As recognized by the climate justice focus of the CARP, climatic and environmental hazards affect different populations unequally. Generally, communities of color and those with fewer socioeconomic resources and less access to services are more vulnerable to flooding, extreme heat, and other climate concerns, as they may have less capacity to overcome hardship.

This map examines the various social factors that contribute to vulnerability and how they are dispersed geographically in Springfield, MA.

* Data represented by U.S. Census block groups.
Data source: U.S. Census Bureau - American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates 2015.