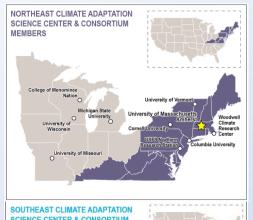


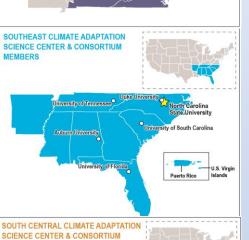
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**Program Highlights** 

# Climate Resilience Program









 Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center (NE CASC) <u>https://necasc.umass.edu/</u>

 Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center (SE CASC) <u>https://secasc.ncsu.edu/</u>

 South Central Climate Adaptation (SC CASC) <a href="https://southcentralclimate.org/">https://southcentralclimate.org/</a>

## Climate Resilience Program

USET-OERM Climate Change Resilience Program assists Tribal Nations with climate change adaptation planning and connecting with resources at regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASC) and other partners. We are funded by the BIA Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (BIA-TCRB).

#### What we do:

- Ensure CASC Adaptation Research aligns with Tribal Adaptation priorities
- Technical support for Climate Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptation Planning
- Workshops and retreats to support Tribal adaptation projects
- Forest Adaptation Technical Support

## **Upcoming Events**

- 2024 Tribal Climate Resilience Camp, June 10-14, Avila Retreat Center, Durham, North Carolina
  - 2024 USET Tribal Climate Resilience Camp United South & Eastern Tribes (usetinc.org)

# Climate Resilience in the USET Region



# Climate Resilience Program



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## **Lead Testing Program**

Established 1969

EPA 3T's for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child care Facilities was developed to help school and child-care facilities implement a voluntary program for reducing lead in drinking water.

#### What we do:

- Provide testing kits for drinking water
- Lead exposure education and training
- Water management action planning for lead contaminated water

## **Upcoming Events**

- Learning About Lead Exposure in Tribal Children 3-part Webinar Series
- April 4<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm CT
  - Lead Exposure in Tribal Children Series (smartsheet.com)



# **Lead Testing Program**

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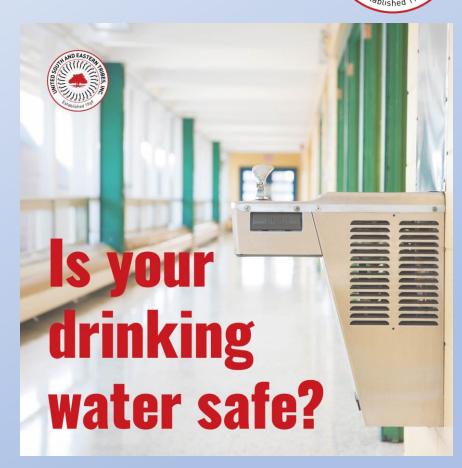
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Scan to request information about monitoring lead exposure





<u>Lead Testing Program – United South & Eastern</u> <u>Tribes (usetinc.org)</u>

## **Utilities Program**

- Cs/ablished \quad \quad
- Assists USET member Tribal Nations with their priorities to:
  - provide clean, safe, and adequate water to their communities
  - sustainable wastewater treatment
- Provides technical assistance and training to assist Tribal Utilities with:
  - building workforce capacity
  - compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act
  - support of infrastructure development

## **Utilities Program**



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Water and Wastewater Utilities – United South & Eastern Tribes (usetinc.org)

## Agriculture Program





## **Intertribal Foodways Summit**

July 30 – Aug 1

Hosted by Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

Seed saving, Native plant nurseries, River cane restoration, Basketry, Traditional cooking & foods, Maple sugaring, Farm tour, Clamming & more