

APPENDIX B:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SURVEY RESULTS

This section of the Plan includes a general summary of the results and findings of the *Public Participation Survey*, along with a copy of the survey instrument used to collect the data during the 2009 plan update process. A total of 75 persons responded to the survey during the update of Catawba County's multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, and the results provided an added measure of public input during the local planning process.

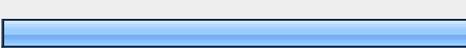
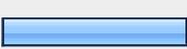
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What city/town do you live in?		
		Response Count
		75
		answered question 75
		skipped question 0

Response Text		
1	Hickory, Newton NC	May 14, 2009 3:25 PM
2	Newton	May 14, 2009 4:28 PM
3	Newton	May 14, 2009 6:17 PM
4	Conover	May 15, 2009 11:29 AM
5	Plateau/Vale	May 15, 2009 2:47 PM
6	Hickory	May 18, 2009 1:28 PM
7	Newton	May 18, 2009 1:33 PM
8	Newton	May 18, 2009 2:50 PM
9	Catawba County	May 19, 2009 1:58 PM
10	Hickory	May 20, 2009 1:30 AM
11	Hickory	May 20, 2009 12:47 PM
12	hickory	May 22, 2009 11:15 AM
13	Newton	May 22, 2009 11:38 AM
14	HICKORY	May 22, 2009 12:25 PM
15	Mountain View	May 22, 2009 2:26 PM
16	I live in the county	May 22, 2009 5:32 PM
17	Maiden	May 22, 2009 5:37 PM
18	Maiden	May 24, 2009 8:20 PM
19	Hickory	May 25, 2009 1:12 PM
20	Conover	May 26, 2009 2:10 PM
21	Maiden	May 26, 2009 3:09 PM
22	Terrell	May 26, 2009 8:33 PM
23	Conover	May 26, 2009 9:02 PM
24	Hickory	May 27, 2009 2:45 PM
25	Newton	May 27, 2009 6:14 PM
26	Conover,NC	May 27, 2009 8:27 PM
27	sherrills ford	May 29, 2009 8:09 PM
28	Conover	Jun 1, 2009 12:33 PM
29	Maiden	Jun 1, 2009 9:36 PM
30	Hickory	Jun 1, 2009 9:38 PM
31	Newton	Jun 1, 2009 9:40 PM
32	Catawba	Jun 2, 2009 2:15 PM

Response Text		
33	Conover	Jun 3, 2009 12:48 AM
34	Newton, nc	Jun 3, 2009 5:17 PM
35	maiden	Jun 10, 2009 5:33 PM
36	Maiden	Jun 30, 2009 5:04 PM
37	Maiden	Jul 4, 2009 2:48 AM
38	maiden	Jul 4, 2009 1:47 PM
39	Maiden	Jul 6, 2009 7:27 PM
40	maiden	Jul 7, 2009 1:11 PM
41	maiden	Jul 7, 2009 1:12 PM
42	maiden	Jul 7, 2009 1:12 PM
43	maiden	Jul 7, 2009 1:12 PM
44	Maiden	Jul 16, 2009 2:12 PM
45	Maiden	Jul 20, 2009 3:21 PM
46	Newton	Jul 20, 2009 3:24 PM
47	Maiden	Jul 20, 2009 7:16 PM
48	Newton	Jul 20, 2009 7:21 PM
49	Newton	Jul 21, 2009 6:30 PM
50	Newton	Jul 21, 2009 6:42 PM
51	Conover	Jul 21, 2009 6:47 PM
52	Newton	Jul 21, 2009 6:49 PM
53	Newton	Jul 21, 2009 6:52 PM
54	Newton	Jul 21, 2009 6:55 PM
55	Conover	Jul 21, 2009 7:03 PM
56	Newton	Jul 22, 2009 3:14 PM
57	sherrills ford	Jul 24, 2009 12:13 PM
58	Hickory	Jul 24, 2009 4:43 PM
59	maiden,nc	Jul 25, 2009 5:15 AM
60	maiden	Jul 27, 2009 2:57 PM
61	newton	Jul 29, 2009 12:45 AM
62	Claremont	Jul 31, 2009 8:48 PM
63	Hickory	Aug 4, 2009 5:39 PM
64	Newton	Aug 11, 2009 3:04 AM
65	Conover	Aug 11, 2009 11:29 AM
66	Hickory	Aug 13, 2009 2:43 PM
67	Hickory	Aug 13, 2009 2:46 PM
68	Claremont	Aug 14, 2009 12:29 AM
69	Hickory	Aug 14, 2009 8:41 PM
70	maiden	Sep 3, 2009 12:13 PM
71	Maiden	Sep 10, 2009 2:25 PM
72	Catawba	Sep 10, 2009 2:36 PM
73	CATAWBA	Sep 10, 2009 4:57 PM
74	HICKORY NC	Sep 10, 2009 6:29 PM
75	newton	Sep 11, 2009 2:21 AM

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Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a disaster?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			72.0%	54
No			28.0%	21
			<i>answered question</i>	75
			<i>skipped question</i>	0

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How concerned are you about the possibility of our community being impacted by a disaster?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely concerned		18.7%	14
Somewhat concerned		74.7%	56
Not concerned		6.7%	5
		<i>answered question</i>	75
		<i>skipped question</i>	0

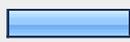
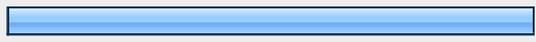
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Please select the one hazard you think is the highest threat to your neighborhood:				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Dam Failure			1.4%	1
Drought			9.5%	7
Earthquake			0.0%	0
Erosion			0.0%	0
Extreme Heat			5.4%	4
Flood			5.4%	4
Hail			1.4%	1
Hazardous Materials			4.1%	3
Hurricane			5.4%	4
Land Subsidence			0.0%	0
Landslide			0.0%	0
Lightning			0.0%	0
Major Urban Fire			0.0%	0
Severe Winter Storm			20.3%	15
Terrorism			1.4%	1
Tornado/Wind Storm			44.6%	33
Wildland Fire			1.4%	1
Other (please explain)				7
			answered question	74
			skipped question	1

Other (please explain)		
1	actually any of the above	May 14, 2009 3:25 PM
2	Pandemic illness is more likely statistically	May 15, 2009 11:29 AM

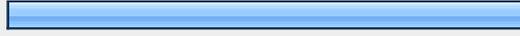
Other (please explain)		
3	threats to our food and water supply	May 18, 2009 1:28 PM
4	Air Pollution	May 18, 2009 2:50 PM
5	Ice	Jul 20, 2009 3:24 PM
6	Severe winter storm, hazardous materials, hail, extreme heat	Jul 21, 2009 6:42 PM
7	power outages, the elderly, roads cleared for emergencies	Jul 27, 2009 2:57 PM

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Is there another hazard not listed above that you think is wide-scale threat to your neighborhood?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			18.8%	12
No			81.3%	52
If yes, please explain				13
			answered question	64
			skipped question	11

If yes, please explain		
1	Weather -related issues - way too much rain, way too little rain; too much snow, - lightning	May 14, 2009 4:28 PM
2	Civil Disturbance	May 14, 2009 6:17 PM
3	Power grid failure or loss of power, natural or man-made	May 15, 2009 11:29 AM
4	Water Run-off	May 18, 2009 2:50 PM
5	Pandemic	May 20, 2009 1:30 AM
6	DROUGHT - NO WATER, NO FOOD, NO LIFE.	May 22, 2009 12:25 PM
7	Railroad disaster with hazardous materials - we are near the railroad tracks	May 26, 2009 2:10 PM
8	Radiological	Jun 1, 2009 9:38 PM
9	loss of water quality due to toxins/chemicals in water	Jun 3, 2009 5:17 PM
10	lack of water	Jul 20, 2009 3:24 PM
11	Mcguire blowing up.	Jul 24, 2009 4:43 PM
12	Developers, look at Lake Norman and how developers have no regard for the enviroment.	Aug 13, 2009 2:43 PM
13	Hazardous materials being transported either by train or by truck and an accident occurs	Aug 14, 2009 8:41 PM

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Is your home located in a floodplain?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			6.8%	5
No			79.7%	59
I don't know			13.5%	10
	<i>answered question</i>			74
	<i>skipped question</i>			1

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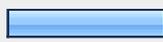
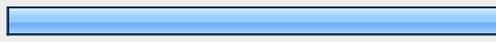
Do you have Flood Insurance?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>		5.3%	4
No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		86.7%	65
I don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>		8.0%	6
			<i>answered question</i>	75
			<i>skipped question</i>	0

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If you answered "No" to question 8, why not?			Response Percent	Response Count
Not located in Floodplain			61.0%	36
Too expensive			8.5%	5
Not necessary because it never floods			3.4%	2
Not necessary because I'm elevated or otherwise protected			18.6%	11
Never really considered it			8.5%	5
Other (please explain)				7
			answered question	59
			skipped question	16

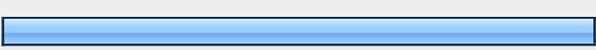
Other (please explain)		
1	Insurance states that both lots adjacent to yours must be flooded for them to pay, and due to the slope of my yard (and others) this probably wont happen.	May 14, 2009 4:28 PM
2	The only time I've had a problem was when fire hydrants were flushed and instead of the water running in the side ditch, it went across MY property to my house 100 yards away! The hydrant was left unattended and had someone not been home to notify authorities, severe damage may have occurred.	May 22, 2009 5:32 PM
3	I live on an elevated area and consider flooding on my property highly unlikely	May 27, 2009 6:14 PM
4	According to my insurance company I do not live in a flood plain but the house next door is.	Jun 30, 2009 5:04 PM
5	I'm a renter	Jul 21, 2009 7:03 PM
6	Not 100% sure, but don't think we'd be eligible	Aug 13, 2009 2:46 PM
7	I am living with Jeremy and Dana Reinhardt my daughter and son in law. They have that information not me. But I suppose they are covered because they are very responsible people	Sep 10, 2009 2:36 PM

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Have you taken any actions to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to natural hazards?			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			24.0%	18
No			76.0%	57
If yes, please explain:				18
			answered question	75
			skipped question	0

If yes, please explain:		
1	use no pesticides, natural products, drink distilled h2o. been doing this for years!	May 14, 2009 3:25 PM
2	Let's just say my family will be self sufficient for many weeks due to skills and storage of critical supplies. Knowledge in any situation is better than plastic and duct tape	May 14, 2009 6:17 PM
3	Intumescent paint, low shrubs around perimeter, rain collection barrels,	May 15, 2009 11:29 AM
4	Installed proper drainage from the gutters to driveway water to direct it away from the house.	May 20, 2009 1:30 AM
5	Installed a metal roof.	May 22, 2009 5:32 PM
6	Strategic planting of shrubs to control storm water runoff	May 27, 2009 6:14 PM
7	Installed vegetation to reduce erosion on sloping areas of my property	May 27, 2009 8:27 PM
8	Went around and told people about illegal burning of garbage. Fixed it where water wont come straight down my driveway from the end of the road.	May 29, 2009 8:09 PM
9	trimming trees, removed diseased tree in 2003	Jun 1, 2009 9:40 PM
10	cleared branches near roofline; mulched and seeded to reduce erosion (live on a hilltop); trimmed shrubs away from house	Jun 3, 2009 5:17 PM
11	Concerning drought-We've looked at measures to decrease consumption whitn home as well as consumption of materials. Also installed water saving things like rain barrels; looking at gray water systems	Jul 20, 2009 7:21 PM
12	Have battery operated lights incase of power outage	Jul 21, 2009 7:03 PM
13	during construction had the builder construct the home as if been built to hurricane standards	Jul 24, 2009 12:13 PM
14	Preps are made for many types of emergency situations.	Jul 24, 2009 4:43 PM
15	cut trees down that might fall on power lines	Jul 27, 2009 2:57 PM
16	CERT	Jul 31, 2009 8:48 PM
17	Preparation to maintain needed necessities during the loss of power during an summer or winter storms.	Aug 11, 2009 3:04 AM
18	No, I live in an apartment.	Aug 13, 2009 2:43 PM

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Are you interested in making your home or neighborhood more resistant to natural hazards?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		91.8%	67
No		8.2%	6
		<i>answered question</i>	73
		<i>skipped question</i>	2

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What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home and neighborhood more resistant to natural hazards?			Response Percent	Response Count
Newspaper			17.8%	13
Television			15.1%	11
Radio			0.0%	0
Internet			52.1%	38
Mail			11.0%	8
Public workshops/meetings			4.1%	3
Other (please explain):				12
			answered question	73
			skipped question	2

Other (please explain):		
1	model it!	May 14, 2009 3:25 PM
2	It is amazing how we ought to stress using our skills (i.e. Boy Scout experience, or a hobby like backpacking) to mitigate a problem. The typical family camping gear will suffice for most instances and ease conditions for all of the rest, but that is never addressed.	May 14, 2009 6:17 PM
3	Email	May 19, 2009 1:58 PM
4	e-mail	May 27, 2009 6:14 PM
5	Maiden, website	Jul 6, 2009 7:27 PM
6	Mail	Jul 20, 2009 3:24 PM
7	Radio, Internet, Mail	Jul 20, 2009 7:16 PM
8	Mail	Jul 21, 2009 6:30 PM
9	email	Jul 22, 2009 3:14 PM
10	Wow, I can't believe that email is not an option.	Jul 24, 2009 4:43 PM
11	reverse phone call, and sirens	Aug 14, 2009 12:29 AM
12	I think the city could organize and train "teams" to assist local law enforcement and city management in responding to emergencies	Aug 14, 2009 8:41 PM

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In your opinion, what are some steps your local government could take to reduce or eliminate the risk of future natural hazard damages in your neighborhood?		
		Response Count
		50
<i>answered question</i>		50
<i>skipped question</i>		25

Response Text		
1	work together	May 14, 2009 3:25 PM
2	Bury utilities. If power and communication lines were protected, people would be better off.	May 14, 2009 6:17 PM
3	Augment notification system with an automatic (system generated) signal driven off of a cell tower to call residents with the appropriate message. It could be done for little outlay (relatively) and executed quickly to save lives. Deny building permits for flood plains. Encourage the use of sprinklers and intumescent paint for new buildings. Encourage the use of low shrubs and fire resistant mulch for building perimeters. Encourage shrub, tree, and plant use to prevent erosion and promote water retention. Encourage (offer a discount and sell direct) rainwater collection supplies and how-to's in partnership with a local hardware retailer. Do the same for simple solar hot water heaters. They are easy, relatively inexpensive, and there is a tax credit to install up to 30% this year.	May 15, 2009 11:29 AM
4	Keep the drains clear of trash. Keep the news informed with new information people can use. Let the community know of evacuation plans in case we need to use them.	May 18, 2009 1:28 PM
5	Preparedness plans	May 18, 2009 1:33 PM
6	Don't know of any natural hazzards in my neighborhood except it borders Lake Hickory except install a tornado warning system	May 20, 2009 1:30 AM
7	Keep the public informed on causes, prevention and the need for the public to be more of a vested part of any intervention.	May 22, 2009 12:25 PM
8	Keep creeks cleared of obstruction	May 22, 2009 2:26 PM
9	Cut back tree tops from power lines along private roads as well as state-maintained roads. Duke Energy won't come until there's a need. I've tried to get them to remove a potential problem with no result.	May 22, 2009 5:32 PM
10	Help us to organize a neighborhood group to support one another	May 26, 2009 2:10 PM
11	Communicate simple information	May 26, 2009 9:02 PM
12	Effective trimming of tree limbs away from power lines; keep emergency service workers trained on latest methods.	May 27, 2009 6:14 PM
13	require more strigent storm water and erosion control measures.	May 27, 2009 8:27 PM
14	Start fining people big time for breaking the law. Force developers to THINK before they build developments in the middle of the woods, in flood prone areas, disturbing acres of land and doing the bare minimum on erosion control, ETC.....	May 29, 2009 8:09 PM
15	Education and assistance	Jun 1, 2009 12:33 PM

Response Text		
16	By doing meetings lis this. I think we need to have more knowledge about meetings (have meeting close to our community). Probably need Spanish meeting. A good place Hispanic could know are Latino Center. I know there will be people interested in having knowledge.	Jun 1, 2009 9:36 PM
17	Stormwater runoff could be minimized by stricter applicatio of county administered grading plans	Jun 1, 2009 9:38 PM
18	More meetings like May 28	Jun 1, 2009 9:40 PM
19	Sirens for tornados	Jun 3, 2009 12:48 AM
20	educate the public about the danger of putting waste in storm water and the use of garbage disposals (increases need to purify water after use); educate the public about the use of pesticides and herbicides and their impact on water supplies; educate the public about the role impervious surfaces play in water runoff and water quality; educate the public about the need to reduce electricity/other energy use--educate, educate, educate!!!	Jun 3, 2009 5:17 PM
21	there is nothing they can do to prevent a tornado	Jul 4, 2009 1:47 PM
22	Help take care of trees that overhang neighbors' houses.	Jul 6, 2009 7:27 PM
23	less taxes, higher % of pay back to the people.	Jul 7, 2009 1:11 PM
24	less taxes, higher % of pay back to the people.	Jul 7, 2009 1:12 PM
25	less taxes, higher % of pay back to the people.	Jul 7, 2009 1:12 PM
26	less taxes, higher % of pay back to the people.	Jul 7, 2009 1:12 PM
27	Make sure we have community shelters, churches ready to go when a natural disaster happens.	Jul 16, 2009 2:12 PM
28	More education for the community about these issues.	Jul 20, 2009 3:21 PM
29	Trimming trees around power lines	Jul 20, 2009 3:24 PM
30	Educate our neighbors about this	Jul 20, 2009 7:16 PM
31	clean and maintain sewer gutters	Jul 21, 2009 6:30 PM
32	Informed people what they can do by themselves on a disaster, the most information people has on what they can do by themselves to relieve the situation, the better, "knowledge is Power"	Jul 21, 2009 6:42 PM
33	Educate the community more on how to protect and be aware of hazard damages.	Jul 21, 2009 6:47 PM
34	Increased information through the media regarding severe weather threat.	Jul 21, 2009 6:49 PM
35	Improve accessibility of neighborhoods, particularly for emergency purposes; avoid just one way in and out.	Jul 21, 2009 6:52 PM
36	Keep drains clear to prevent flooding.	Jul 21, 2009 6:55 PM
37	For natural disasters, not much more than we do now, because most times you can't plan these events.	Jul 21, 2009 7:03 PM
38	City of Newton is doing a great job with tree trimming.	Jul 22, 2009 3:14 PM
39	there is little that government can do to lessen the damage from a natural event. the only thing government can do is warn it citizens to protect them from injury or death.	Jul 24, 2009 12:13 PM
40	Early warning is about the best thing that you can do. If people are not ready for it...it is their own fault. Education is key to get people on board and have the proper preparations in place.	Jul 24, 2009 4:43 PM
41	you can not eliminate natural hazards damages, you can only be prepared to help others in your community. have area community meetings to help the community know their neighbors and them needs and concerns. Encourage given and receiving help.	Jul 27, 2009 2:57 PM
42	clean storm drains, trim trees.	Jul 29, 2009 12:45 AM
43	More public education	Jul 31, 2009 8:48 PM

Response Text		
44	Catawba County appears to be prepared for most situations. The 911 response is a concern. Sometimes it is immediate and sometimes it takes a while. The deputies seem to be spread pretty thin at times. I think law enforcement is an area that needs attention. I realize this isn't necessarily a natural disaster concern, but if we do not have enough for a day to day presence, what would happen in a real disaster?	Aug 4, 2009 5:39 PM
45	Control urban sprawl.	Aug 13, 2009 2:43 PM
46	Keep up trimming the trees away from power lines!	Aug 13, 2009 2:46 PM
47	Develop response plans for "all" hazards such as the one the city of Charlotte has developed and trained for. I have a copy of that All Hazards Plan. It is comprehensive.	Aug 14, 2009 8:41 PM
48	tree trimming or placing power lines underground	Sep 10, 2009 2:25 PM
49	I think what is possible for natural disasters is being done already.	Sep 10, 2009 2:36 PM
50	NOT REALLY SURE	Sep 10, 2009 4:57 PM

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Are there any other issues regarding the reduction of risk and loss associated with natural hazards or disasters in the community that you think are important?		
		Response Count
		32
<i>answered question</i>		32
<i>skipped question</i>		43

Response Text		
1	reach out a hand, work with all people as a team	May 14, 2009 3:25 PM
2	Need backup supplies to last 30 days for water, shelter Get each household a backup water plan, protect houses from trees falling due to lightning	May 14, 2009 4:28 PM
3	I still do not think that the pets in shelters issue has been addressed well enough here. I think public education efforts are not that productive as when a crisis occurs people forget what they learned the day before let alone a brochure handed to them at the county fair eight months ago.	May 14, 2009 6:17 PM
4	I believe that likelihood, impact, and thus risk combine to highlight pandemic illness as the top of the heap. As long as the county has a business resumption plan to continue critical operations and prevent spread propagation we should be fine. Next on my list is drought, tornados, fast water / flash flooding, and extended power loss. The simple fix for all of these things is: Plan & Notify.	May 15, 2009 11:29 AM
5	Make sure that people are aware of their options if and when they need to evacuate	May 18, 2009 1:28 PM
6	Limit building construction in floodplains	May 18, 2009 1:33 PM
7	no	May 22, 2009 2:26 PM
8	Some type of early notification system when a hazard is imminent.	May 22, 2009 5:32 PM
9	Who would be called on to help in a large disaster other than the Red Cross? Are there citizen/neighborhood groups organized to help?	May 26, 2009 2:10 PM
10	conduct more workshops, emails, newsletters and other public service announcements addressing each of the potential hazards and what measures can be taken to mitigate those risks.	May 27, 2009 8:27 PM
11	More community meetings to stree mitigation measures	Jun 1, 2009 9:38 PM
12	No	Jun 3, 2009 12:48 AM
13	most natural disasters are more extreme because of the human impact on our ecosystems. for example, clearing land and reducing the soil-holding capacity, thereby increasing erosion and the likelihood of floods and landslides. we don't think about the consequences of our everyday activities--we have gotten away from our appreciation of the earth and its role in our everyday lives.	Jun 3, 2009 5:17 PM
14	no	Jul 4, 2009 1:47 PM
15	no	Jul 7, 2009 1:11 PM
16	no	Jul 7, 2009 1:12 PM
17	no	Jul 7, 2009 1:12 PM

Response Text		
18	not at this time	Jul 7, 2009 1:12 PM
19	Making sure those residents whose lives depend on power will get immediate assistance.	Jul 16, 2009 2:12 PM
20	no	Jul 20, 2009 3:21 PM
21	N/A	Jul 20, 2009 3:24 PM
22	no	Jul 20, 2009 7:16 PM
23	Looking at major disasters like Katrina and learn from it. Looking at public programs that people rely on and make sure there is a back up or plan for these people. Not everyone can see or hear, not everyone has a car, not everyone has the means to evacuate so easily.	Jul 20, 2009 7:21 PM
24	I think that the counties are not really ready for a major disaster around here. I've seen that on a little winter storm. Is not enough services (as power) or places that people will stay or the trucks that clean the ice from the roads.	Jul 21, 2009 6:42 PM
25	Improved public awareness of where emergency shelters are located.	Jul 21, 2009 6:52 PM
26	no	Jul 22, 2009 3:14 PM
27	protecting the countys infrastructure, power, water, sewer, ect.	Jul 24, 2009 12:13 PM
28	changing the attitudes of people. encouraging those to step out to help. have a list of elderly in your area that needs to be check in on.	Jul 27, 2009 2:57 PM
29	need more firefighters on the cities fire trucks on a 24 hrs shift.	Jul 29, 2009 12:45 AM
30	Water usage during a drought.	Aug 13, 2009 2:43 PM
31	Exercise the ability to respond to emergencies. Organize and exercise and reorganize when the plan doesn't work. Video the exercises because you will see many things in the video that you didn't recogognize during the exercise.	Aug 14, 2009 8:41 PM
32	Just getting to people help that are effected by the disasters	Sep 10, 2009 2:36 PM

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A number of community-wide activities can reduce our risk from natural hazards. In general, these activities fall into one of the following six broad categories. Please tell us how important you think each one is for your community to consider pursuing.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Rating Average	Response Count
1. Prevention	65.6% (42)	31.3% (20)	3.1% (2)	1.38	64
Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are built. Examples include planning and zoning, building codes, open space preservation, and floodplain regulations.	67.6% (23)	29.4% (10)	2.9% (1)	1.35	34
2. Property Protection	53.3% (32)	40.0% (24)	6.7% (4)	1.53	60
Actions that involve the modification of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removal from the hazard area. Examples include acquisition, relocation, elevation, structural retrofits, and storm shutters.	43.3% (13)	43.3% (13)	13.3% (4)	1.70	30
3. Natural Resource Protection	67.7% (42)	32.3% (20)	0.0% (0)	1.32	62
Actions that, in addition to minimizing hazard losses, also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. Examples include: floodplain protection, habitat preservation, slope stabilization, riparian buffers, and forest management.	80.6% (25)	19.4% (6)	0.0% (0)	1.19	31
4. Structural Projects	58.3% (35)	36.7% (22)	5.0% (3)	1.47	60
Actions intended to lessen the impact of a hazard by modifying the natural progression of the hazard. Examples include dams, levees, seawalls, detention/retention basins, channel modification, retaining walls and storm sewers.	66.7% (20)	23.3% (7)	10.0% (3)	1.43	30

5. Emergency Services	87.3% (55)	12.7% (8)	0.0% (0)	1.13	63
Actions that protect people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. Examples include warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency response training, and protection of critical emergency facilities or systems.	80.0% (24)	16.7% (5)	3.3% (1)	1.23	30
6. Public Education and Awareness	81.3% (52)	15.6% (10)	3.1% (2)	1.22	64
Actions to inform citizens about hazards and the techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. Examples include outreach projects, school education programs, library materials and demonstration events.	64.3% (18)	21.4% (6)	14.3% (4)	1.50	28
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