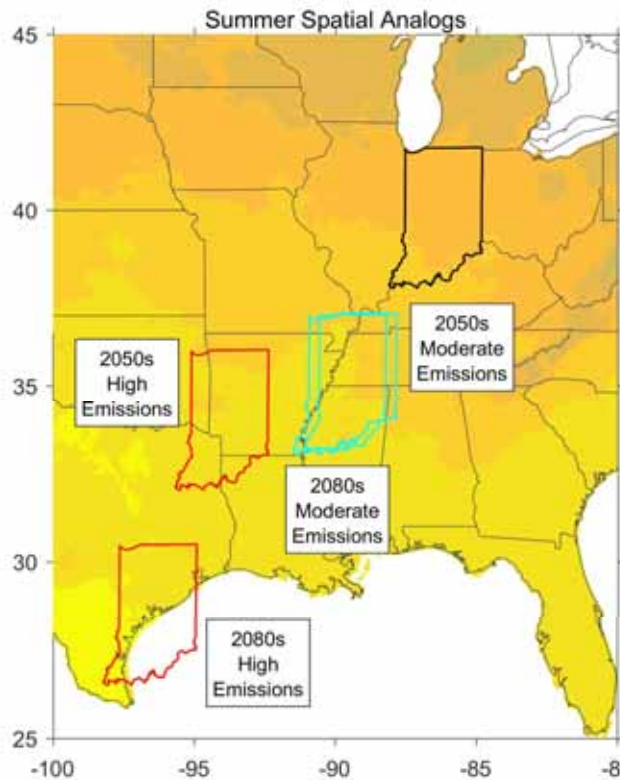
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# Seasonal Analogs

Based on seasonal average temperature and precipitation



## Statewide Average

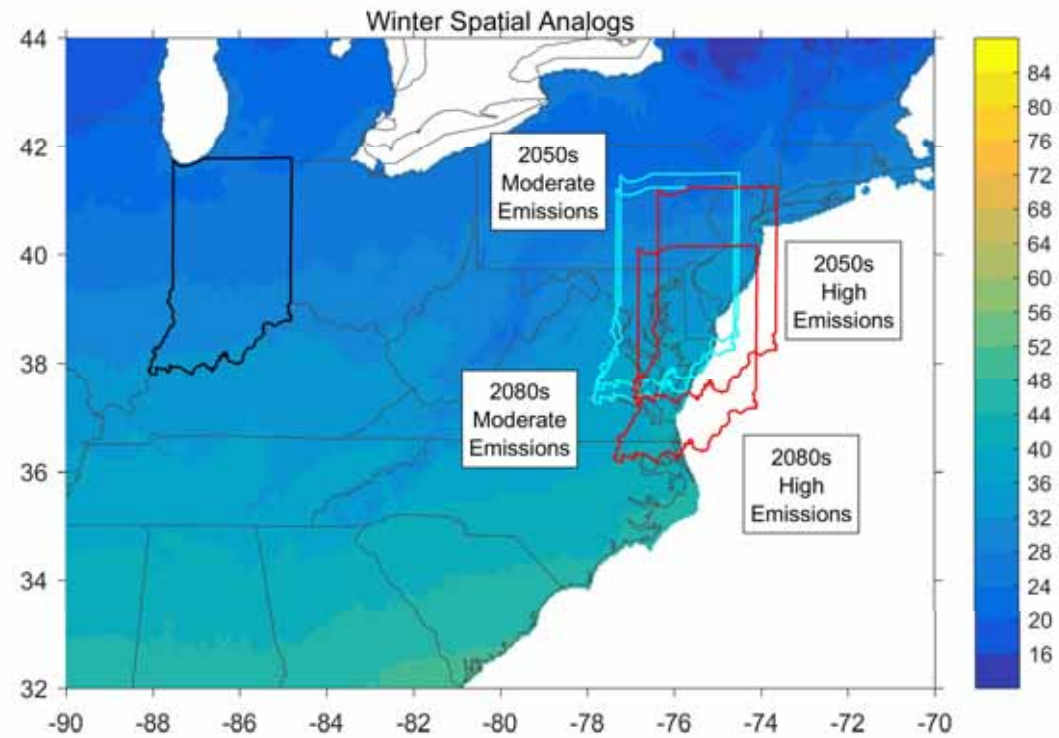
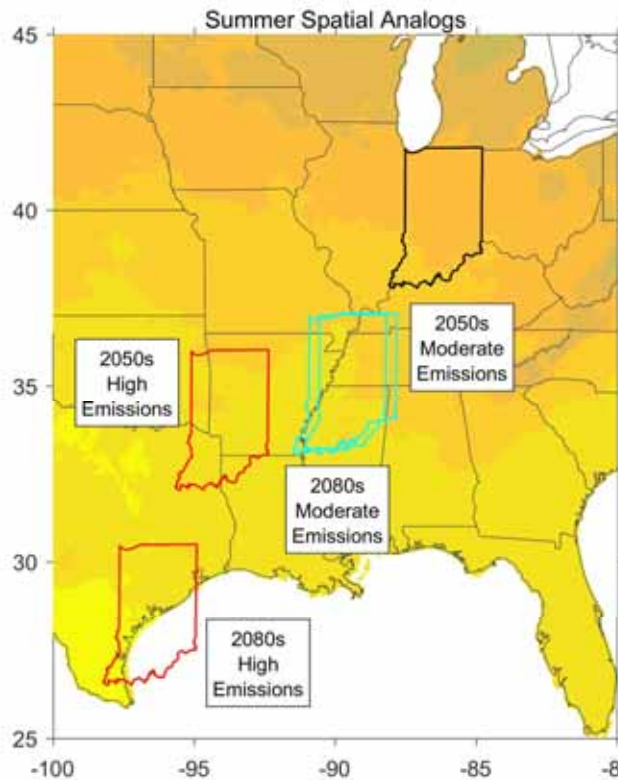
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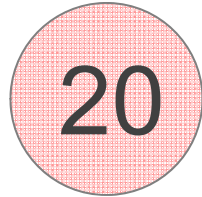
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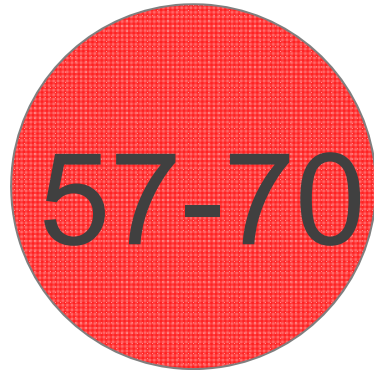


# Days Above 90 °F

Annual Count



PAST  
1915-2013



FUTURE  
2050s

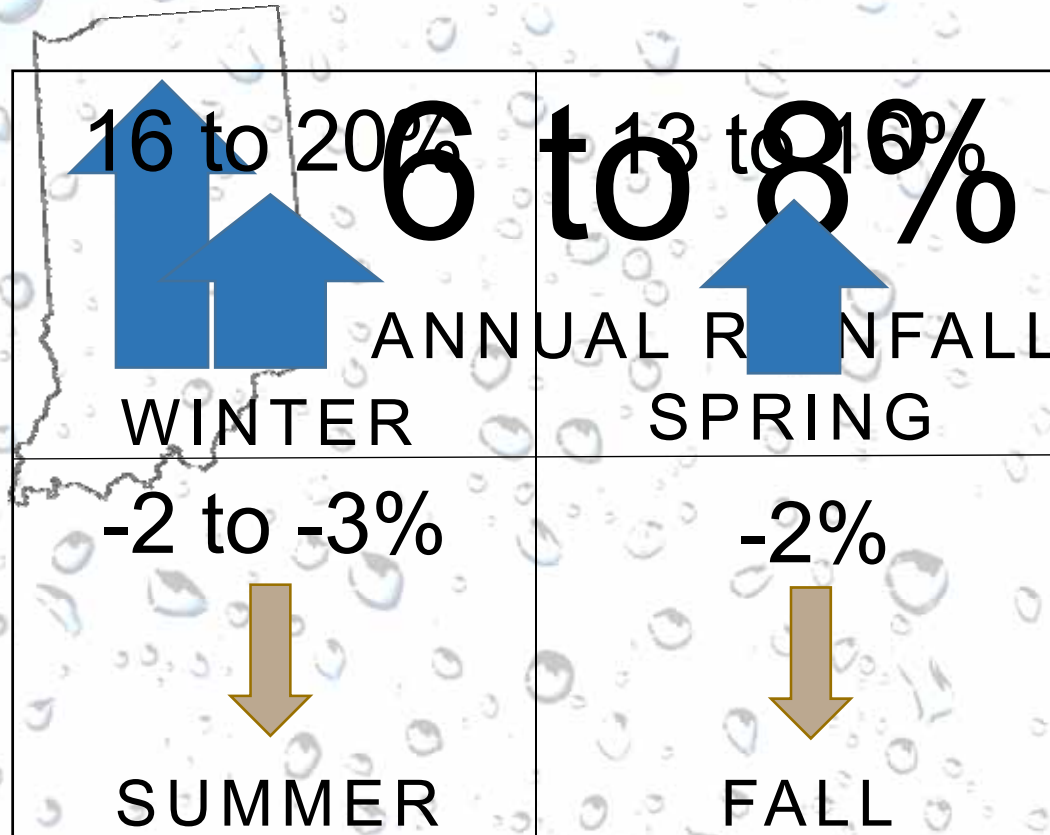


Tippecanoe County, Indiana

Future data for medium and high emissions scenario  
2050s represents 30-year period 2041 to 2070

# 2050s

Relative to  
1971-2000 average



**Statewide Average**

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*Future data based on medium  
and high emissions scenario*

# Declining crop yields

Change in dryland crop yield at mid-century



Corn

Soybean

Wheat



*Projections based on currently available varieties with no management changes*

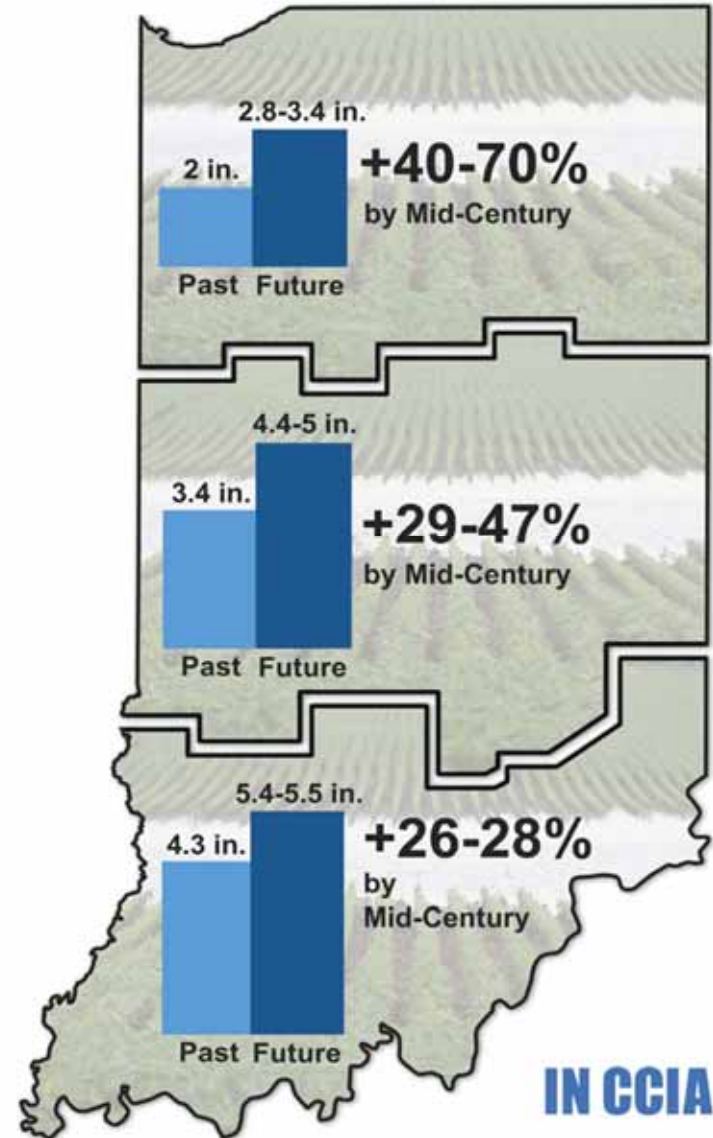
*Future data based on medium and high emissions scenario;  
Mid-century represents average from 2041 to 2070;  
Percent change is relative to 1984-2013 average*

Central Indiana Average



## Increasing Spring Drainage

Amount of water flowing from subsurface tile drains from March to May



Historical period is from 1981 to 2010. Mid-century represents the period from 2041 to 2070. Range of results based on medium and high emissions scenarios.



# More Water Entering Our Rivers in 2050s

Change in total runoff



Annual  
Change

6 to 8%

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**PRELIMINARY DATA**

West Central Indiana Average



Change 7 to 0%



Spring Change 21 to 27%

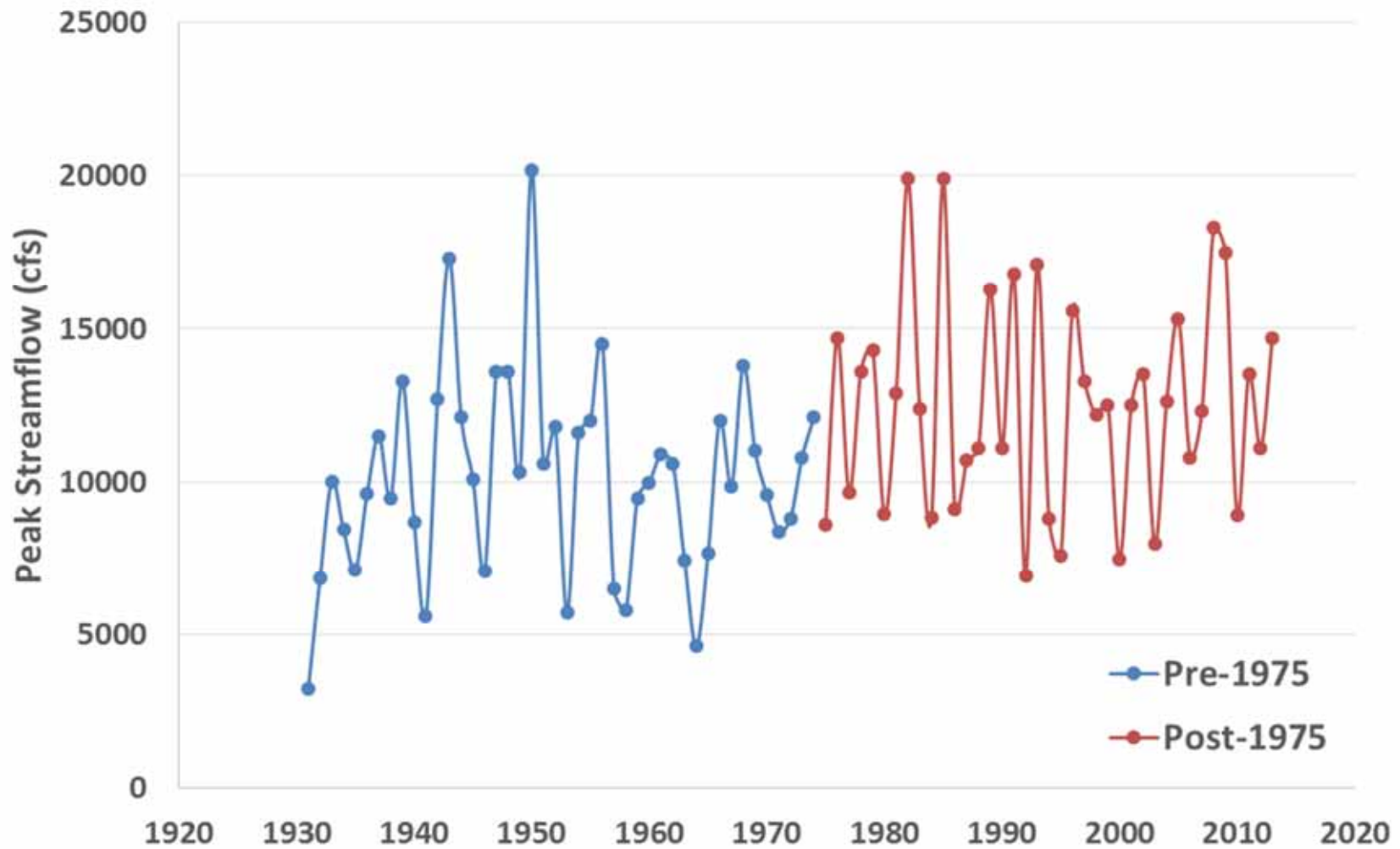


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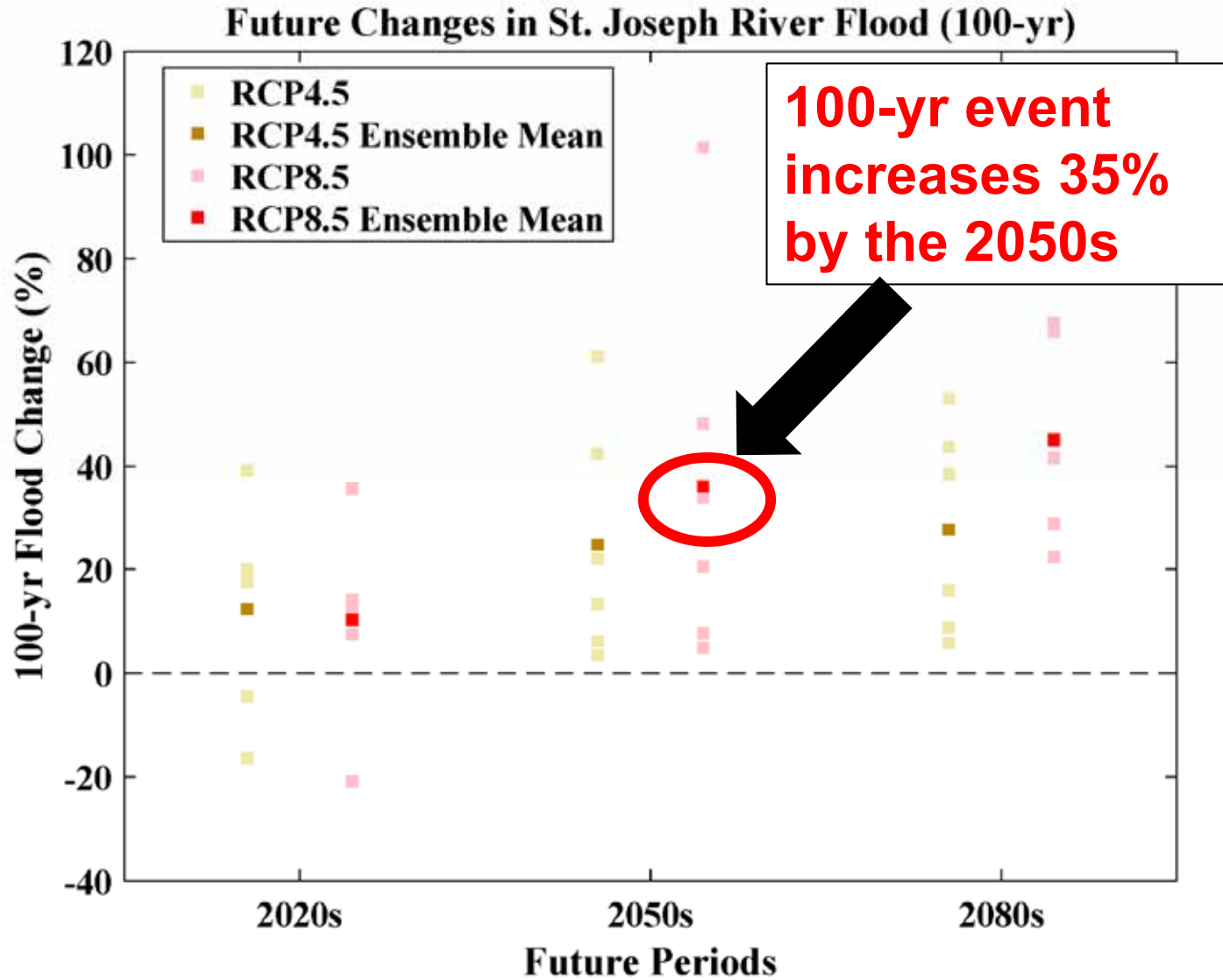
# Peak Annual Streamflow

Observations for St. Joseph River at Niles, MI



Data courtesy of Alan Hamlet, Notre Dame

# Projected Changes in the Magnitude of the 100-yr Flood





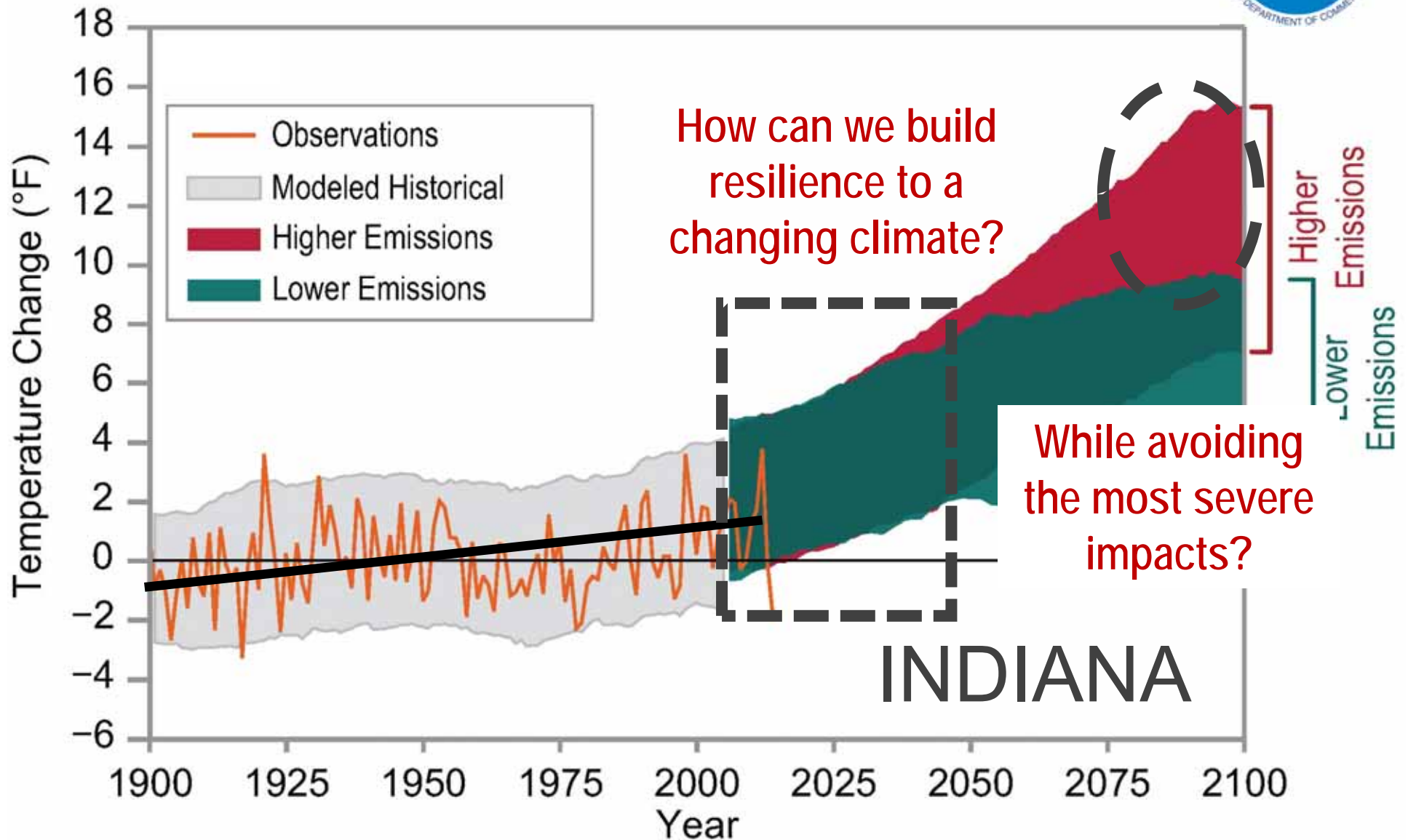
# Water resource management is critical

- Indiana is getting warmer and wetter
- Extreme heat & heavy rainfall will challenge us
- Seasonal changes are critical to managing risks

**Where we  
end up  
depends on  
the choices  
we make!**



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