



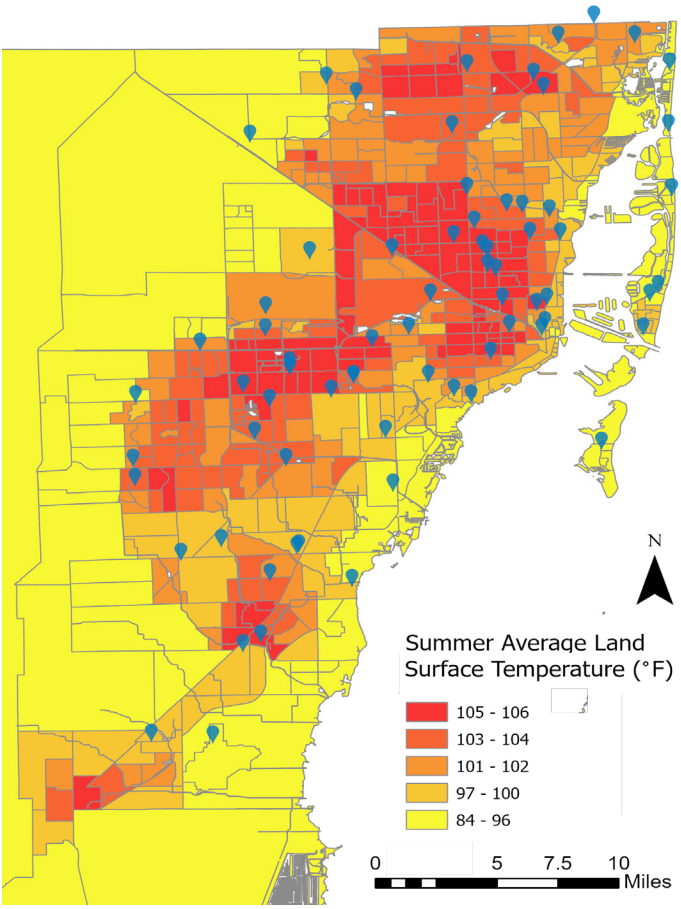
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## CLIMATE and EQUITY

### UNPRECEDENTED HEAT IN 2023

2023 is the hottest year ever recorded in Miami. Scientists have documented over 145 hours at or above a 105°F heat index as of mid-August. This is four hours more than the heat indexes measured over the past five years combined, including the previous record-holding year in 2020 (Brian McNoldy, <https://bmcnoldy.rsmas.miami.edu/>). To safeguard the public from this unprecedented heat, Miami-Dade County designated several cooling sites throughout the County to provide residents with relief during the hottest hours of the day.

### COOLING SITES



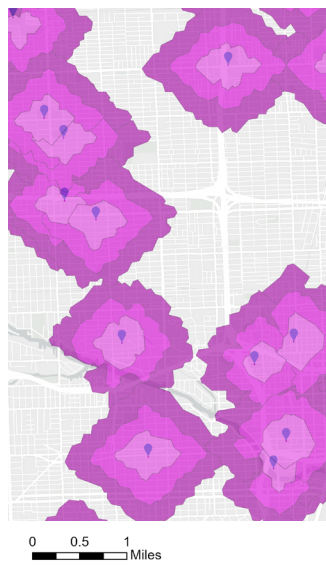
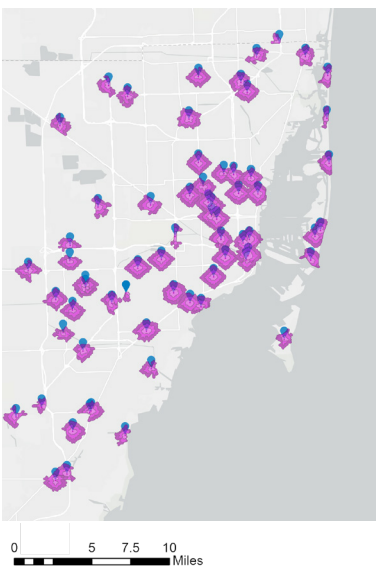
### WHAT IS A COOLING SITE?

A cooling site is a designated facility or location where individuals can seek refuge from extreme heat conditions. These sites are established in communities that experience heatwaves and prolonged periods of high temperatures. Cooling sites provide a safe and comfortable environment where people can escape the heat, stay hydrated, and cool down.

### WHERE ARE COOLING SITES IN MIAMI-DADE?

All Miami-Dade County (MDC) Libraries and a selected group of MDC Parks Department recreation facilities serve as cooling sites and are open during their regular hours throughout the heat season. In addition, the MDC Parks Department has designated 14 facilities that will be open on Sundays or other times not normally open, for the extended hours of 10am-8pm in the event of a heat warning. PLEASE NOTE: Hours and availability are subject to change. Contact your local facility for updates.

**49 Libraries**  
**14 Parks and Recreation Facilities**



### COOLING SITE WALKABILITY

The maps on the left show the locations and walking distances of cooling sites so residents can identify the cooling sites closest to them

- 1/4 mile: Can be walked in approximately 5-minutes
- 1/2 mile: Can be walked in approximately 10-minutes
- 3/4 mile: Can be walked in approximately 15-minutes

5 Cutoff Range: 0 - 5  
10 Cutoff Range: 5 - 10  
15 Cutoff Range: 10 - 15  
Walk time (minutes)

