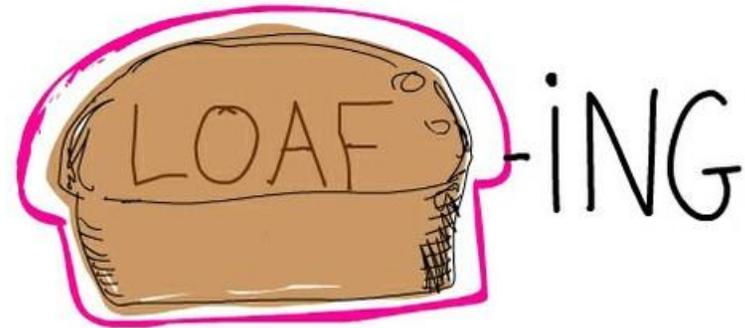
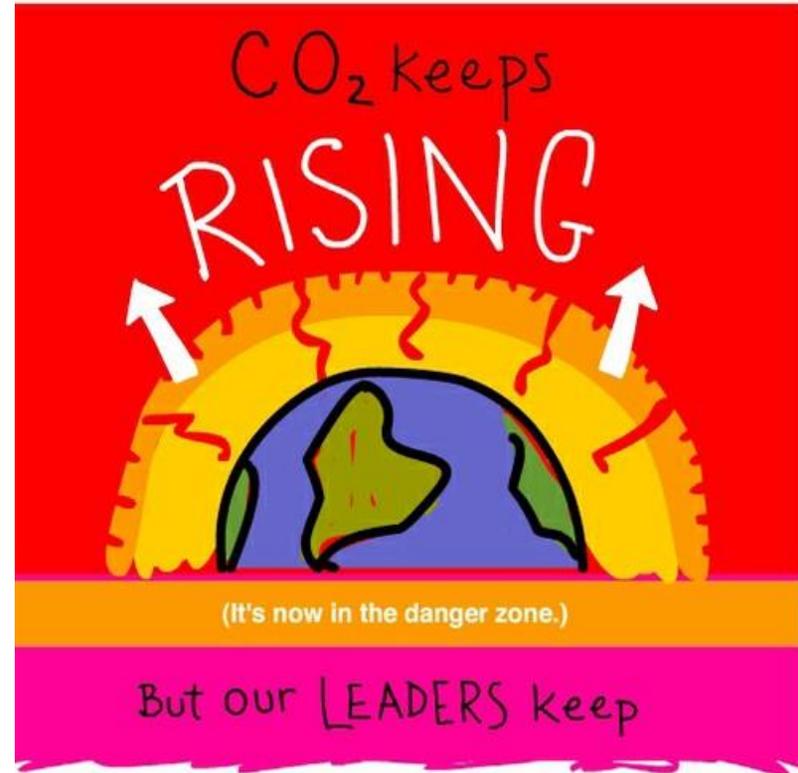
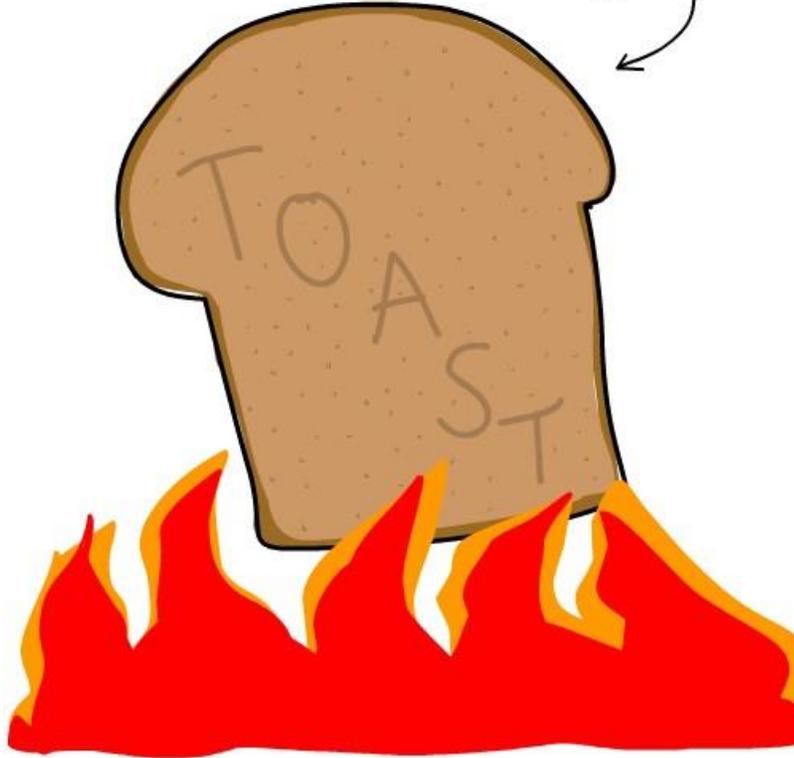


I go for a WALK



WILL they TAKE
ACTION
before we're ALL



Deepak CHOPRA says
NOT to WORRY about

GLOBAL WARMING.



Maybe Deepak REALLY means that WORRY
is unproductive, so take ACTION??

WHATEVER!

I think we could use
a Lot MORE people

WORRYING

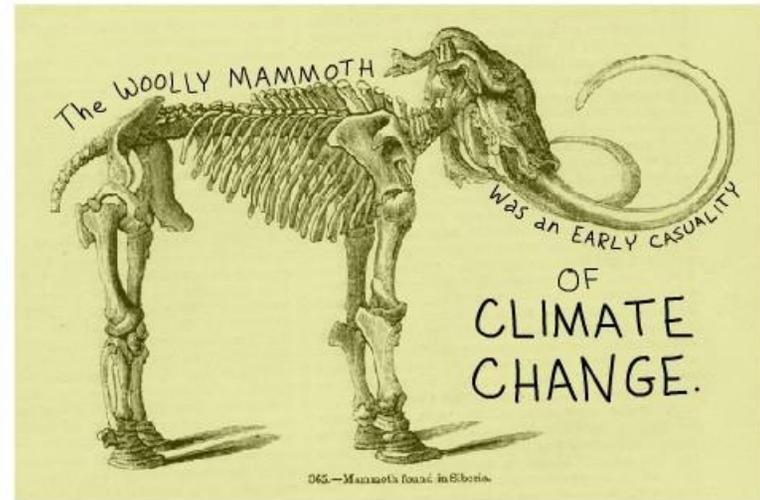


about
GLOBAL WARMING.

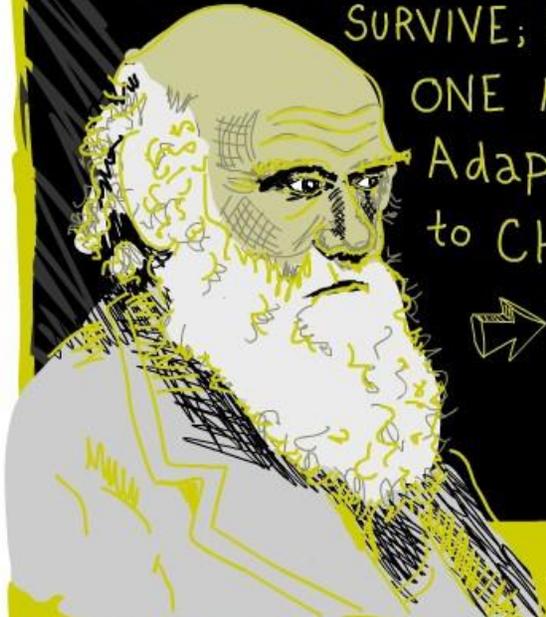
FLIP WORRY around
⇔ and it becomes



SADLY, the WOOLLY MAMMOTH
did NOT possess 4-SIGHT.



CHARLES DARWIN wrote,
"It is NOT the STRONGEST nor the most
INTELLIGENT of the SPECIES that
SURVIVE; it is the
ONE MOST
Adaptable
to CHANGE"



So FAR,
MAN is clinging to
"BUSINESS AS USUAL."



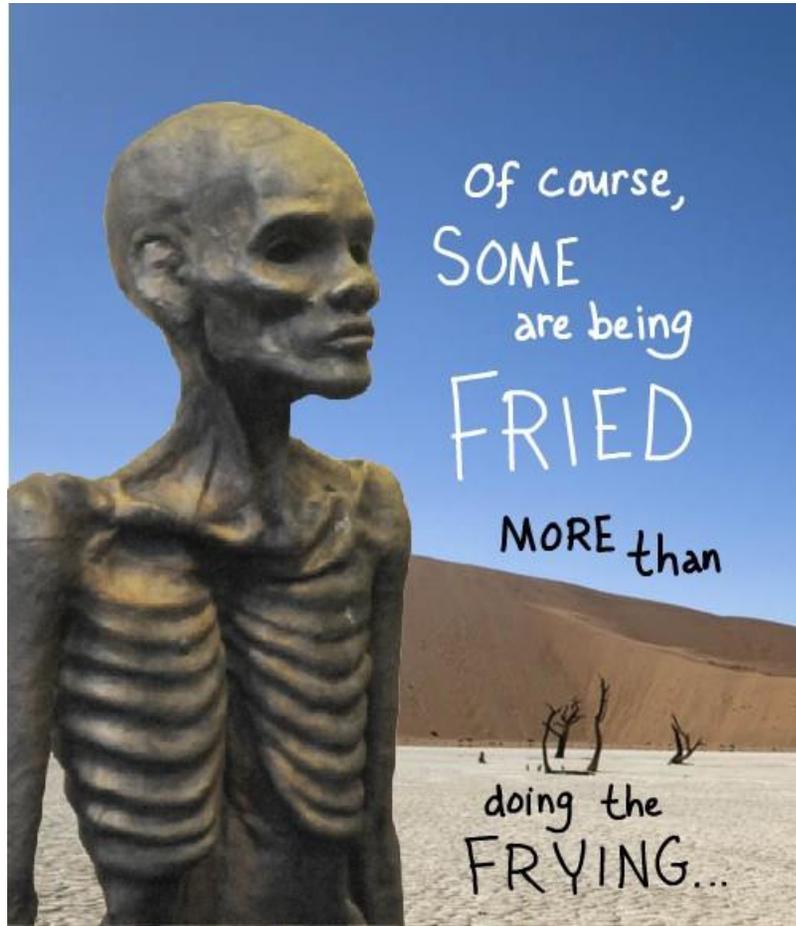
Looking BACKWARDS,
and thinking HOPING that
LIFE will be as it was BEFORE.

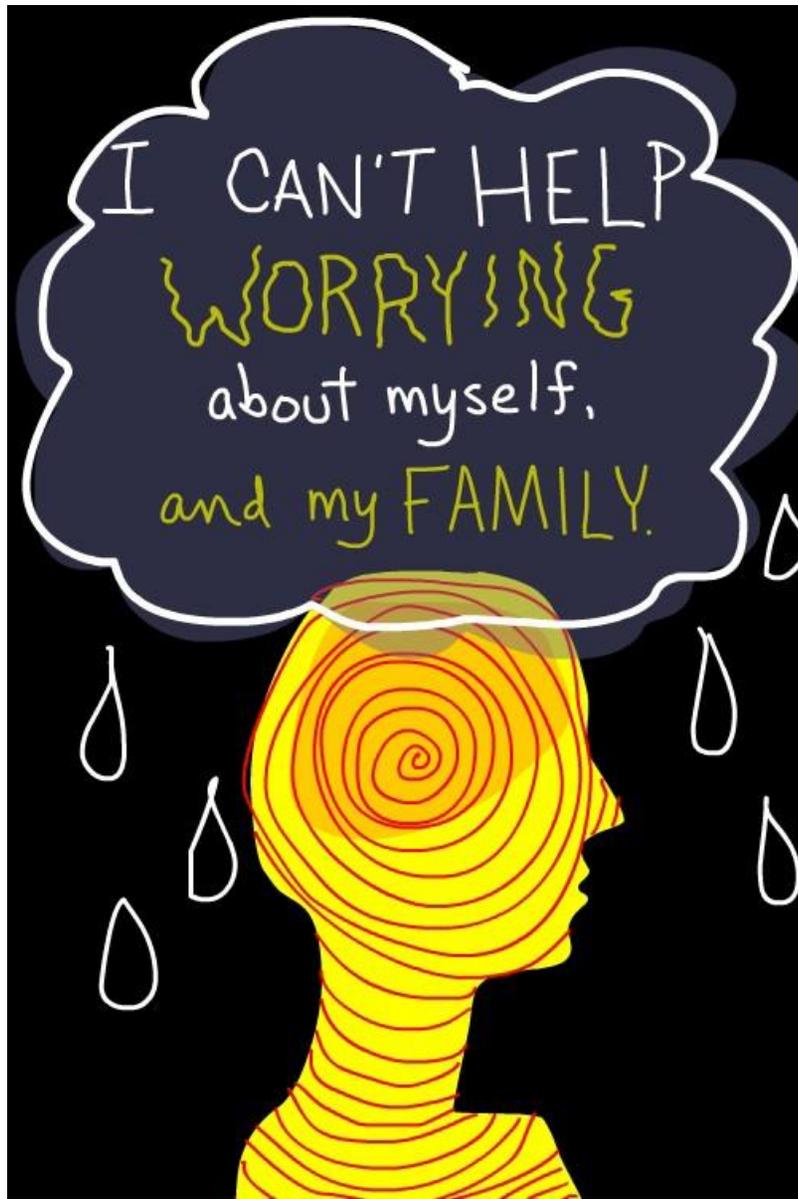
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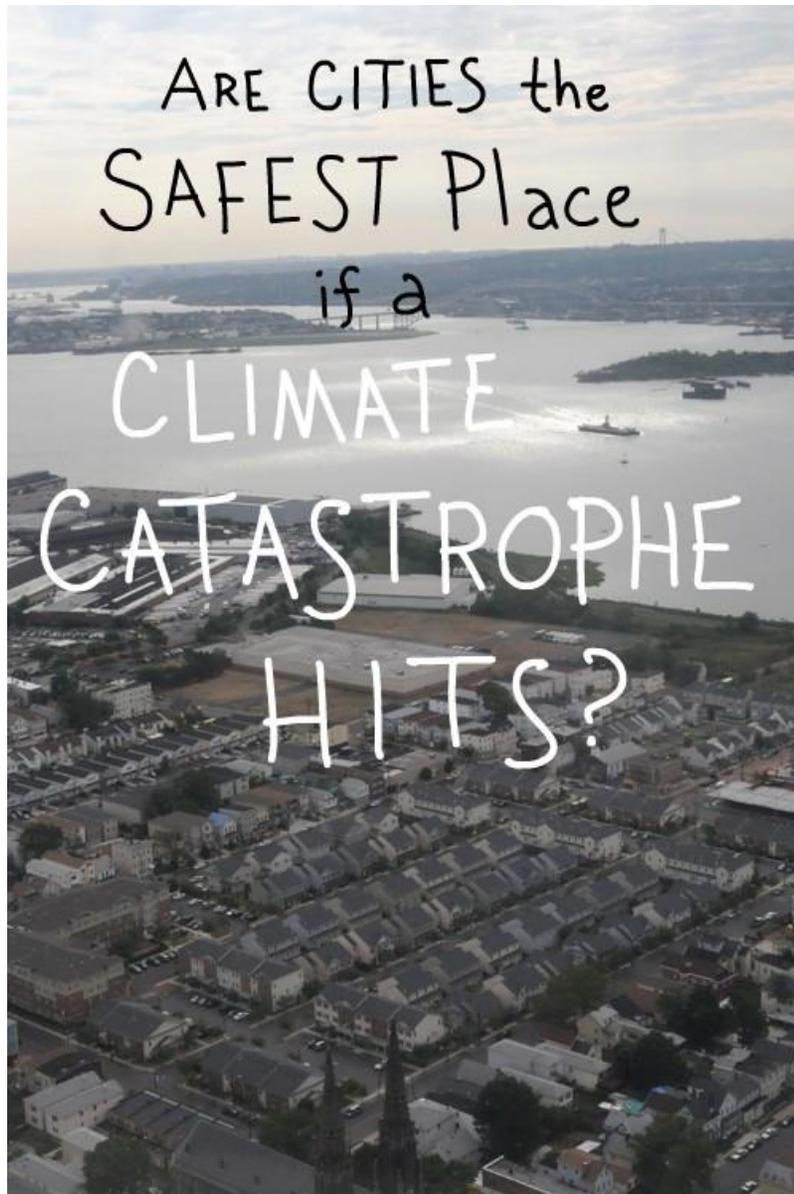
What can ONE person do



When 6.8 BILLION are
FRYING
the PLANET?







ARE CITIES the
SAFEST Place
if a
CLIMATE
CATASTROPHE
HITS?



HALF of the WORLD'S
Population live in Cities.



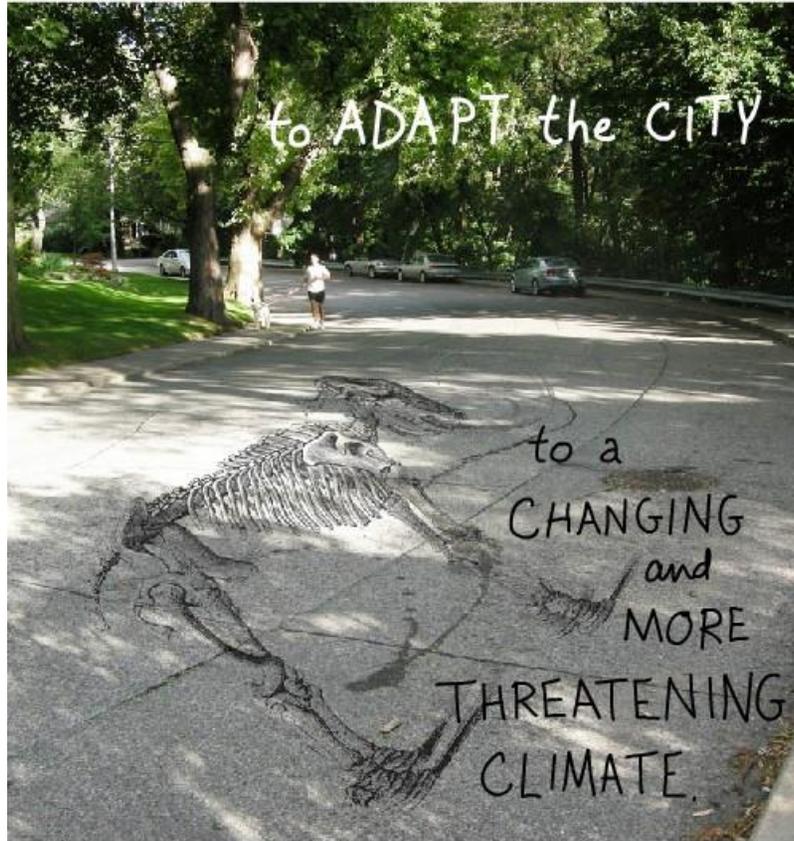


to ESCAPE

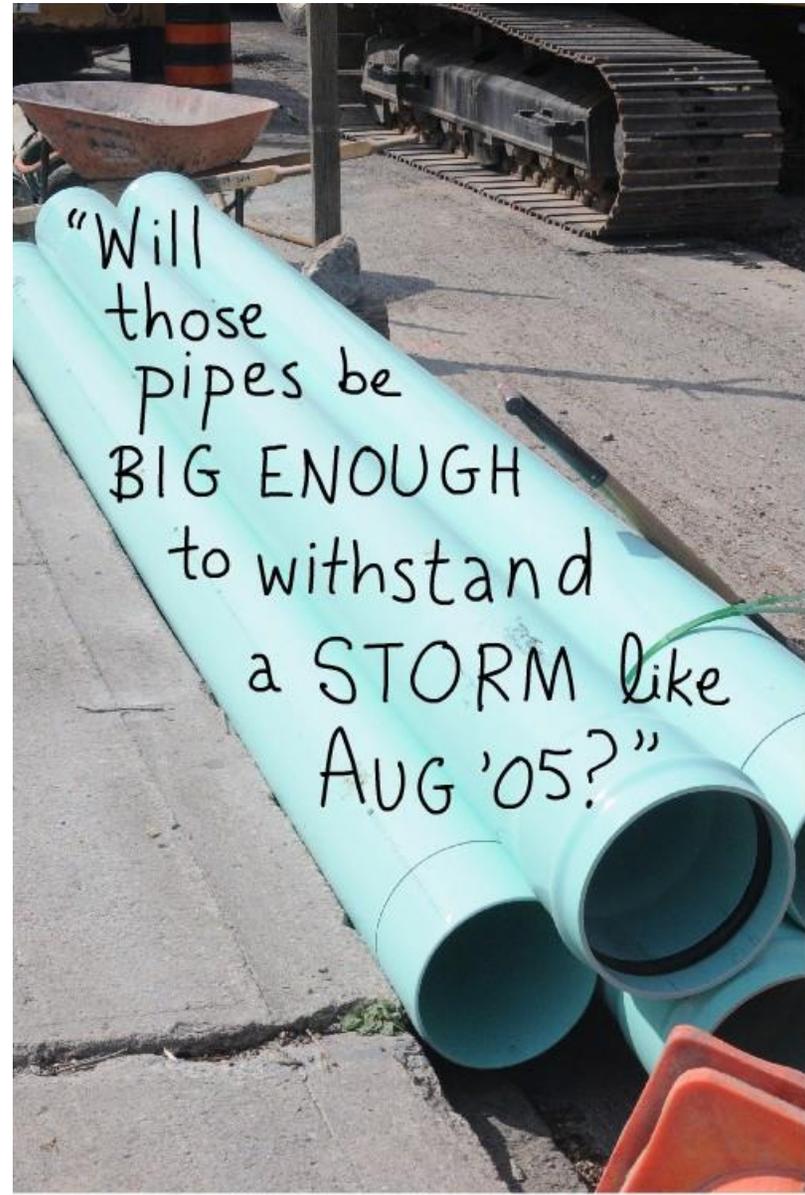
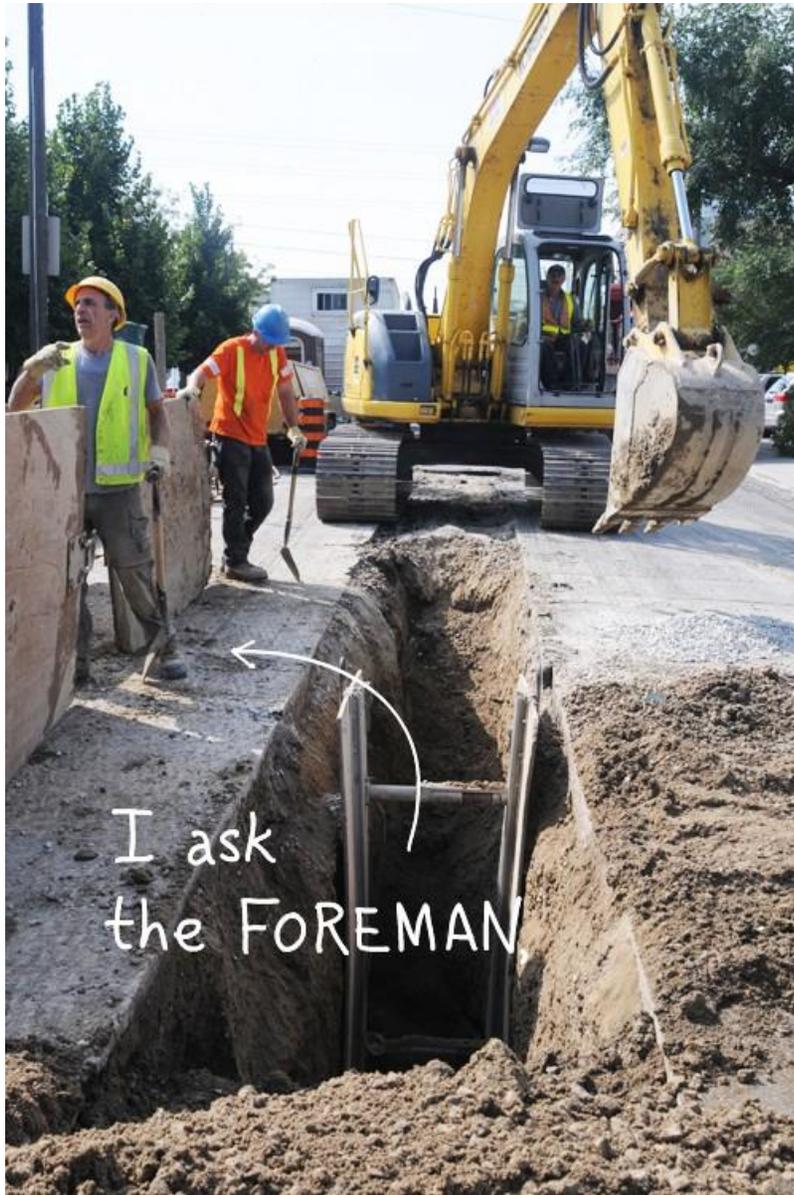
1. EXTREME STORMS
2. FLOODS
3. HEAT WAVES
4. POWER BLACKOUTS
5. WATER FAILURE
6. SEWER BACKUPS
7. INVASIVE INSECTS
8. FOOD SHORTAGES

etc., etc.,

But it's a MAMMOTH job



PLANNING?

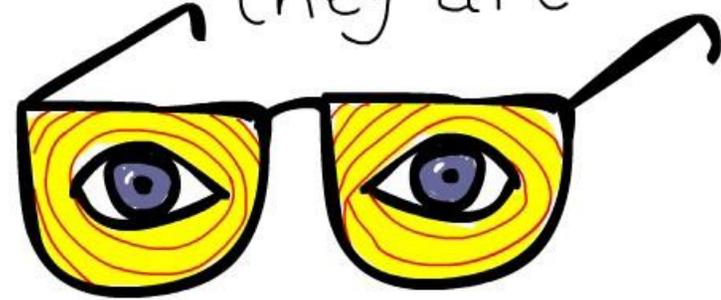


He can't say.
BUT, the NEW pipes
are NOT bigger.
Hmmm...





And I discover
they are



WORRIED too!

"In the last decade, Toronto has experienced more extreme heat, storms, floods and droughts as well as the invasion of damaging insects..." *Ahead of the Storm [April 2008]*

1 STORM
with a
GIANT
Price tag

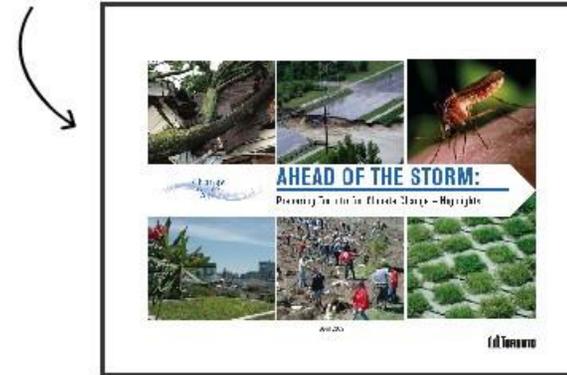
\$500M

caught their attention.



The August 2005 storm was the MOST EXPENSIVE in Toronto's history. A major road was wiped out. 4,200 homes were flooded (including ours). In total, there were \$500 MILLION in insured losses. The Insurance industry was NOT happy. The City had to take action...

The CITY drew up a
PLAN.

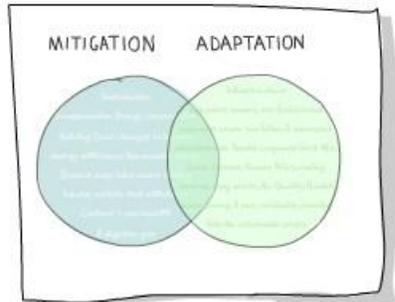


✓ STORMS ✓ FLOODS ✓ EXTREME HEAT
✓ DROUGHTS ✓ INSECTS

I'm THRILLED!

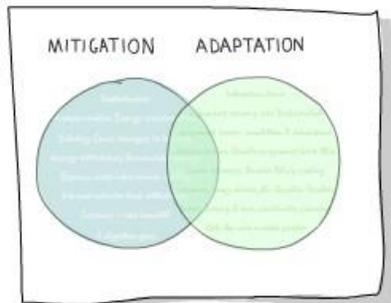


And when I read it,



Ooops!

And when I read it,



I see How we Fit into their PLAN.

When we SOLD our car in 2007, we were MITIGATING REDUCING our CO₂.



AND when we built a
PERMEABLE driveway,

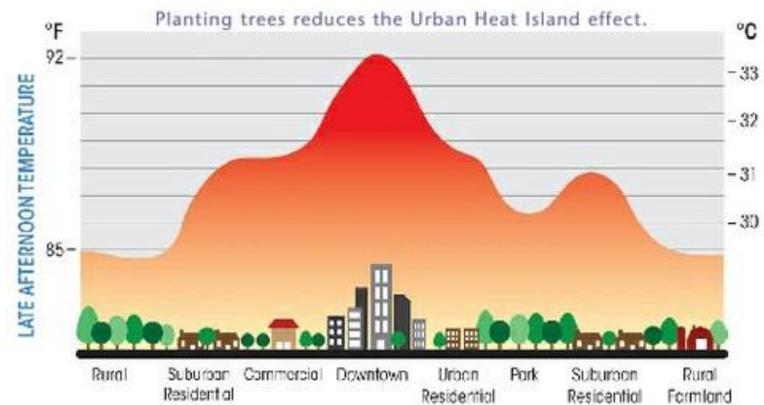


unknowingly, we were part of their
ADAPTATION plan
to reduce STORMWATER
runoff and FLOODS! 

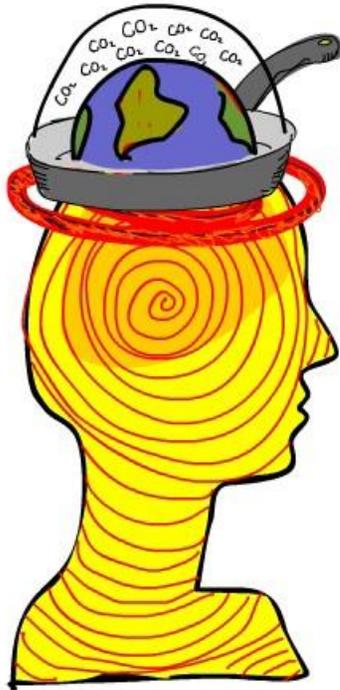
 Even the TREES we Planted
to provide SHADE,

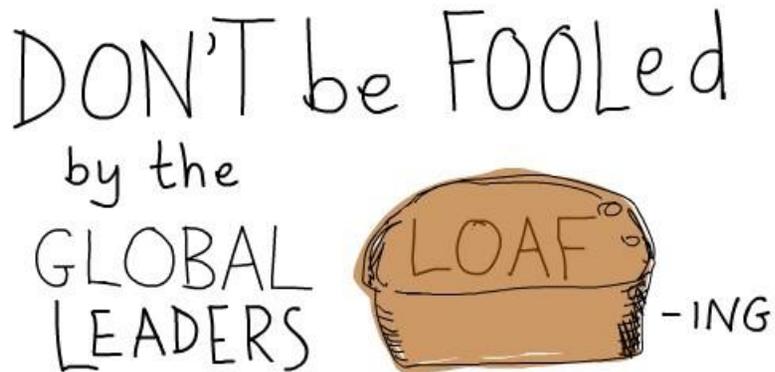
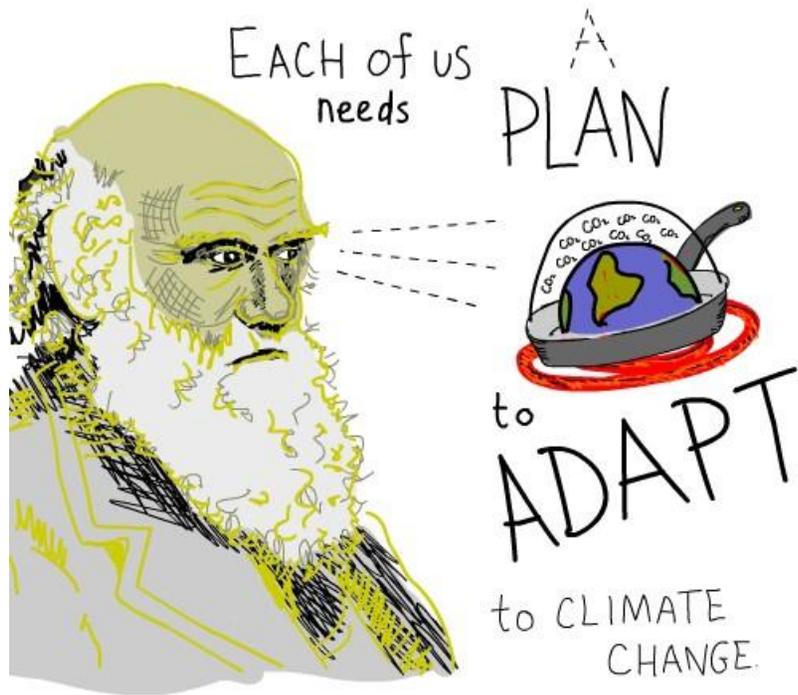


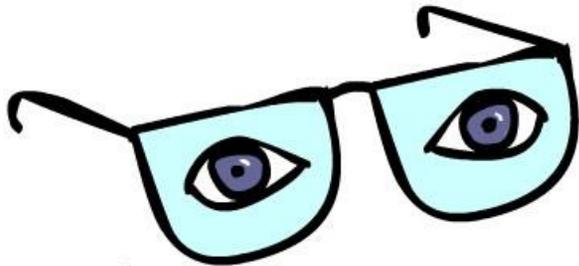
are in the City's ADAPTATION plan.



NOW it MAKES
SENSE
what ONE person can do.







You need your own
Mitigation + Adaptation PLAN.



Floods



Heat Waves



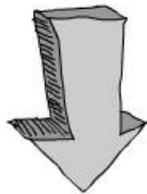
CO2



Droughts



Food shortages



How can YOU take action? What's YOUR plan?

1. **DOES YOUR CITY HAVE A PLAN?** Use Google to find out if your region has a Mitigation and Adaptation Plan for climate change, like Toronto and New York have. (And if they don't, then press your local politicians to develop one!)
2. **MAKE YOUR OWN PLAN.** Develop your own personal Mitigation and Adaptation Plan. There are many actions each of us can take to protect ourselves and our property from floods, heat waves, power shortages, water shortages... etc. See the Resources below for ideas such as this one from the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction: Handbook for Reducing Basement Flooding.
3. **TAP INTO ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORKS:** Get the ball rolling by participating in environmental action, or financially supporting, these environmental organizations and others:



[350](#)



[NRDC](#)



[greenpeaceusa](#)



[grist](#)

[1Sky](#)

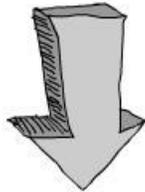


[Sierra Club](#)

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Millions of people
got to WORK on their
PLAN...



Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-PoOkvz6v8>

GET A LITTLE HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS:

- Take action in your community to build the future you want (not the one you fear).
- Connect with like-minded people. ([Twitter](#) can help to connect you.)

And together,
LET'S tell our LEADERS:



FRYING the PLANET

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