



# Tackling Climate Change in Maryland

With 3,100 miles of shoreline, two million acres of farmland, major urban areas and high flood risk throughout the state, Maryland is one of the most vulnerable states to climate change — and we're already seeing its impacts.

The good news? Maryland is a **climate change leader**, thanks in part to the **MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE** which is working to:

**Reduce**  
greenhouse gas  
emissions and  
other air  
pollutants

**Adapt**  
to climate change  
impacts

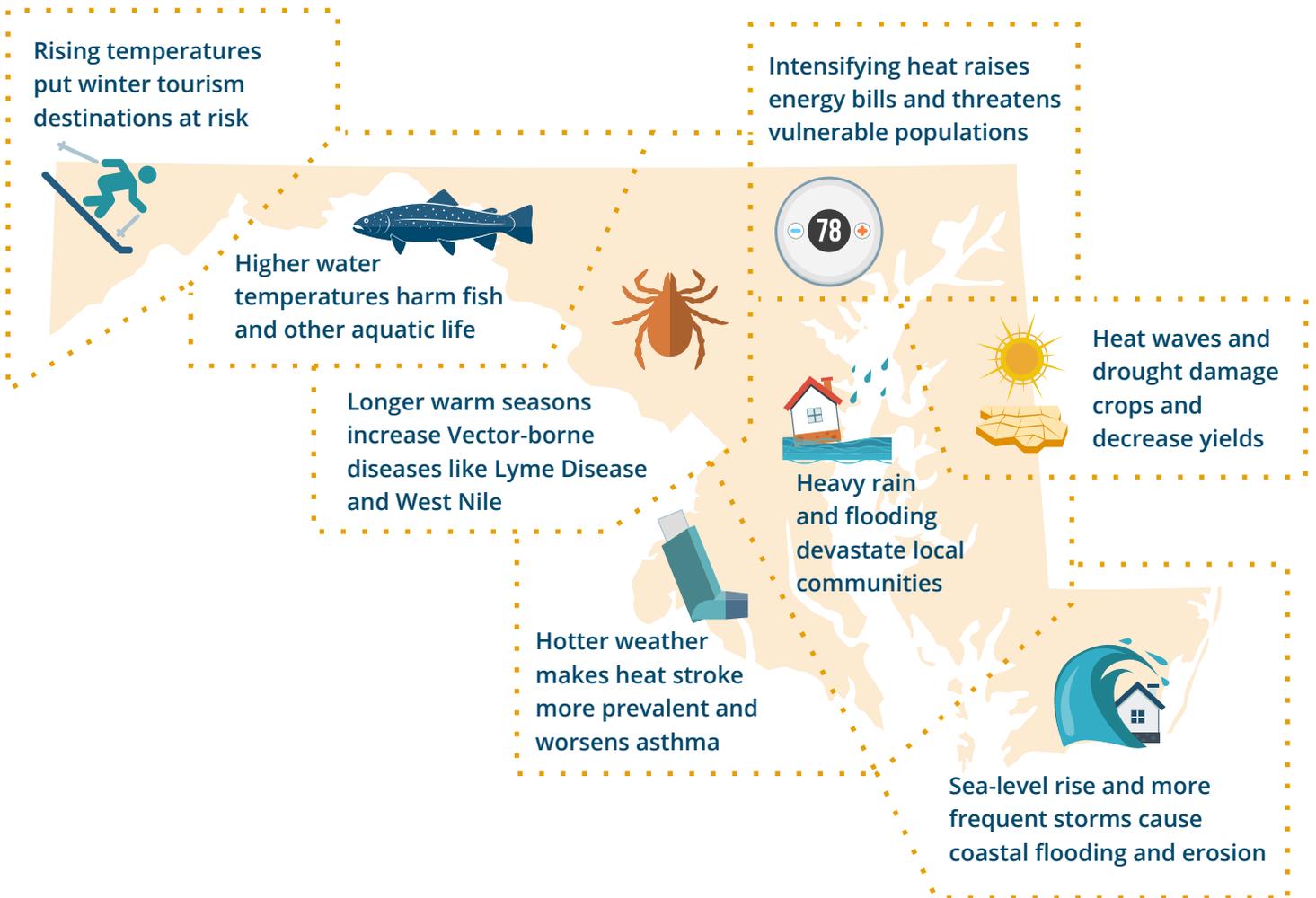
**Protect**  
our residents and  
grow our economy  
as we prepare for  
the future

The Commission's  
**26** members  
represent:



# Climate Change Affects ALL of Maryland

While Maryland's coastal areas are particularly vulnerable, many areas of the state are susceptible to climate change. Indeed, communities across the state are expected to see climate impacts.



# How are We Preparing for Maryland's Future?

Maryland is taking aggressive, sustained action to **reduce greenhouse gas pollution** and **help communities adapt** to the impacts of climate change. These actions will protect our environment and public health and create and support tens of thousands of jobs.

# 1

Through the **Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2016**, the state committed to reduce greenhouse gases **40 percent from 2006 levels by 2030**.

At the same time, we are improving our **resilience** to climate change by:

# 2

- Ensuring **new state-owned buildings consider the risk** of coastal flooding and sea-level rise in their design
- Providing **financial and technical assistance to local governments** to help address localized flooding, storm events and sea-level rise
- Controlling erosion and improving habitat**

# 3

The Maryland Commission on Climate Change is working closely with vulnerable communities as well as federal, state and local agencies to assess and prepare for the impacts of climate change on

**economy**



**human health**



**safety**



**welfare**



## What Can You Do?

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