

CLIMATE READY PHILLY

2018 OVERVIEW

Demographics

- Black or African American women over the age of 65 was the majority demographic again this year.
- The income range of participants was quite broad across the three workshops.
- 66% of participants attended college and 48% were homeowners.
- The Mayfair workshop had the greatest racial/ethnic, income, and gender diversity among the three workshops.
- Lower and Central Northeast planning districts had the greatest number of participants (15), followed by the Northwest planning district (6).

From the surveys

- 44% of participants reported that they had experienced flooding in their homes.
- 40% of participants have dealt with mold in their homes.
- 64% of participants reported that they or someone they live with suffers from breathing problems.
- Only 20% of participants had an emergency preparedness plan in place, and only 20% of participants felt they knew what to do to keep their family safe during a flood event due to extreme weather.
- Only 15% of participants reported that they knew what green infrastructure is.
- 44% of participants reported that they could explain climate change if asked.

After the workshops

- 52% of participants reported having new concerns
- 74% of participants reported that they now have the resources to get help if they need it
- Participants suggested future workshop topics could include mold, home repair financing, disaster planning, flood maps, home safety, weatherization, healthy living, and tree services.
- Participants most often cited better information networks, increased educational programs, emergency preparedness kits, public service announcements, and improved stormwater drainage as the best ways the city can prepare for climate change and the health-impacts of flooding and severe storms.