



# Climate Change and Vulnerable Virginians



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# Homes

400,000 homes in Virginia are at risk of damage from increased storm surges, with an estimated cost of \$92 billion.

# **Disproportionate effect**

People in poverty are more likely to lose their homes due to a natural disaster. Those who do lose their homes are more likely to see their financial stability crumble.

# Jobs

Virginia's farms contribute 122,000 jobs and \$27 billion in economic activity. These contributions are threatened by more extreme heat and drought and climate-forced migration of pests.

# Disproportionate effect

Small family farms are most vulnerable to climate change, because they have the fewest resources to devote to adaptation.

# Chronic health conditions

There are more than 1.1 million people with asthma or chronic respiratory disease in Virginia. Their respiratory conditions are likely to worsen due to climate change.

# **Disproportionate effect**

Children, seniors, and residents of low-income communities are most affected by asthma and respiratory disease.

# Loss of life

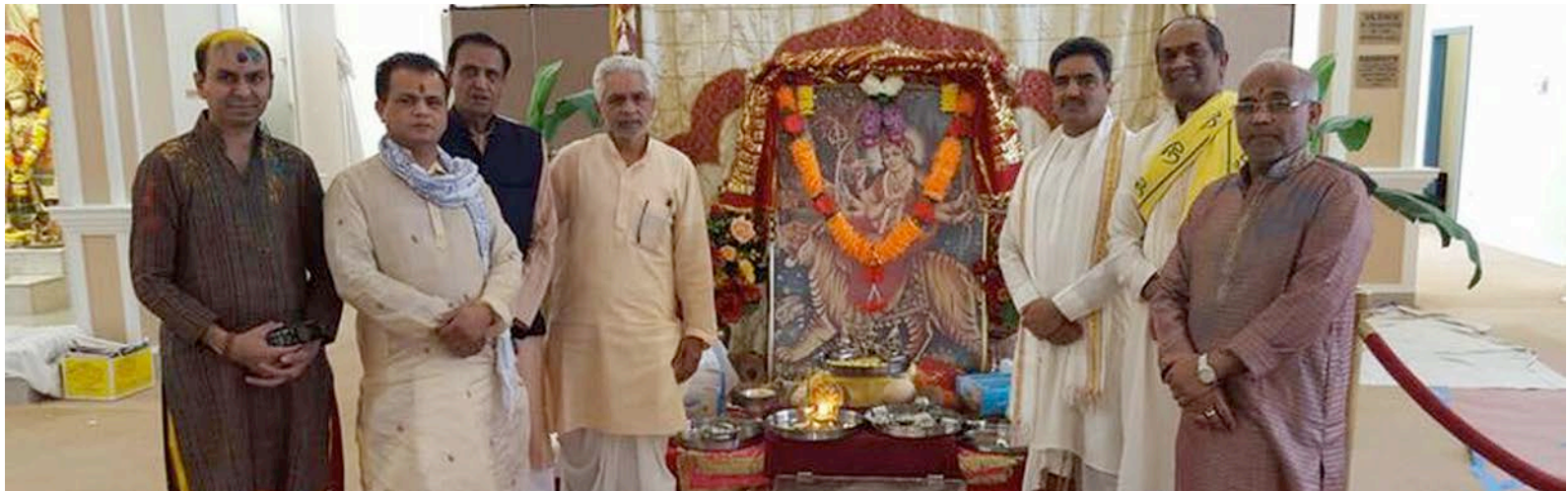
Extreme weather kills. 12 Virginians died during the heat wave of 2012.



# Disproportionate effect

Heat waves and extreme weather disproportionately affect children, seniors, residents of low-income communities, and disabled people. The average age of those who died in 2012 was 65.

# Shanmugasunduram—Durga Temple



# Saqib—All Dulles Area Muslim Society



# Jim Wallace—Sojourners



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# People of faith want change



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