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## Seeing climate adaptation through an equity lens: Lessons learned from community adaptation to flood risk

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Abstract ≡

In this article we describe the conceptual interactions between climate change adaptation and equity by analysing flooding adaptation strategies commonly used in the United States. We articulate the importance of an equity lens to support a more nuanced understanding of adaptation and inform adaptation strategy design that prioritizes equity as an outcome,

rather than an externality. We include an illustration of what adaptation 'looks' like when applying an equity lens. We underscore the importance of such a lens for creating effective and just climate adaptation.

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