



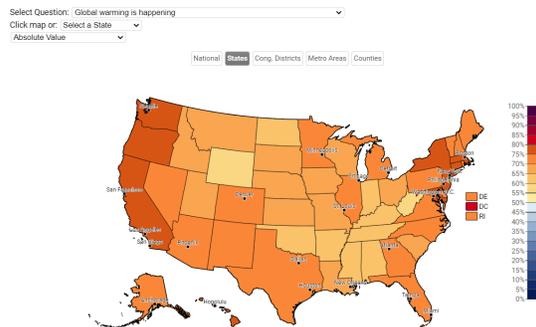
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Calling all sustainability-minded NPS employees and partners for a Community of Practice!

The [Climate Friendly Parks \(CFP\)](#) program is establishing a Community of Practice to discuss implementation of sustainable practices and present the updates to the CFP program. This will be the first in a series to be held quarterly. Led by the NPS' Sustainable Operations and Maintenance Branch, you will additionally hear snippets on sustainability funding, the most recent workshop, interpretation, and maintaining a CFP status. This Community of Practice meeting is scheduled on February 13, 2024 from 3:00 to 4:30 EST. Please fill out [this RSVP form to attend](#). *Note:* this meeting is best suited for those working directly with the NPS. Contact Brian Cook with questions at brian_cook@nps.gov.

New 2023 Yale Climate Opinion Maps Available



72% of Americans believe climate change is happening—what else do they believe? Every year, the [Yale Program on Climate Change Communication releases data](#) on American's perceptions of climate change, their risk perceptions, policy support, who should act, and their behaviors. This data is broken down nationally, by state, county, congressional district, and metro area. Check out the data! Use it to be empowered; we have broad public support to discuss this crucial topic.

What Makes Climate Stories Compelling?



"In a world where abstract statistics often fail to convey the urgency of the climate crisis, stories have an incredible power to drive understanding and social change. Have you ever wondered what makes a climate story compelling?" [The Yale Program on Climate Change Communication broke down best practices](#) they use for telling climate stories, and provides examples.

NPS Climate Mitigation Work in Action



Shade structures on bleached corals in Dry Tortugas National Park. When corals are exposed to a lot of stress, like from light or extreme heat, they can lose their symbiotic algae and become bleached. The USGS' Coral Assessment Network tracks coral growth and uses the data to understand how coral are affected by ocean conditions. Previous tests have suggested that using shade structures over bleached coral can bring back the return of symbionts and a partial recovery from bleaching. They are now trying [shade structures on stressed coral in the Dry Tortugas](#) to mitigate temperature stress from climate change.

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