

CLIMATE READY PHILLY

2017 OVERVIEW

Workshop outcome

- 2017 workshops were conducted at the LCFS West Philadelphia Senior Center, the South Philadelphia Free Library, and the McPherson Square Library
- Location matters. The workshops varied in space, place, and people representing a wide array of Philadelphia neighborhoods, affecting the dynamic of the group at each workshop.
- Education and reading levels varied in each workshop — this may have shaped understanding and retention of workshop content.
- Participants did not immediately know what cooling centers were, where they are located and how they become activated. Once described, some participants were familiar with this City service.
- The presentations on climate change and energy conservation resonated most with participants.
- While survey answers did become slightly more robust in the post-workshop survey, indicating knowledge acquisition through the workshop, it was difficult to pinpoint an overall shift in knowledge gained. Nonetheless, the following themes arose in the post-workshop survey responses:
 - Climate change was most often associated with erratic weather patterns.

- Satisfaction with the workshops overall.
- Greater use of formal vocabulary
- Participants expressed a desire for more workshops overall, particularly workshops that address extreme cold in the winter.