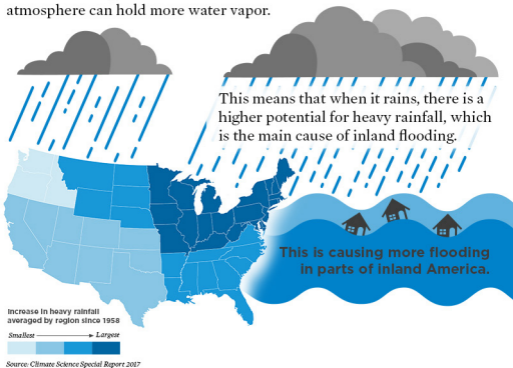


Why Is Inland America Flooding?

More Frequent, Heavier Rainfall

With rising global temperatures due to increased heat-trapping emissions, more water evaporates from the land and oceans. The warmer atmosphere can hold more water vapor.



Our Rapidly Changing Landscape

Modern land use practices have left our landscape less able to accommodate heavy rainfall, increasing the risk of floods and exacerbating their impacts.



Increased development in floodplains



Increased use of impermeable surfaces (e.g. asphalt)



Destruction of natural areas

What Can We Do?

Solutions at the local, state, and federal levels can give communities the best chance to stay above water.

To do:

- Fund efforts to map and communicate flood risks.
- Invest in flood-resilient landscapes and infrastructure.
- Fund research and monitoring of precipitation and flooding.
- Cut carbon emissions to limit global warming.