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Climate Change Reshapes Cities, Both Environmentally and Financially.

In thousands of U.S. towns and cities, worsening climate threats — largely due to fossil fuels — trap cities in a paradox.

Big cities like Houston and Tampa, Fla., and smaller ones like Port Arthur, Texas, and New Bedford, Mass., require proactive, ambitious investment to survive rising seas and temperatures.

But just as adaptation becomes urgent, climate change is undermining the financial and built infrastructure needed for such changes, risking a financial death spiral for communities housing tens of millions of Americans.

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