

**NH Division of Public Health Services.
Bureau of Public Health Protection
Climate and Health Program**



The Bottom Line: *The Northeast climate is getting warmer, and wetter, with more severe weather, and we must prepare for the public health impacts of this changing world.*

Program Summary

The Climate and Health Program consists of two part-time staff, a number of evidence-based community interventions, an advisory council, and a close collaboration with partners in State government and CDC staff in Atlanta. The high-level goal of the program is to build community-level resilience against the health impacts of climate change and severe weather in New Hampshire. Our view of resilience is the shared ability to adapt to rapidly changing conditions, or bounce back and thrive after unexpected events.

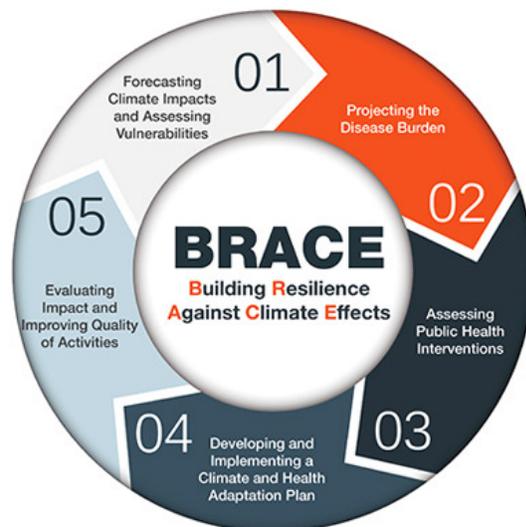
The program objectives are to:

- ✓ Build greater workforce capacity to address the changing climate via engagement and trainings.
- ✓ Apply evidence-based interventions to reduce health risks among vulnerable populations.
- ✓ Communicate with target audiences to increase awareness of health risks at the State and regional level.
- ✓ Evaluate the feasibility and impact of any policy changes.
- ✓ Evaluate the impact of any individual or community interventions.

New Hampshire uses a standard framework called Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE). The framework is a cyclical improvement strategy to assess climate hazards and vulnerable populations, analyze health impacts, identify viable interventions, implement solutions, and evaluate the success of evidence-based public health interventions.

Community interventions have included:

- Extreme weather events, emergency preparedness skills, and risk awareness among elderly populations.
- Expanded pest seasons, tick safe practices among adults and youth at risk from outdoor activities.
- Extreme temperatures, heat preparedness, and actions to prevent heat stress and injury.

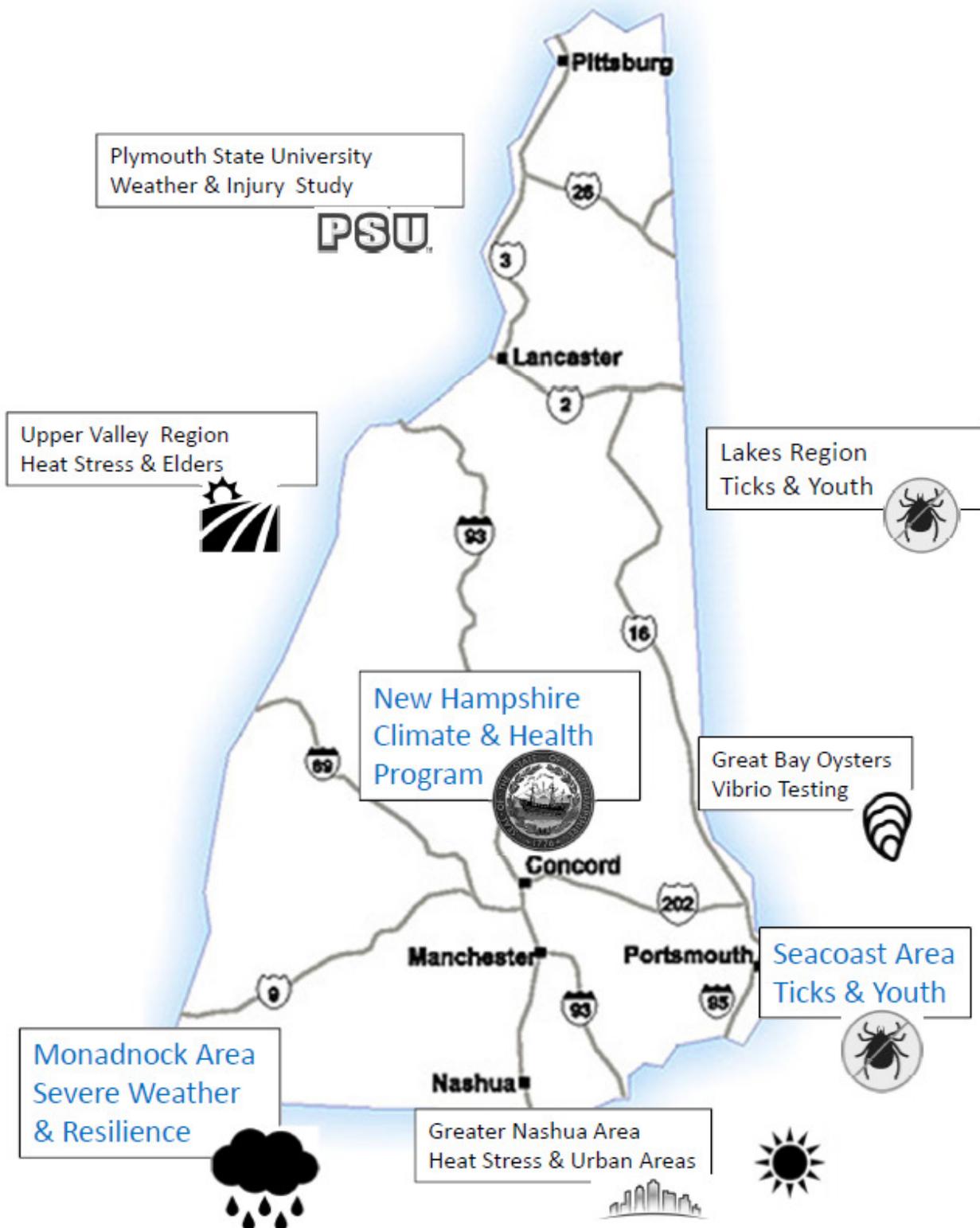


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