

EXTREME HEAT

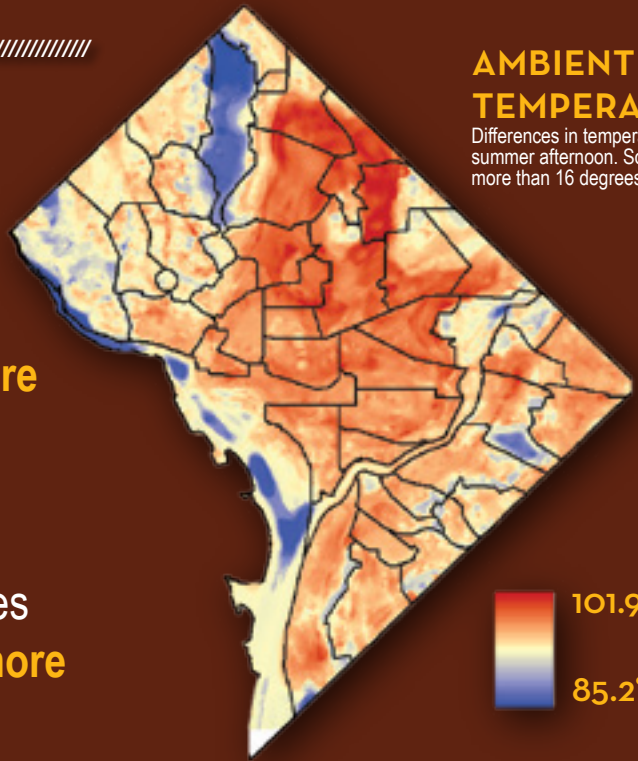
UNDERSTANDING RISK

DID YOU KNOW?

Extreme heat causes more deaths than any other weather-related hazard.

Climate change will cause more frequent, severe, and longer-lasting heat waves.

Neighborhoods with fewer trees and more hard surfaces are more susceptible to extreme heat.



AMBIENT AIR TEMPERATURE MAP
Differences in temperature collected during a summer afternoon. Some neighborhoods are more than 16 degrees hotter.

EXTREME HEAT IN WASHINGTON DC

WHO IS MORE SENSITIVE TO EXTREME HEAT?

Certain characteristics influence an individual's ability to: adapt to, cope with, or recover from extreme heat.

EXTREME HEAT SENSITIVITY

AGE



OLDER ADULTS



YOUNG CHILDREN

HEALTH



CHRONIC ILLNESSES



DISABILITIES

LIVING CONDITIONS



BEING OVERWEIGHT



BEING PREGNANT



LACKING AIR CONDITIONING



LIVING OR WORKING OUTDOORS



OWNING PETS

CALL THE SHELTER HOTLINE AT 202-399-7093 IF YOU SEE SOMEONE OUTSIDE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN NEED OF SHELTER OR COOLING RELIEF FROM THE HEAT, OR CALL 911 IF THREAT TO SAFETY AND HEALTH IS IMMINENT.