



# OPPORTUNITIES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

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The Town of Huntsville declared an emergency at 7 pm on Jan. 09, 2008.



On June 23rd, 2010, an F2 tornado touched down in Midland.



Flooding along the Big East River corridor from Lake Vernon to River Cove.



Tornado caused extensive property damage in a small geographic area...

# RESOURCES

## Vulnerability Assessment



## SMDHU Climate Change Story Map



# VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT

**Increase  
Understanding**

**Support  
Resilience**

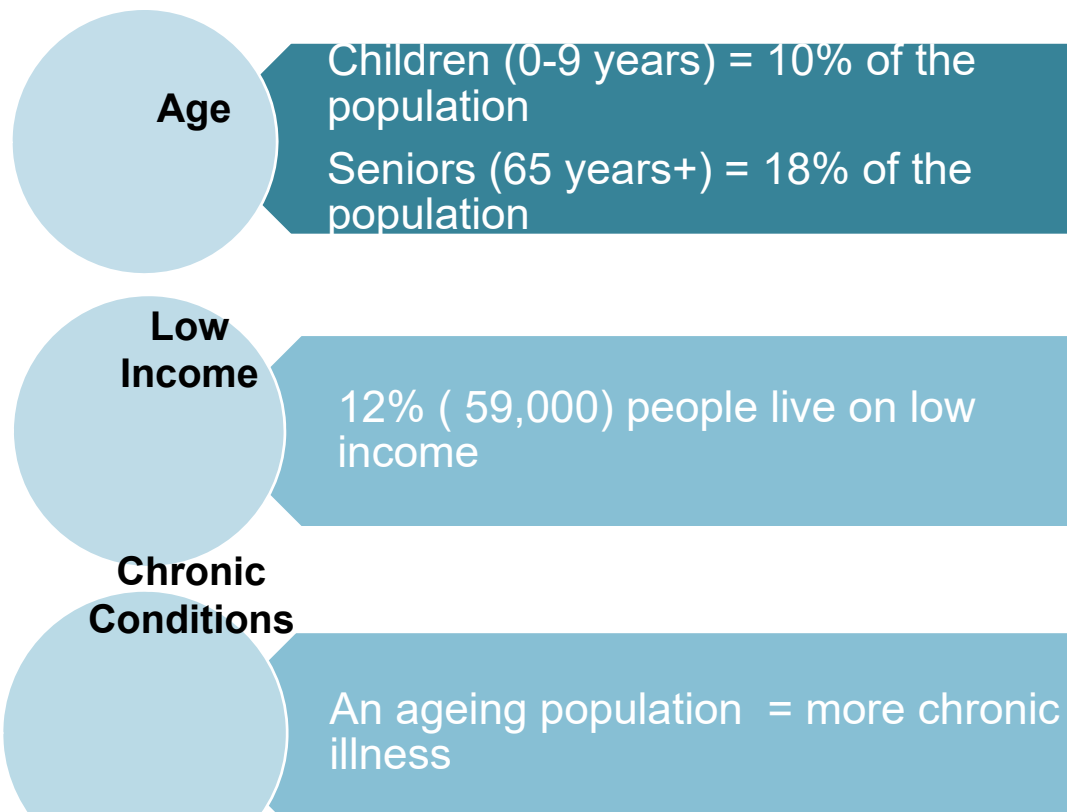
Exposure

Sensitivity

Adaptive  
Capacity



# IMPORTANT DEMOGRAPHICS





## WHY DO WE NEED TO DO MORE? ...AND QUICKLY

- ↑ 1°C (2020s) feels like Ohio
- ↑ 3.5°C (2050s) feels like Kentucky
- ↑ 5.7°C (2080s) feels like Mississippi

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY > GA/12131  
SEVENTY-THIRD SESSION, HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (AM & PM) 28 MARCH 2019

**Only 11 Years Left to Prevent Irreversible Damage from Climate Change, Speakers Warn during General Assembly High-Level Meeting**

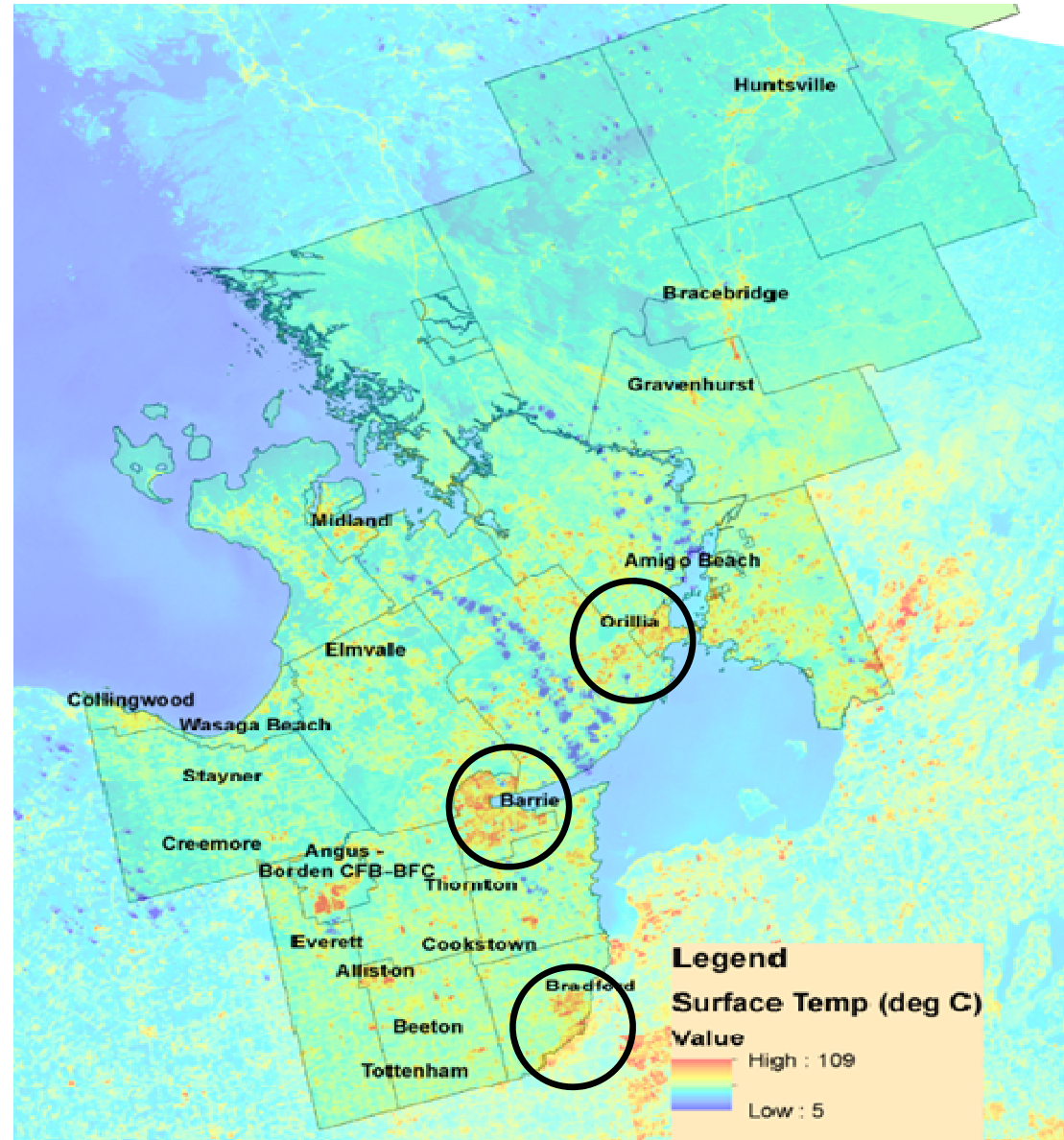




# URBAN HEAT ISLAND

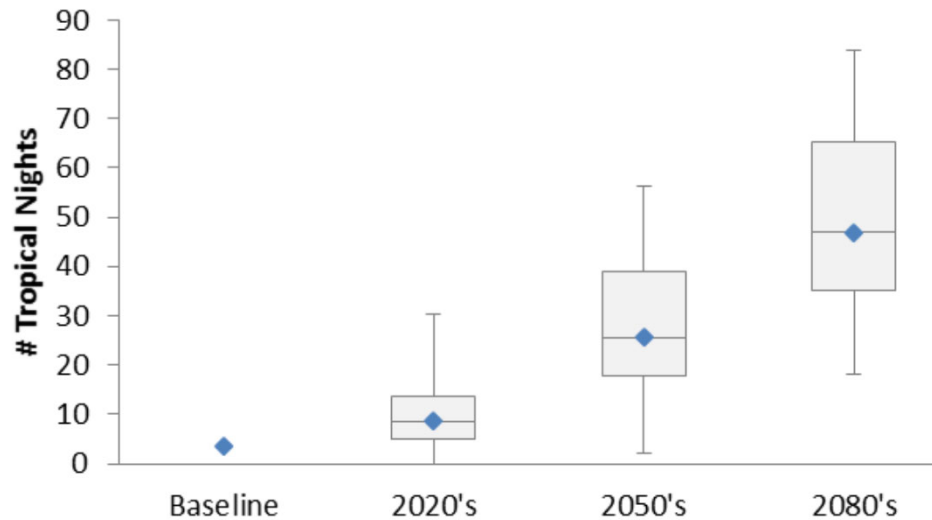
Can be reduced by

- installing green roofs
- enhancing urban tree canopy
- decreasing black surfaces

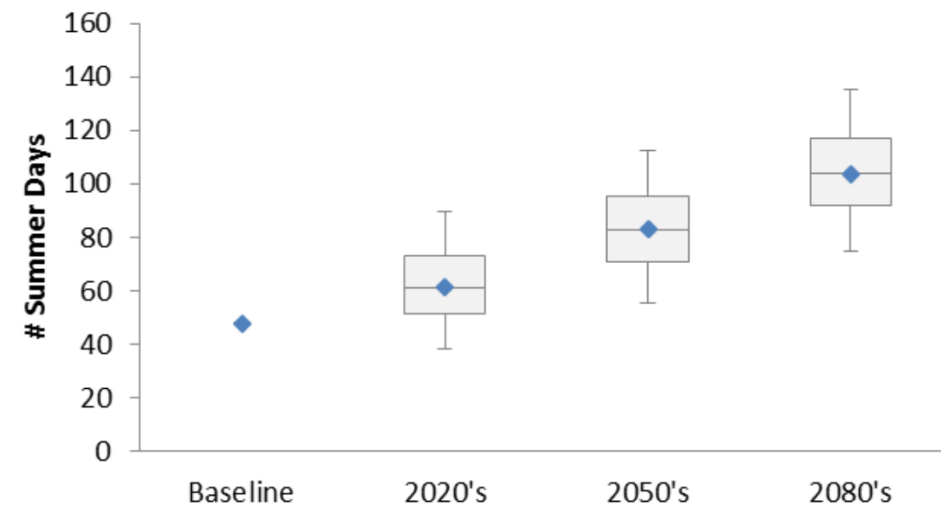


# CLIMATE PROJECTIONS — EXTREME HEAT

# of tropical nights (Southern Region)

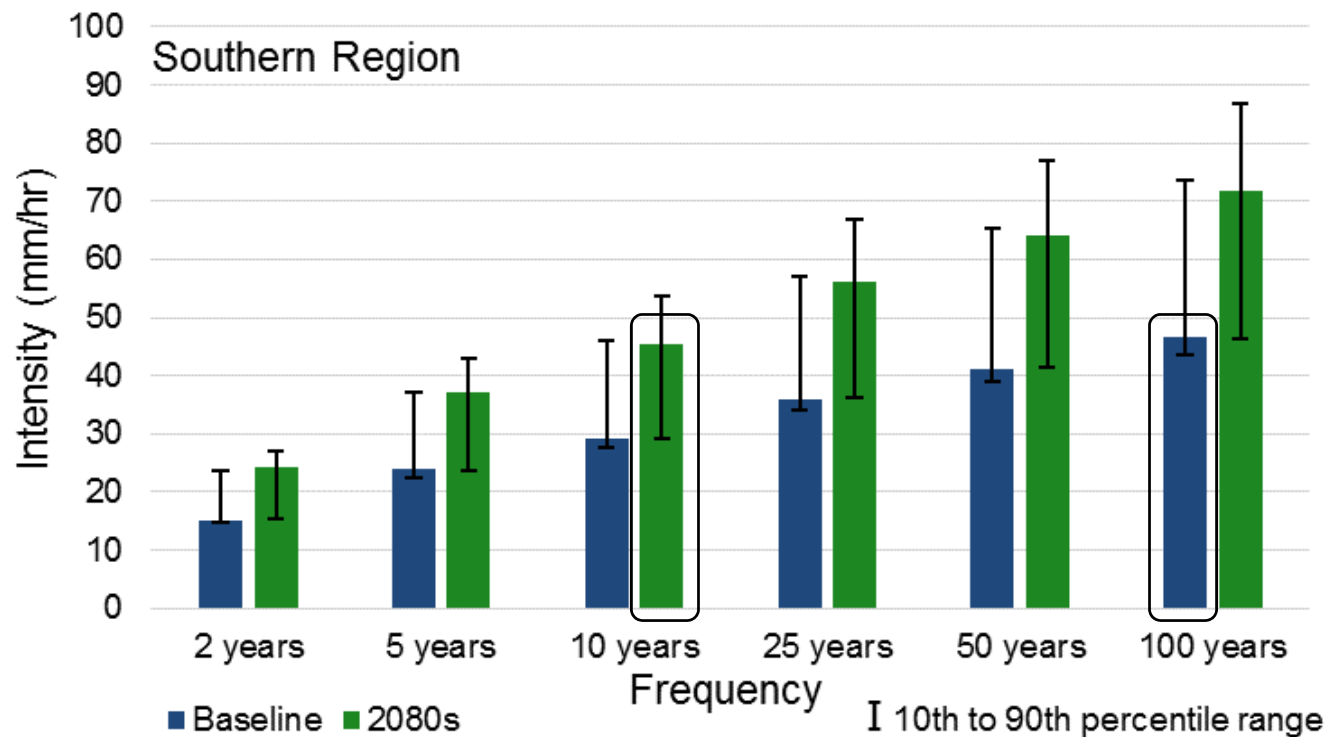


# of projected summer days (Southern Region)





# PROJECTED PRECIPITATION



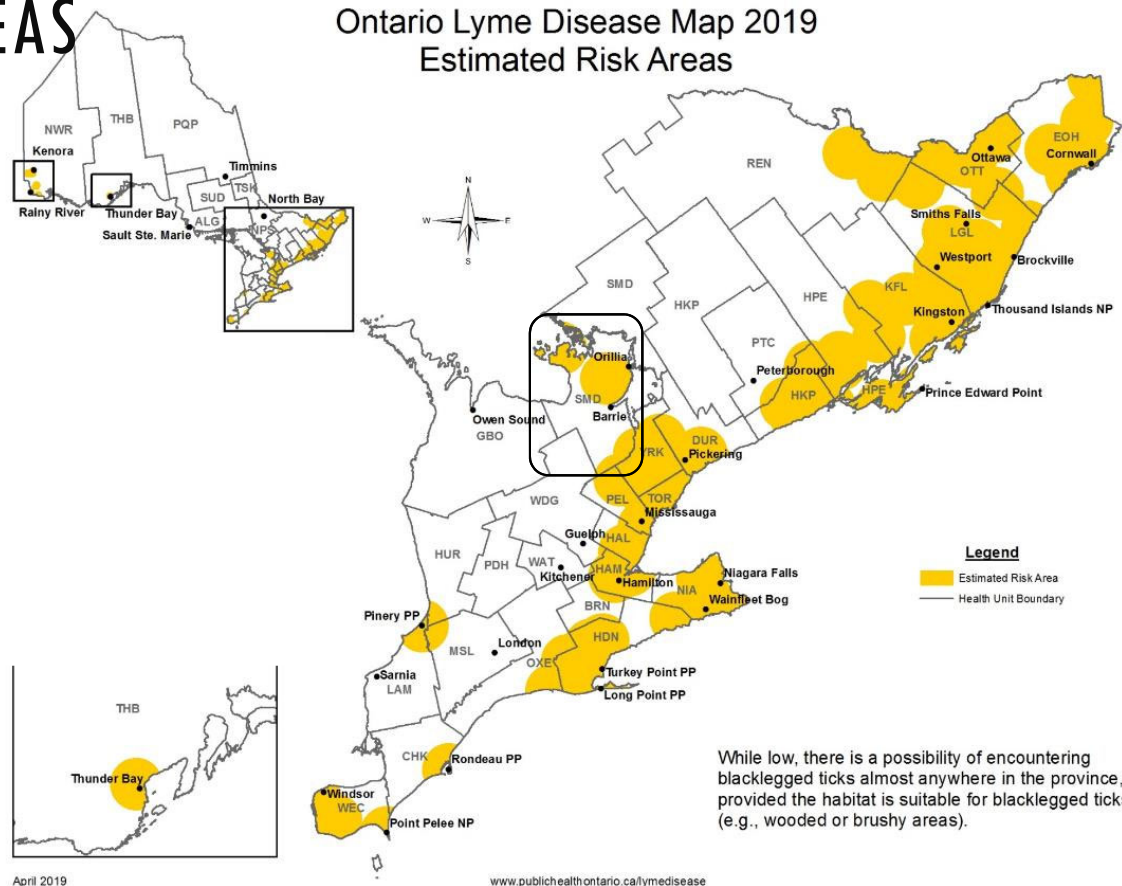
Data Source: Ontario Climate Change Data Portal:  
<http://www.ontarioccdp.ca/>; Extracted 30 March 2017.

- Increase in annual precipitation levels
- Decrease summer precipitation levels
- Less frequent, more extreme precipitation events

# ESTIMATED RISK AREAS

## Ontario Lyme Disease Map 2019

### Ontario Lyme Disease Map 2019 Estimated Risk Areas



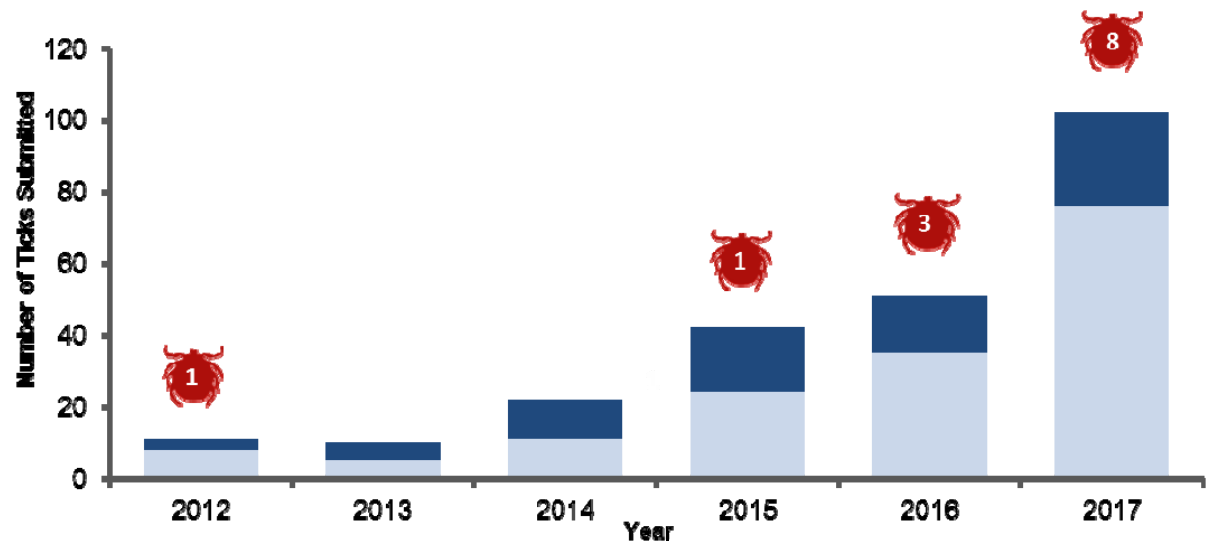
April 2019

[www.publichealthontario.ca/lymedisease](http://www.publichealthontario.ca/lymedisease)

# TICK SUBMISSIONS

## Blacklegged Tick Submissions to Heath Unit

- # of Blacklegged Ticks
- # Locally Acquired Ticks
- # Positive for Lyme Disease



Data Sources: Passive Tick Surveillance Spreadsheet, extracted May 8, 2018.

\*Ticks are submitted to the health unit by those who have removed it from their (or another person's) body, and are aware to submit it to the health unit for testing. Submitted ticks may originate from anywhere that the submitter has traveled in recent days, and not necessarily from within Simcoe Muskoka. 66% of submitted ticks are acquired in Simcoe Muskoka



## A HAPPY COINCIDENCE

Climate  
change-  
mitigating  
design also  
improves  
health.

- Physical Activity and related Chronic Diseases
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Air Quality
- Road Safety
- Accessibility
- Food Systems/Food Access
- Social Capital & Connectivity
- Water Quality/Access



## OUR COMMUNITIES ARE ALREADY DOING A LOT:

- Planned active transportation infrastructure
- Education of community and within schools
- Energy conservation
- Encouraging the creation of greenspace
- Local food programs
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Water management
- Anti-idling advocacy





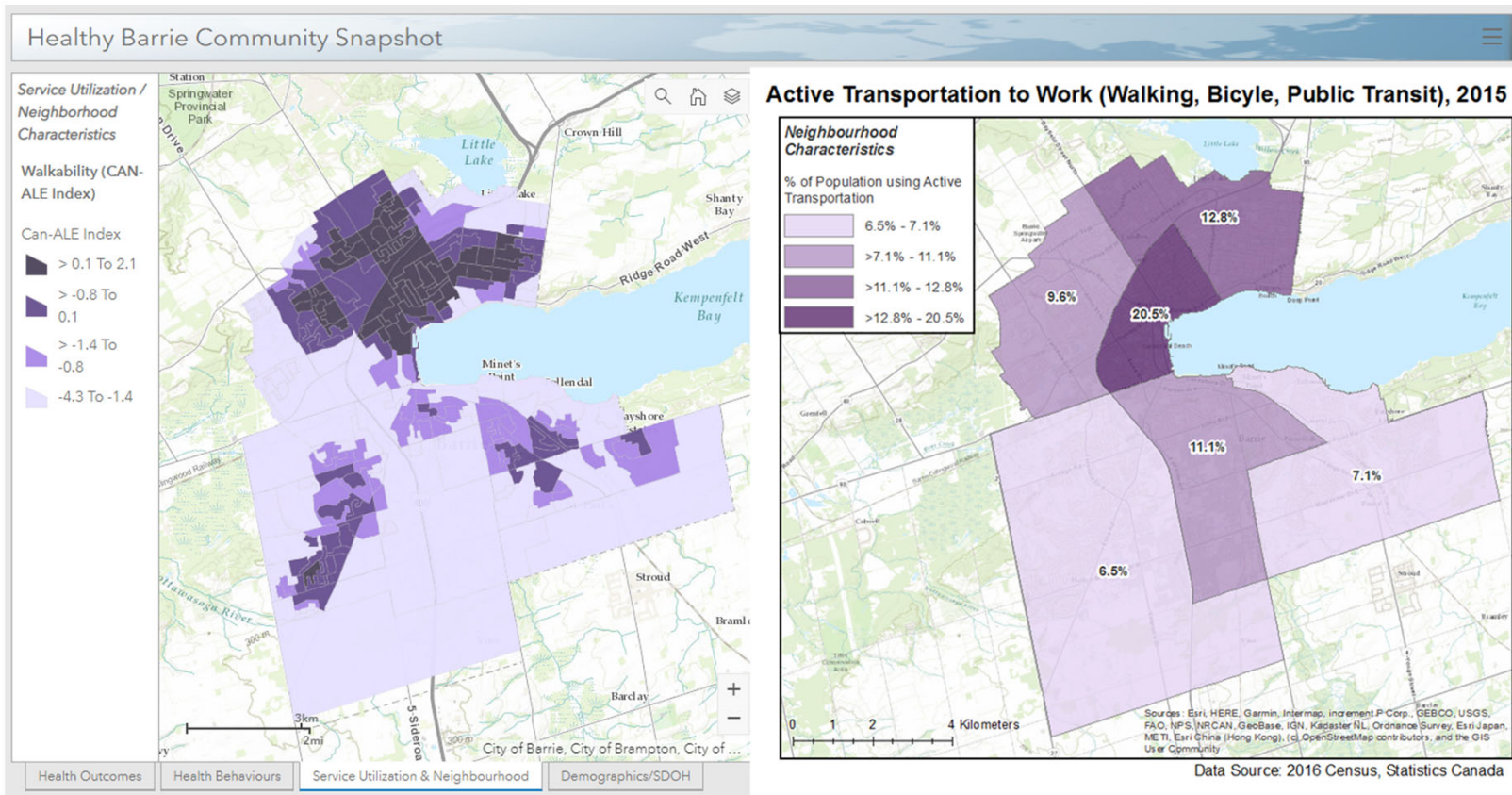
## LOCAL PLANS





# Making Connections:

## Walkability (Can-ALE) & Mode Share



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

Leverage our climate change and health information to support:

- climate change mitigation planning and actions in Barrie
- fast-tracking of modal shifts and active transportation initiatives

