Climate Urgency and the Clean Energy Jobs Act
Plantings in the Midwest, Washington Post

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Lake Michigan has swallowed up 2 Chicago beaches this summer. Experts say the worst could still be on the way.

A woman looks at the completely submerged beach at Juneway Terrace Park in Chicago on July 22, 2019. A collapsed revetment is visible behind her. (Antonio Perez / Chicago Tribune)

Fargo Beach is submerged, shown July 29, 2019, in Chicago. (Erin Hooley / Chicago Tribune)
Figure 6. Aerial view of extreme damage from category 5 Hurricane Dorian in Marsh Harbor, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas, on September 5, 2019. Credit: Jose Jimenez Getty Images

David Tree shares his water with an injured koala. Photograph: Mark Pardew/AP

‘Koalas are usually quite grumpy, but this one took my hand. She was distressed, exhausted’
Climate change is making us sick

By Amitha Kalaichandran, Updated September 28, 2019, 12:00 p.m.

HUMAN HEALTH

Climate change is expected to worsen existing health conditions and introduce new health threats by increasing the frequency and intensity of poor air quality days, extreme high temperature events, and heavy rainfalls; extending pollen seasons; and modifying the distribution of disease-carrying pests and insects. By mid-century, the region is projected to experience substantial, yet avoidable, loss of life, worsened health conditions, and economic impacts estimated in the billions of dollars as a result of these changes. Improved basic health services and increased public health measures—including surveillance and monitoring—can prevent or reduce these impacts.
Climate Change and Illness in the Midwest

- Lyme disease from ticks
- Other vector borne diseases
- Heat stress and heat stroke
- Asthma and respiratory illness
- Neurotoxin exposure from seafood
- PTSD from disasters
- American Medical Association: Climate Change is the greatest public health challenge of the 21st Century
Air Pollution

The map of American air pollution
Daily average small particulate matter (PM2.5) concentration in 2014

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings
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How does climate change and/or pollution impact your life?

Who is impacted the most by climate change and pollution? Locally? Globally?

Who benefits if we stick to business as usual?