

# **Skin of the Big Apple**

**Characterizing the Surface Heat Island  
of New York City  
&  
Integration with MM5 Climate Model**

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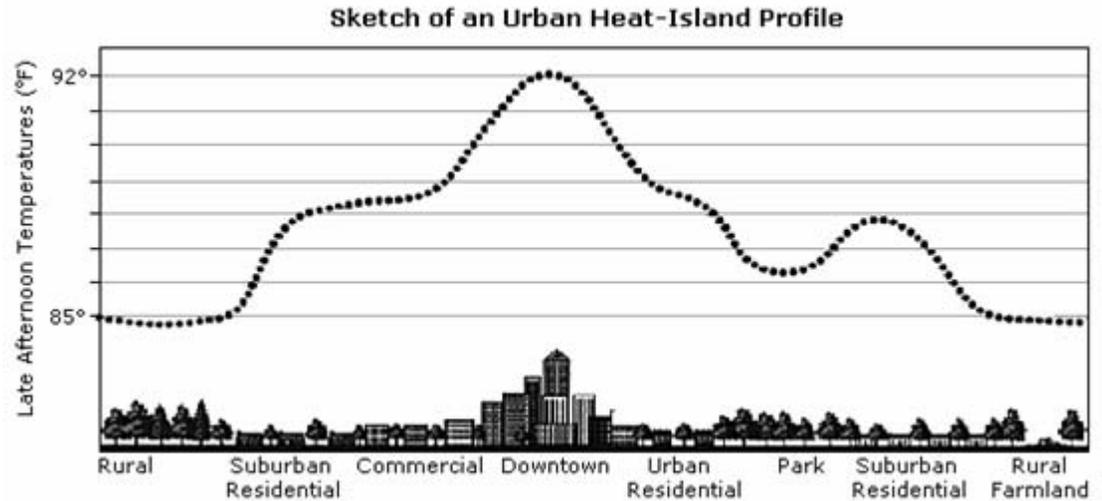
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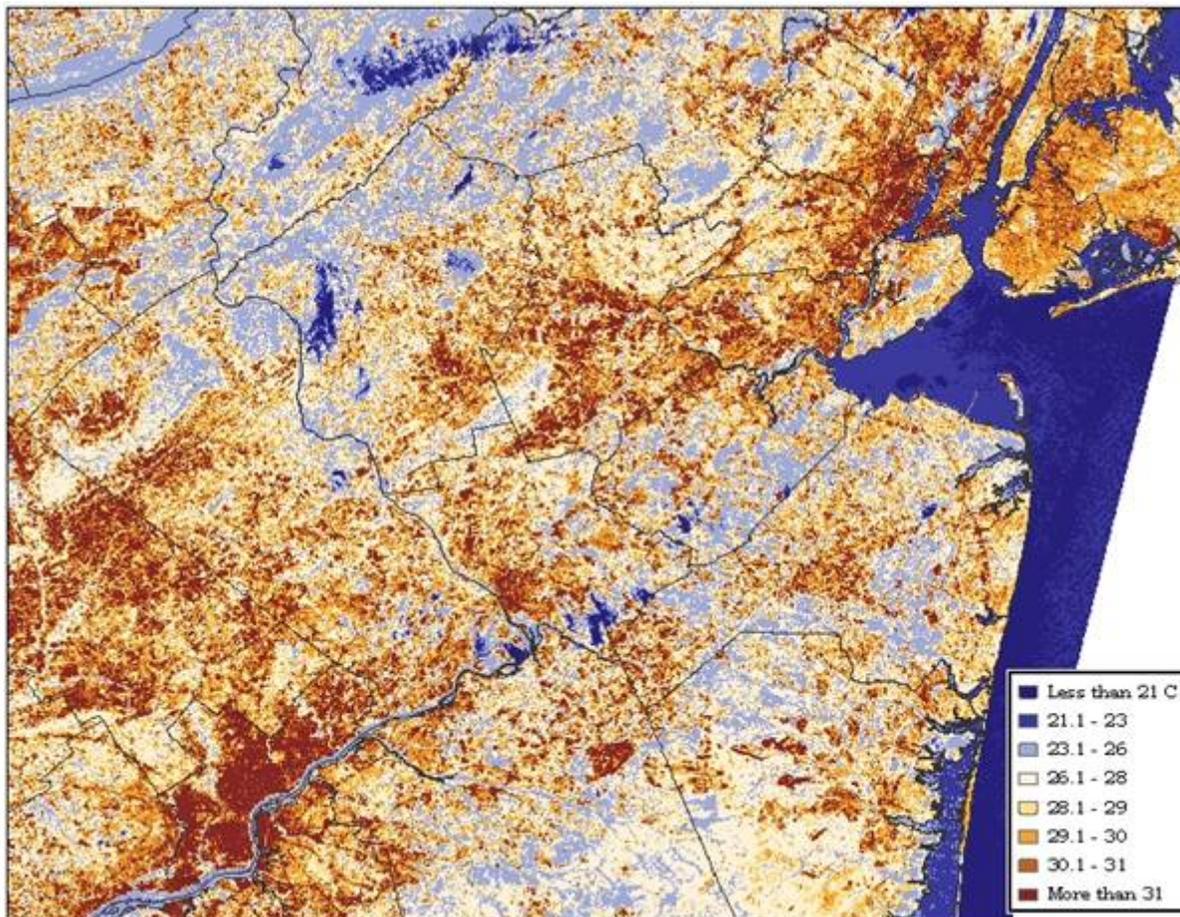
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- 1. Overview Surface Heat Island**
- 2. Variables for UHI Analysis**
- 3. Statistical Analysis**
- 4. Integration with MM5**
- 5. Scenario Development**



**Our objective is to define the statistical relationship between surface temperature and a set of potential explanatory variables within New York City.**



## Three Landsat ETM Images

July 22 2002

Aug 14 2002

Sept 08 2002

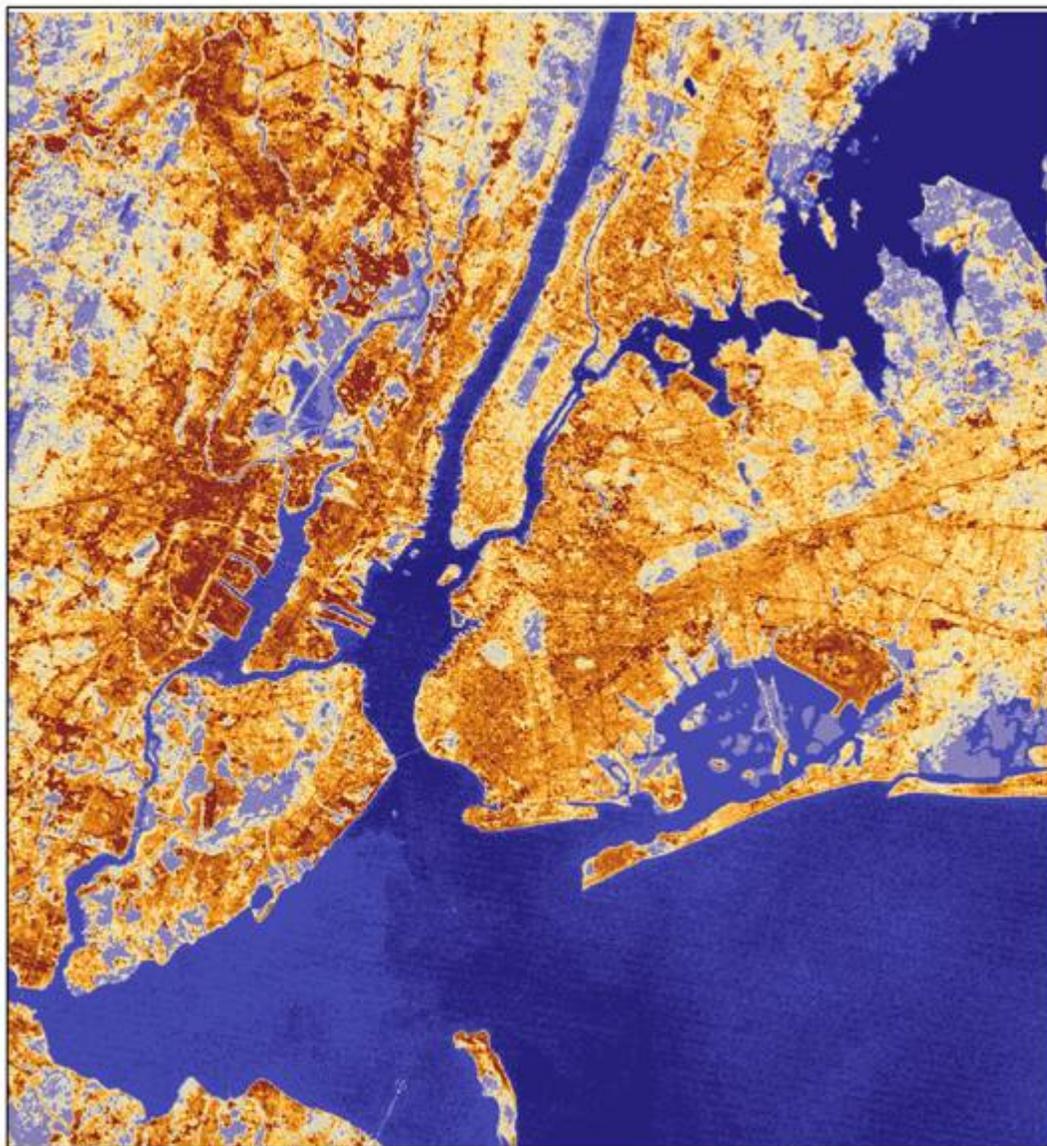
## One ASTER Image

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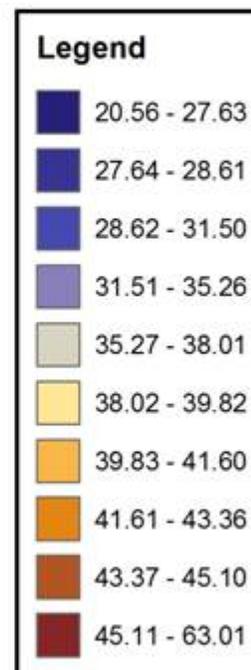
## One Day/Night MODIS Image

Sept 07 2002





**SURFACE TEMPERATURE**  
Landsat ETM  
July 22 2002  
10:30 AM



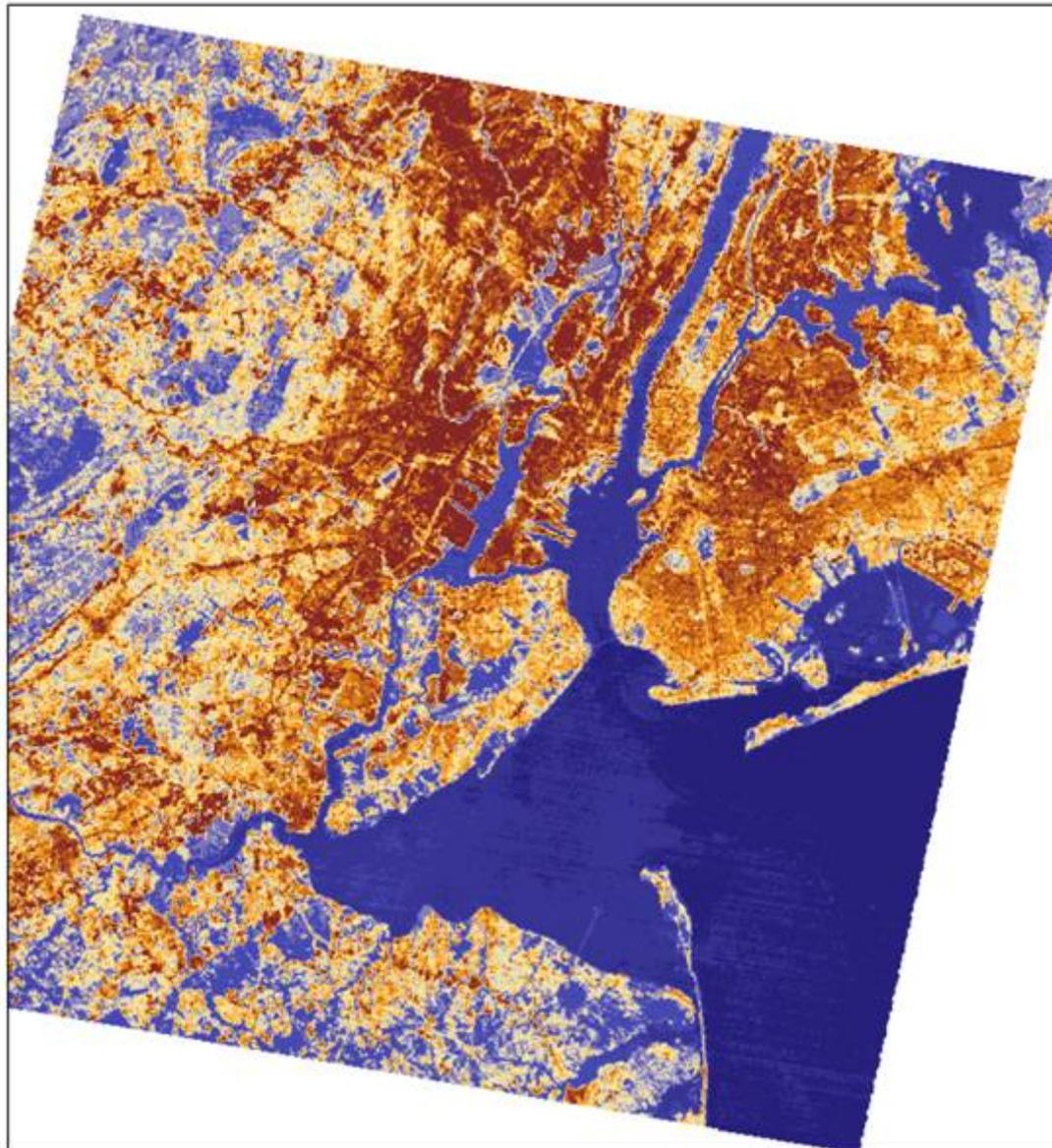


**SURFACE TEMPERATURE**  
Landsat ETM  
Sept 08 2002  
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**Legend**

	20.26 - 25.44
	25.45 - 26.17
	26.18 - 28.31
	28.32 - 31.11
	31.12 - 33.17
	33.18 - 34.53
	34.54 - 35.87
	35.88 - 37.20
	37.21 - 38.52
	38.53 - 52.26



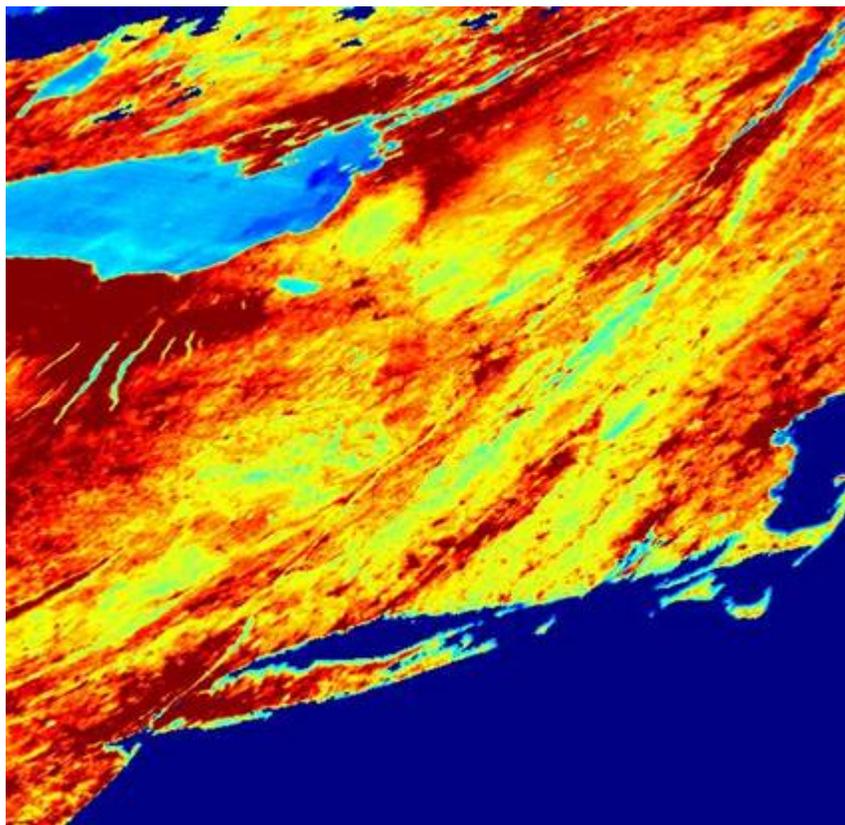


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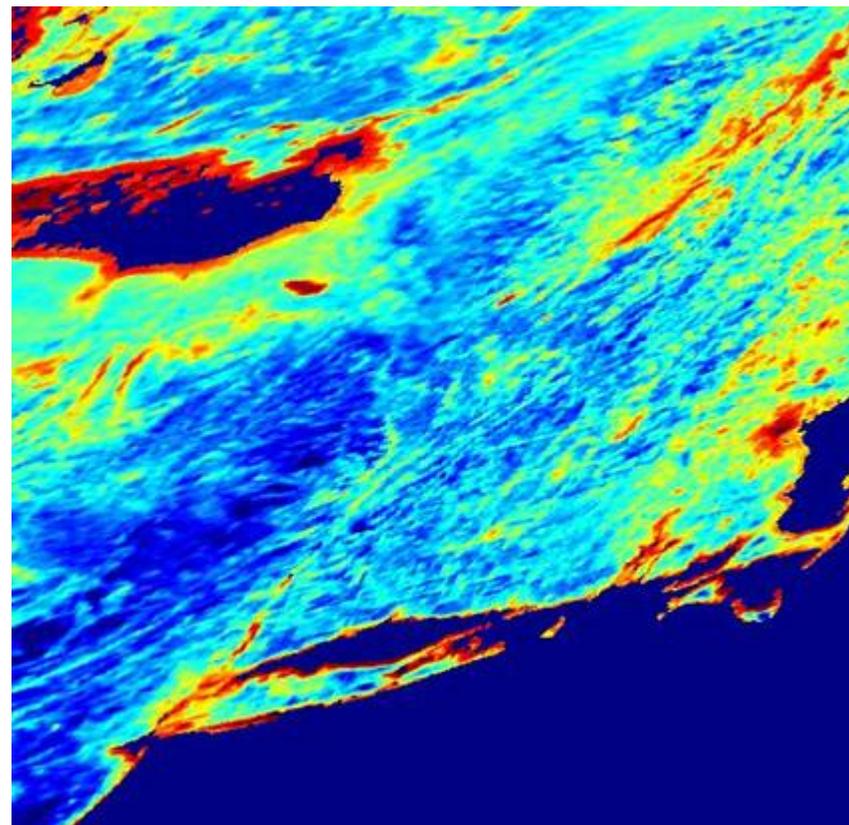
### Legend



## MODIS Daily 1km Day and Nighttime Surface Temperature



Sept 08 2002 10:30 Am



Sept 08 2002 1030pm

More Info : <http://edcdaac.usgs.gov/modis/mod11a1.asp>

Creation of a 250m by 250m GRID in GIS that compiles the following variables for New York City.

## **Surface Temperature (Independent Variable)**

1. Landsat ETM+, Band 6, 60m resolution, Celsius
2. ASTER, Band 10, 90m resolution, Celsius
3. MODIS, Level 3 LST, 1km resolution, Kelvin

## **Land Surface Conditions**

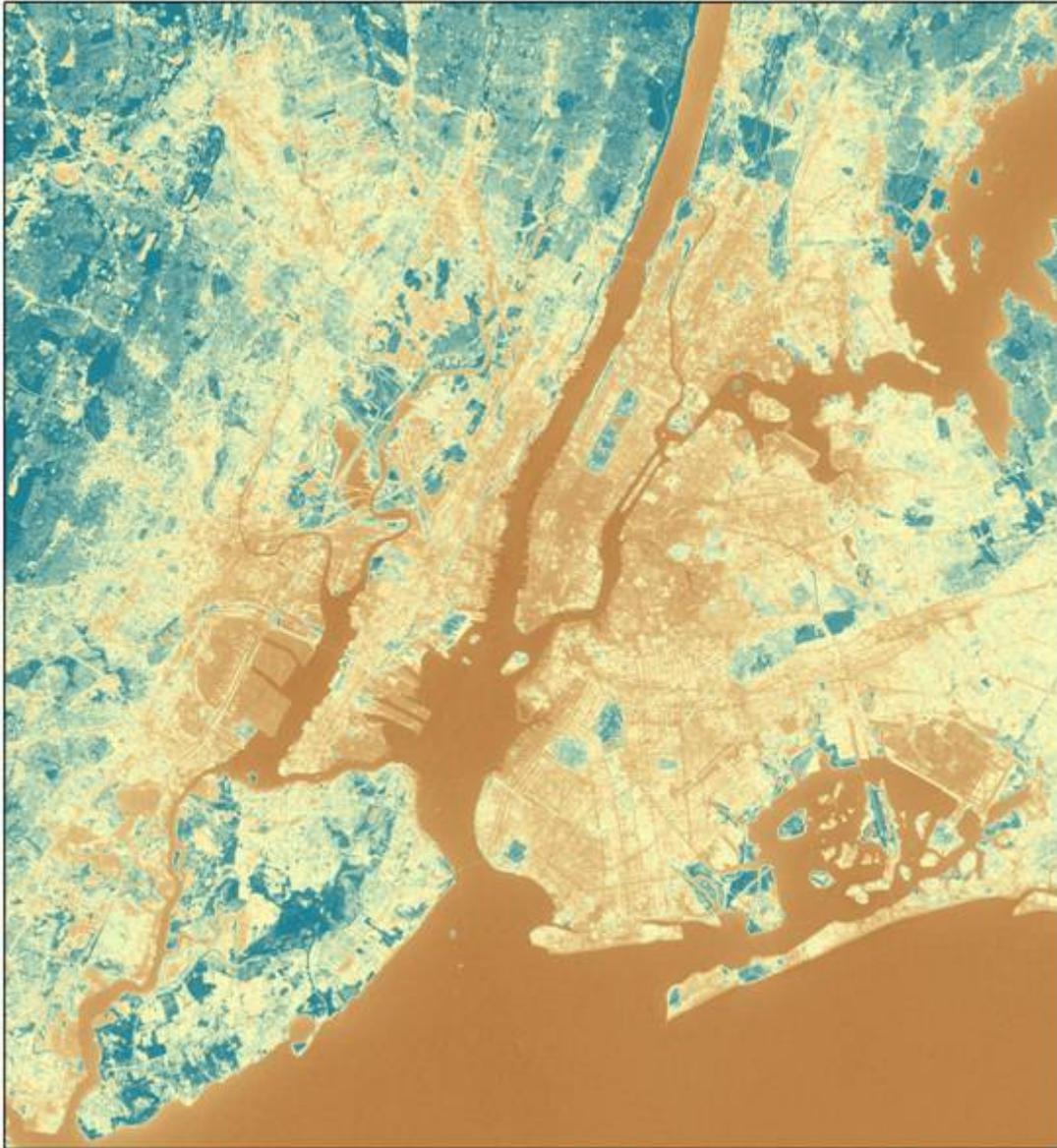
1. NDVI (each image)
2. Albedo Composite (Small, 2003)

## **Location and Geometry (Anthropogenic)**

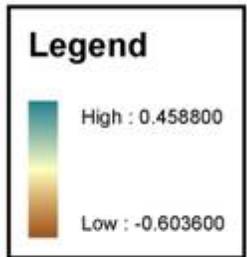
1. Building Square Footage
2. Year Structure Built
3. Building heights (number of stories)
4. Road Network Density / Intersection Density
5. Energy Constants for Buildings
6. Binary Variables - Distance to water body (meters) / Size of water body

## **Social**

1. Population Density (per square mile)

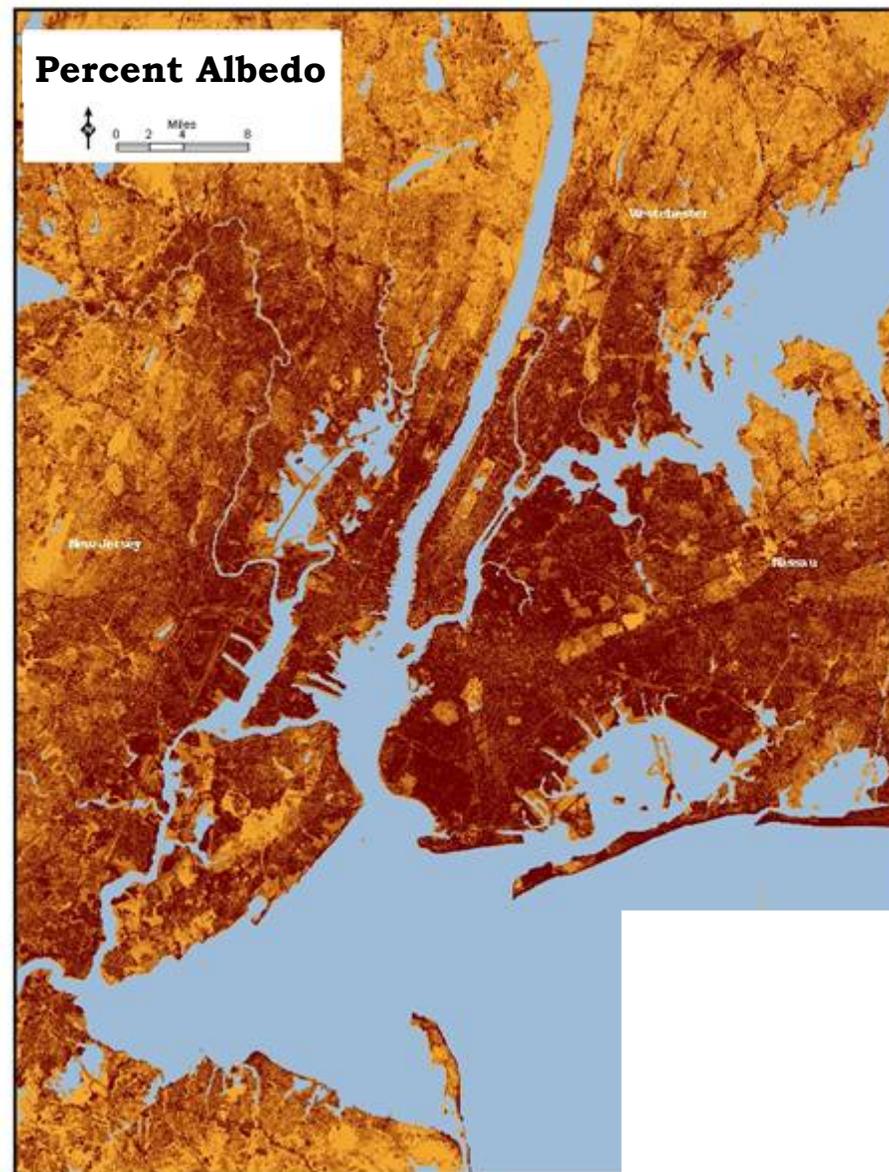
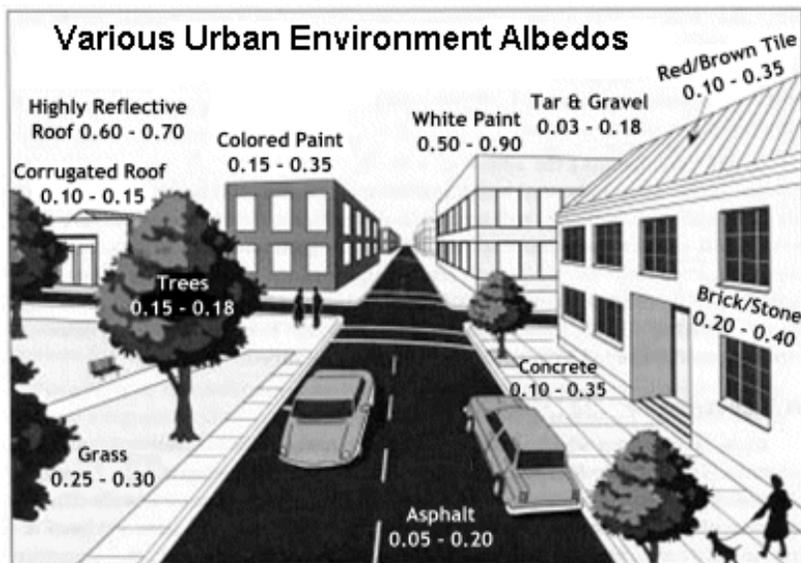


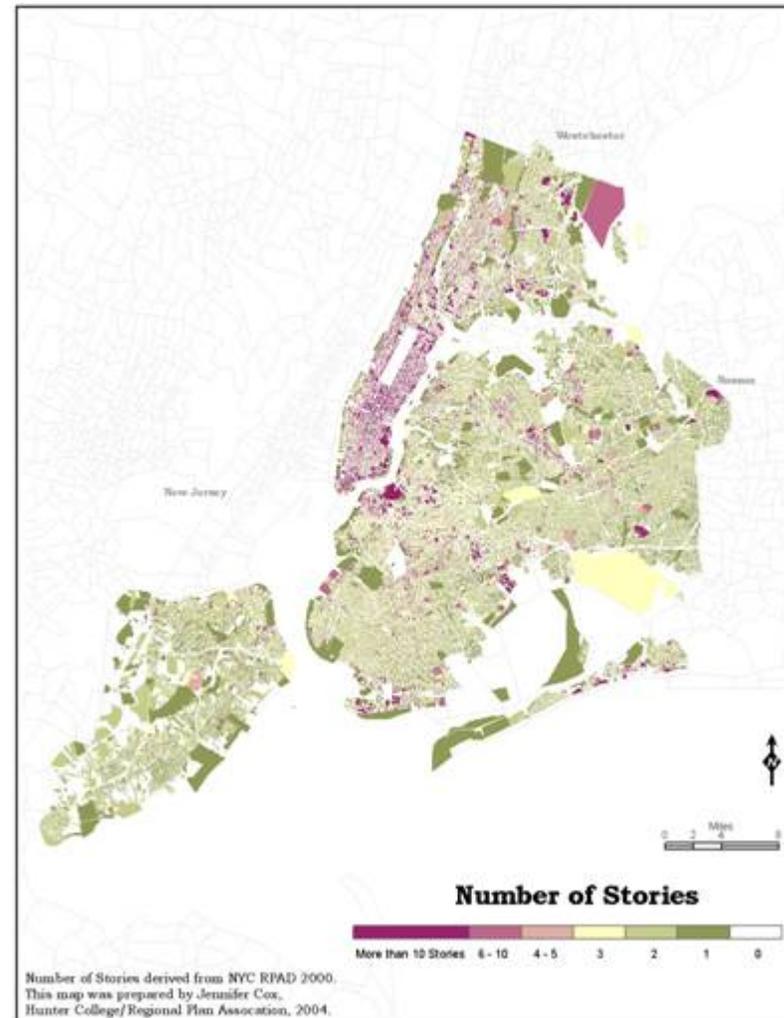
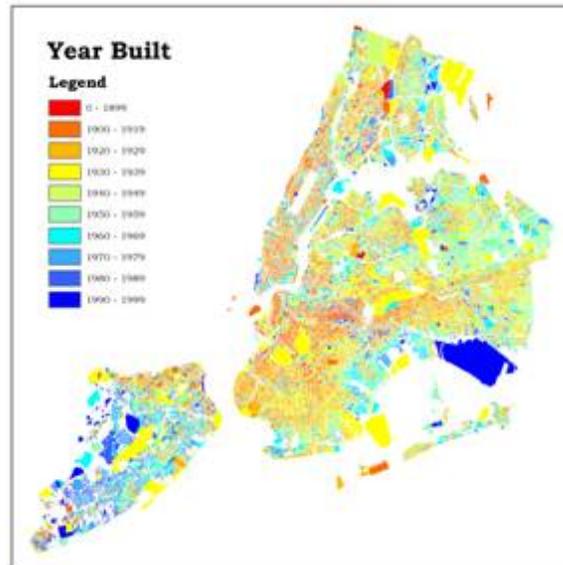
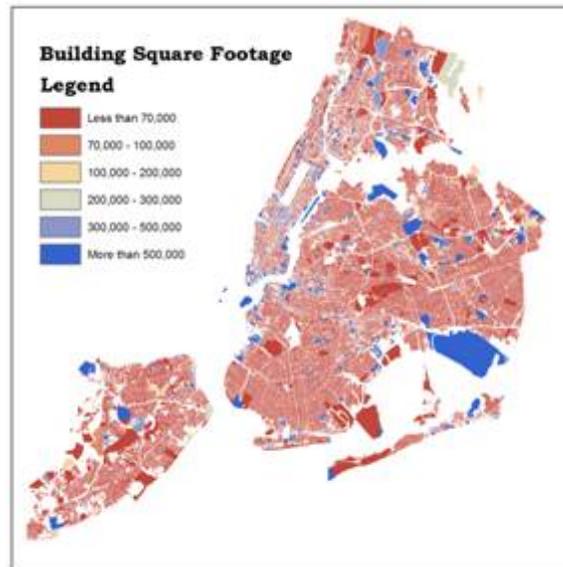
**NDVI**  
**Landsat ETM**  
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**10:30 AM**



# Albedo Composite with Vegetation

Landsat TM 7 Aug14, 2002 10:30 AM

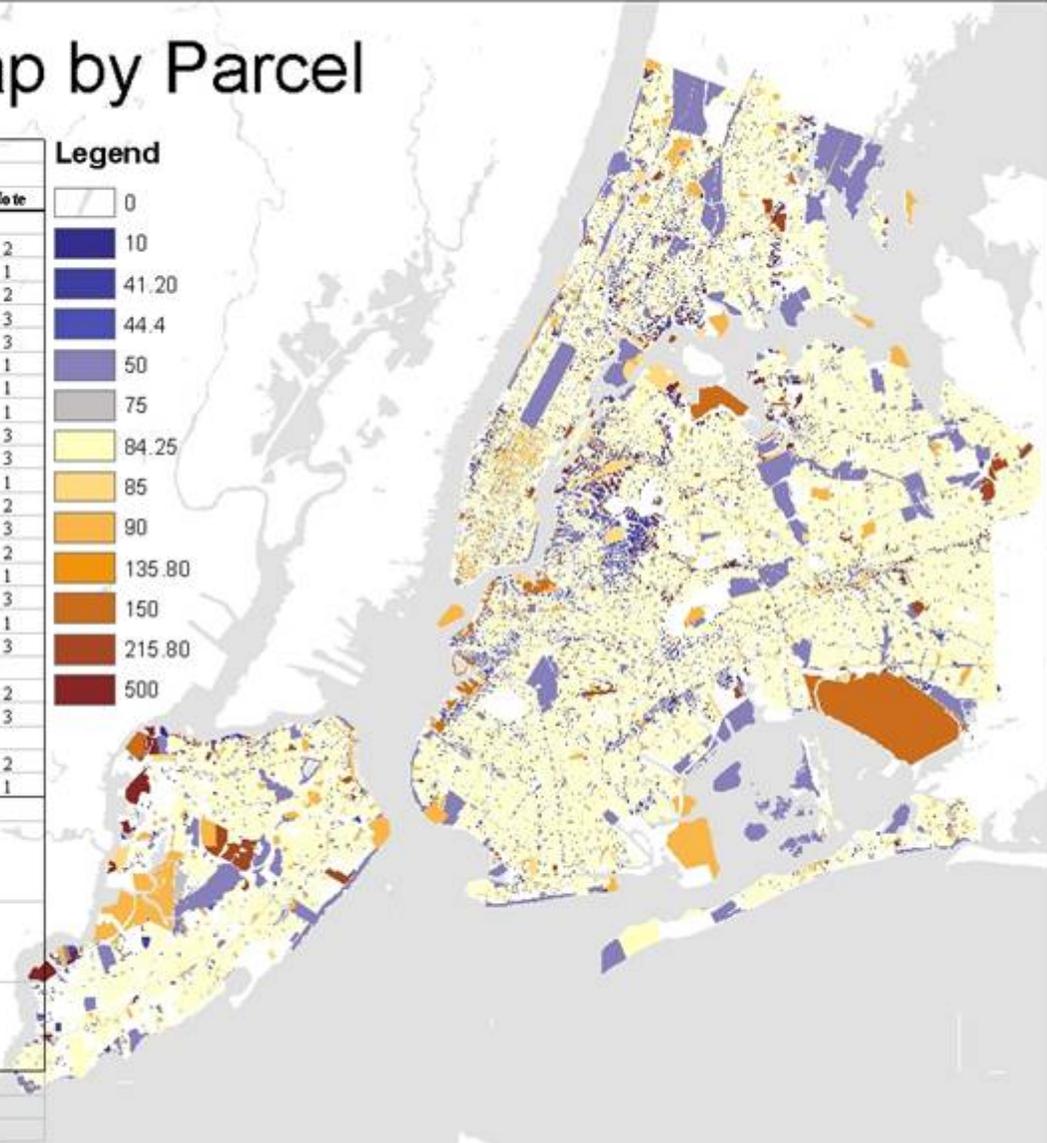
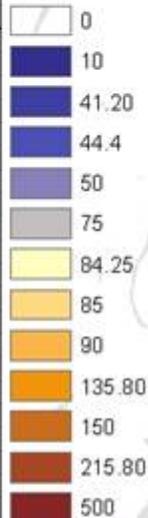




## Energy Map by Parcel

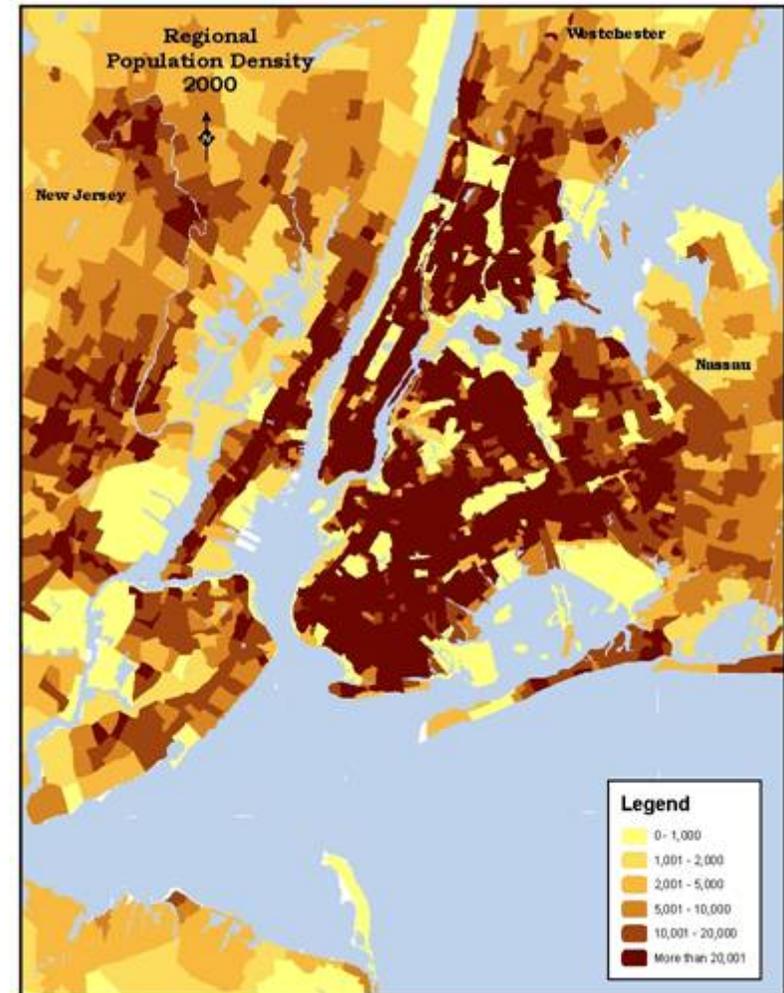
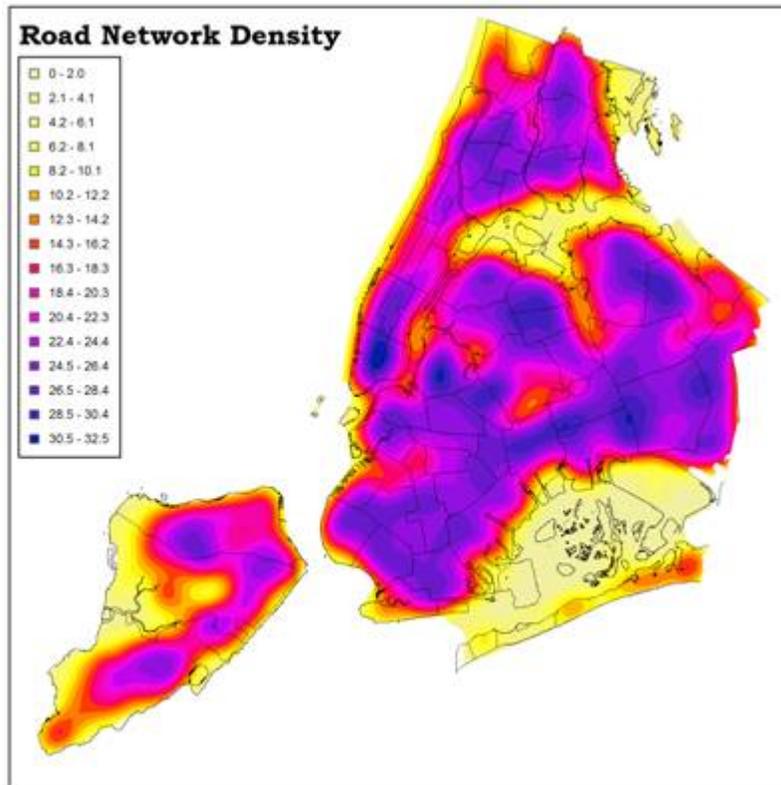
Building Type	Gross KBtu/ft <sup>2</sup>	
	Northeast	Note
Asylums and Homes	84.25	2
Educational Facilities	90.00	1
Elevator Apartments	84.25	2
Factories and Industrial Buildings	500.00	3
Garages and Gasoline Stations	10.00	3
Hospitals and Health Facilities	215.80	1
Hotels	135.80	1
Indoor Public Assembly and Cultural Facilities	104.40	1
Loft Buildings	90.00	3
Miscellaneous	90.00	3
Office Buildings	90.70	1
One Family Dwellings	84.25	2
Outdoor Recreational Facilities	50.00	3
Primarily Residential - Mixed Use	84.25	2
Religious Facilities	41.20	1
Selected Governmental Facilities	90.00	3
Store Buildings (Taxpayers Included)	75.00	1
Theatres	75.00	3
Transportation Facilities	150.00	
Two Family Dwellings	84.25	2
Utility Bureau Properties	85.00	3
Vacant Land	-	
Walk-Up Apartments	84.25	2
Warehouses	44.40	1

### Legend



#### Notes:

1. Values were obtained from US DOE Energy Information Administration 1999 Commercial Building Energy Consumption Survey for buildings in the Northeast.
2. Values were obtained from US DOE Energy Information Administration, Residential Energy for New York State 1997.
3. Values were estimated by SAIC based on other values obtained (in 1 and 2 above) and from past experience.

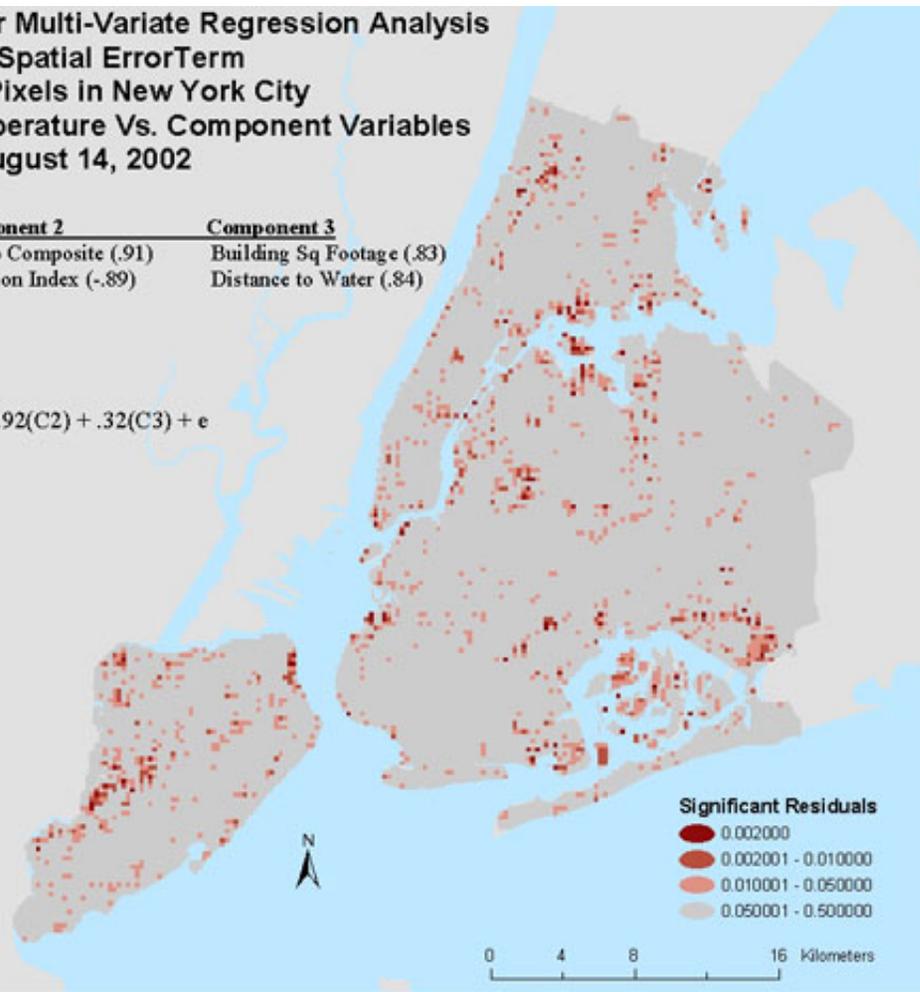
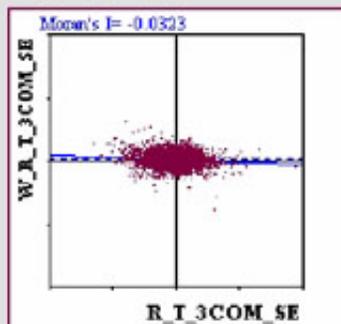


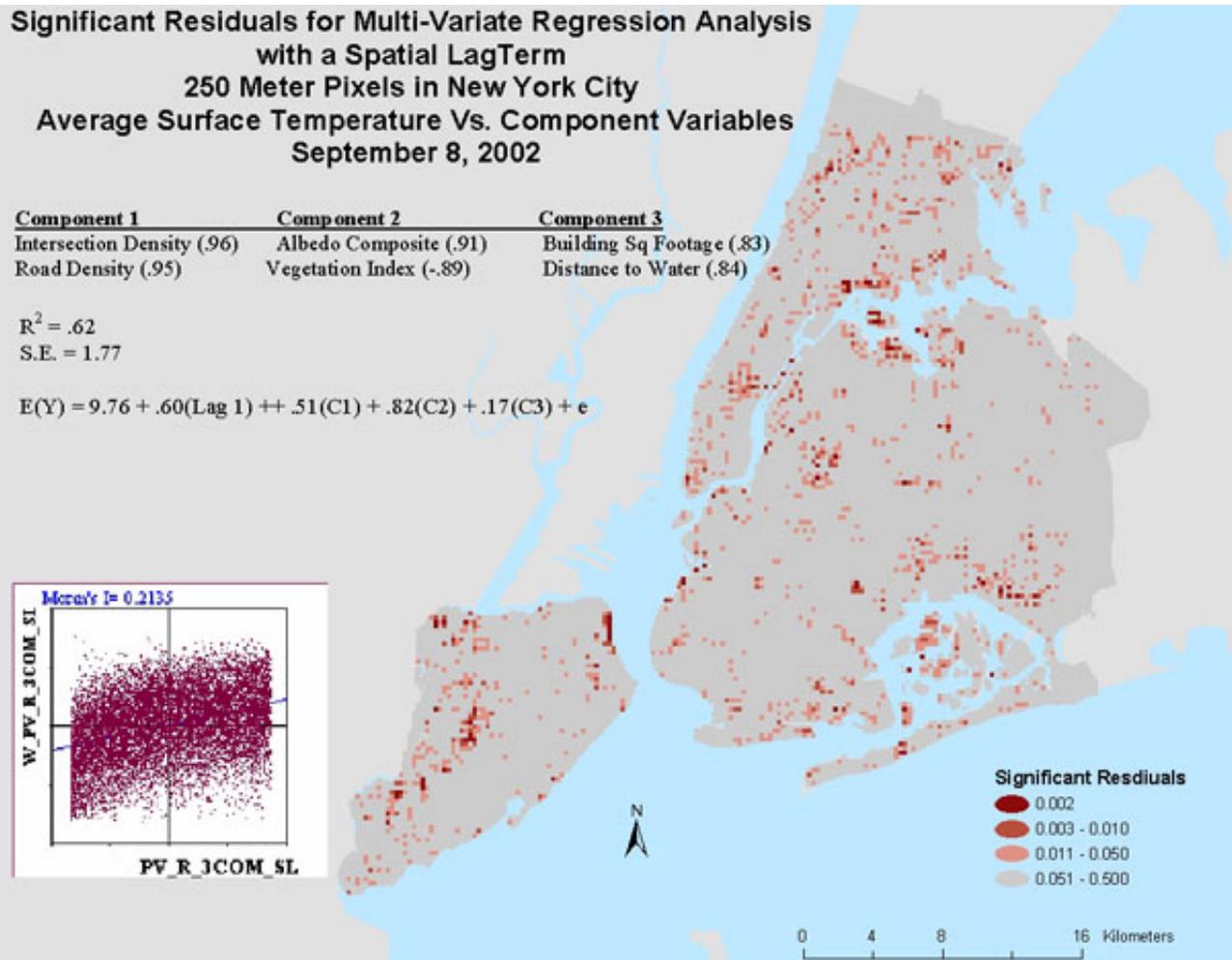
**Significant Residuals for Multi-Variate Regression Analysis  
with a Spatial ErrorTerm  
250 Meter Pixels in New York City  
Average Surface Temperature Vs. Component Variables  
August 14, 2002**

<u>Component 1</u>	<u>Component 2</u>	<u>Component 3</u>
Intersection Density (.96)	Albedo Composite (.91)	Building Sq Footage (.83)
Road Density (.95)	Vegetation Index (-.89)	Distance to Water (.84)

$R^2 = .59$   
S.E. = 1.41

$$E(Y) = 28.79 + .67A + .87(C1) + .92(C2) + .32(C3) + e$$



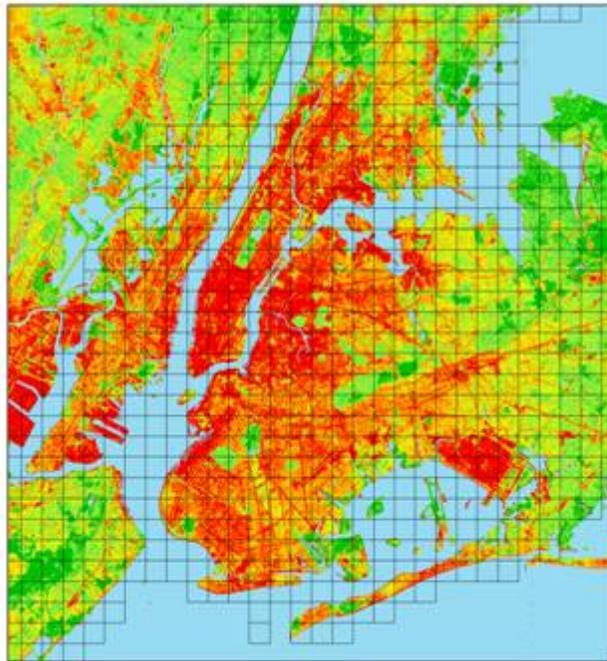


Downscaling the MM5 Model 4km to 1km

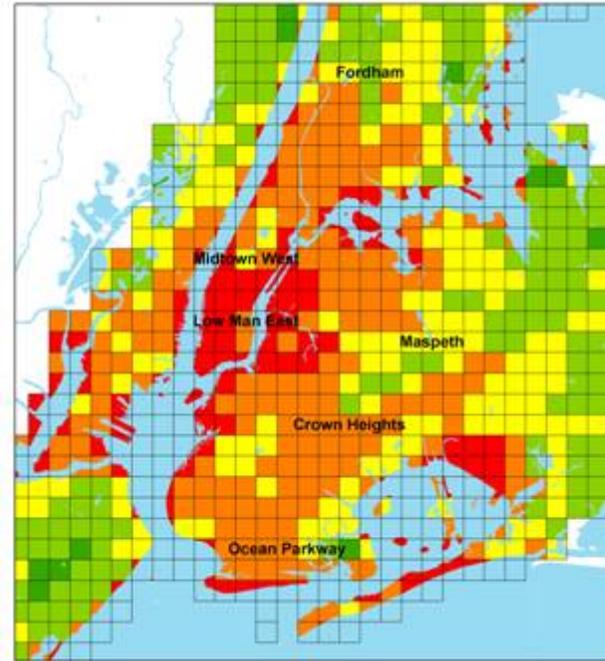
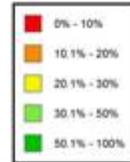
Analysis of Surface and Atmospheric  
Urban Heat Island through Weather Station Data

Case Study Development for MM5 Modeling  
and Surface UHI Characterization

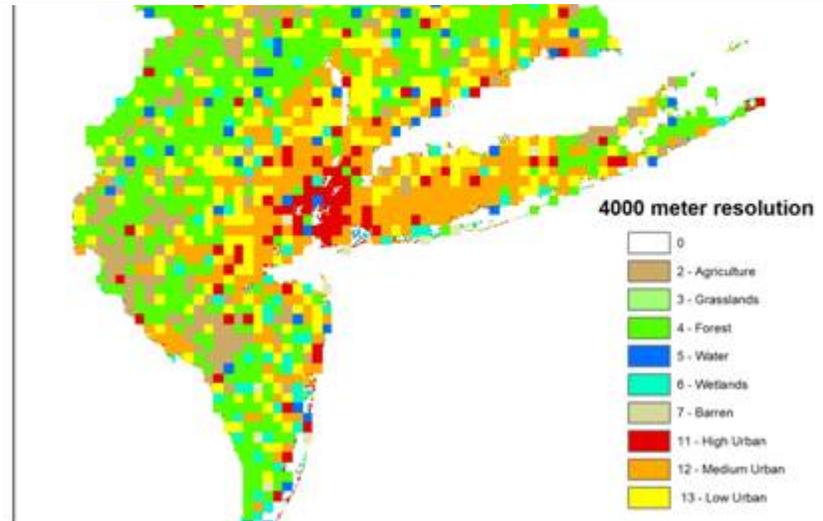
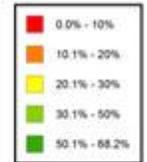
Development of 4 Mitigation Scenarios

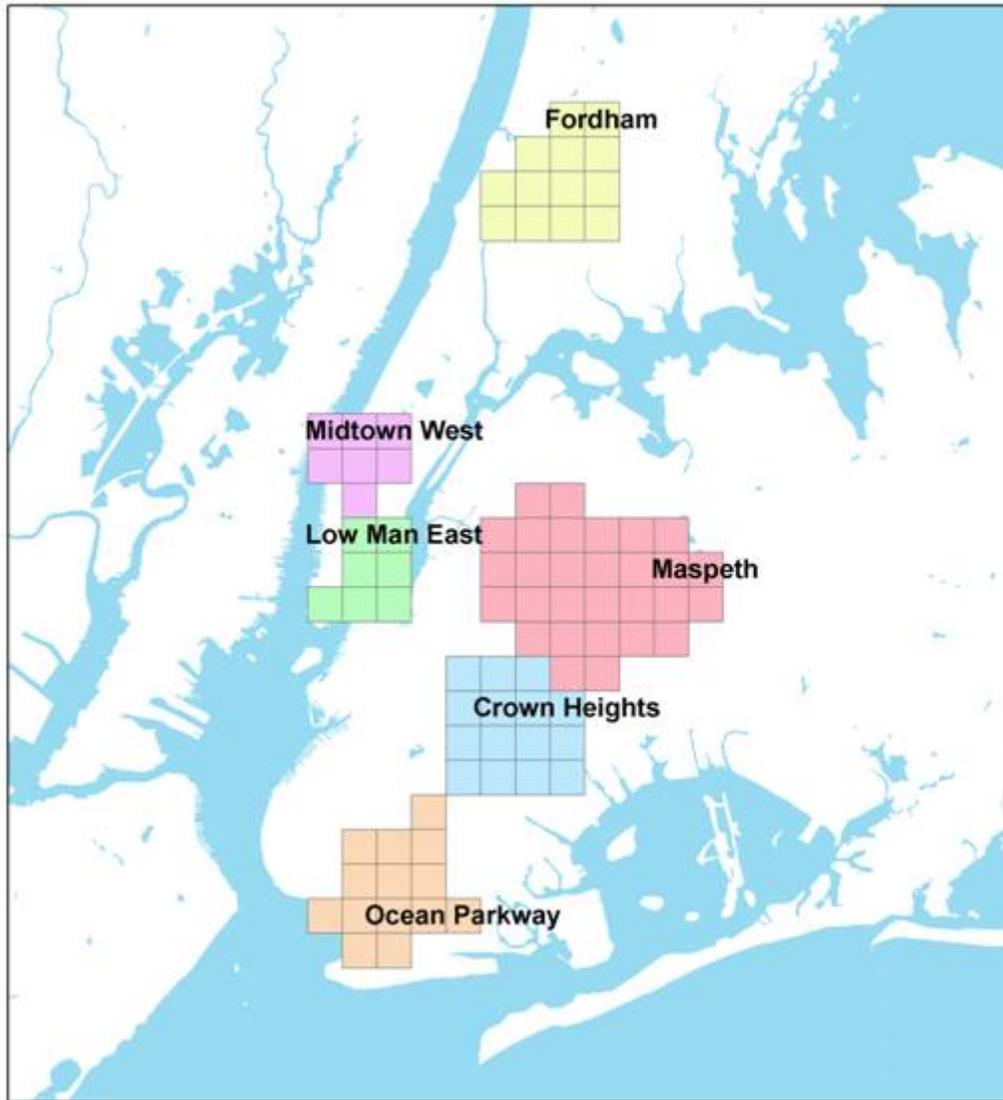


30 Meter Vegetation Fraction Data



1 Km Vegetation Fraction Data





## Case Studies

### Local Surface Heat Island & MM5 Modeling

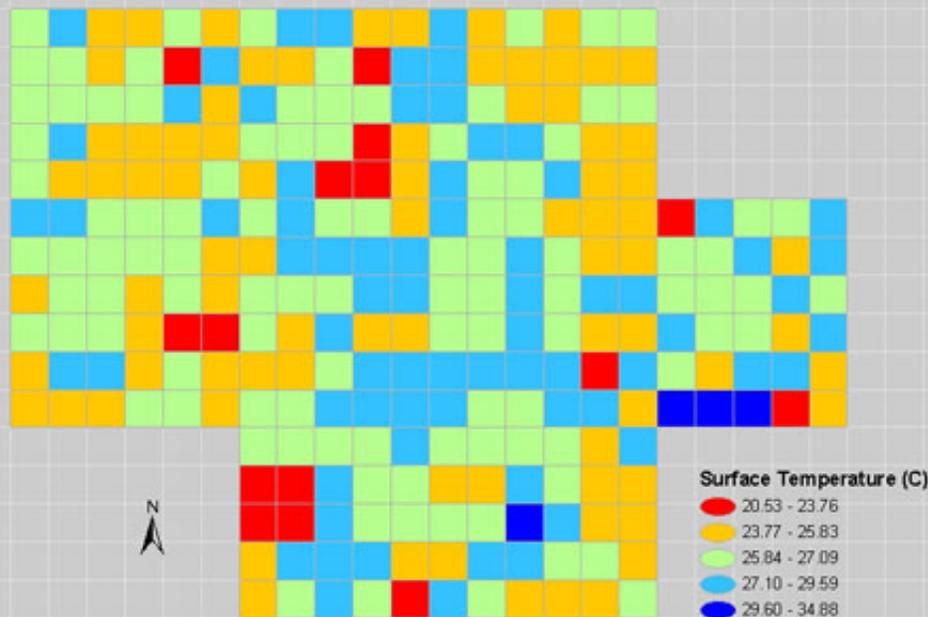
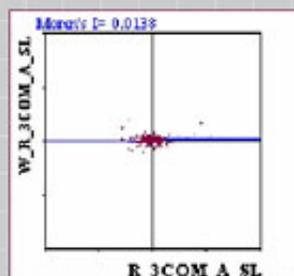


## Surface Temperature by 250 Meter Pixels in Crown Heights Study Area and Results of Multi-Variate Regression Analysis with a Spatial Lag Term Average Surface Temperature Vs. Component Variables September 8, 2002

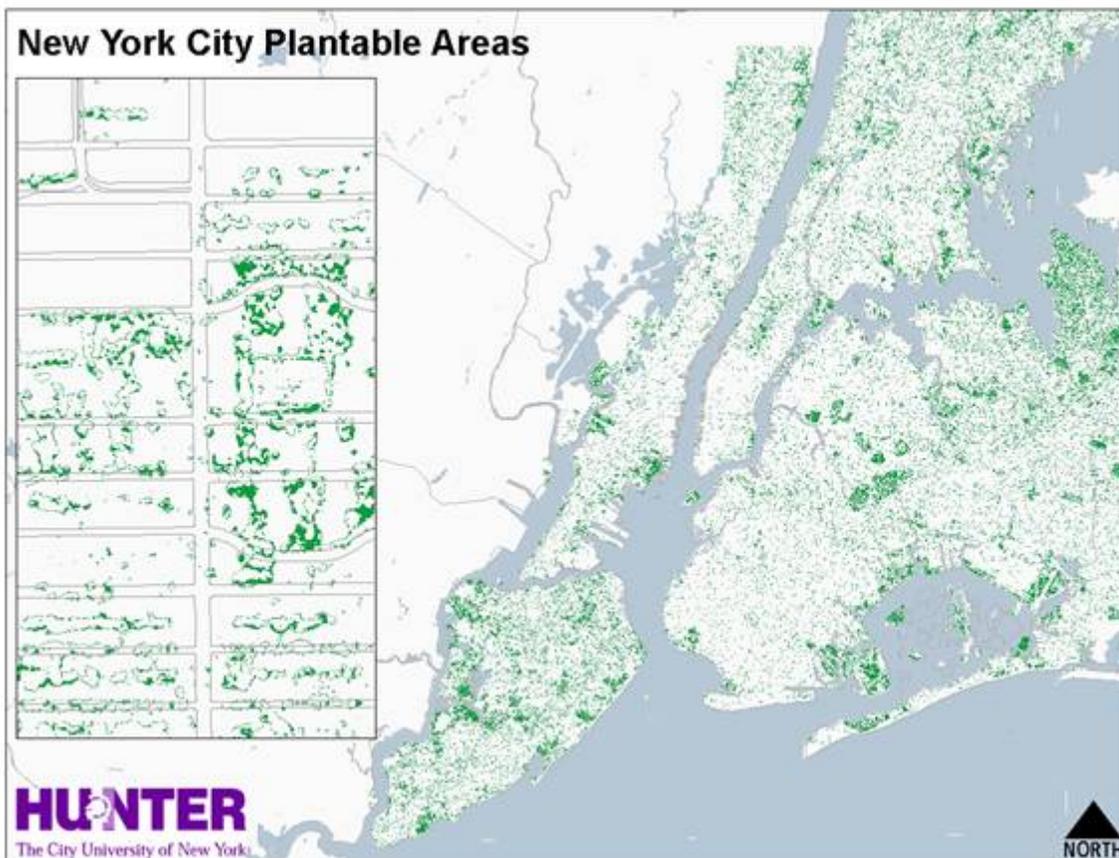
Component 1	Component 2	Component 3
Intersection Density (.94)	Albedo Composite (.91)	Building Sq Footage (.86)
Road Density (.93)	Vegetation Index (-.91)	Energy Use (.86)

$$E(Y) = 12.95 + .51(\text{Lag } 1) + .04(C1) + .29(C2) - .04(C3) + e$$

$R^2 = .18$   
S.E. = 1.47



- 1. Planting Trees**
- 2. Green/Living Roofs**
- 3. Surface Albedo Changes**
- 4. Anthropogenic**



**. Surface Conditions such as Vegetation Index and Albedo that are derived directly from satellite imagery have been highly correlated at multiple scales of UHI Analysis. Regionally they are often the key variables, However at local scales, the analysis uncovered other variables such as Street Network Density and Building Square Footage play a larger role in the variation of the surface UHI effect across the landscape.**

- . Clearly define the Regression Equations for NYC as whole and our six case studies**
- . Continue the analysis of variables at differing Scales**
- . Incorporation of MODIS data to Review Night time UHI conditions**

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