



# **B PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SURVEY RESULTS**




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This section of the Plan includes a general summary of the results and findings of the online Public Participation Survey, along with a copy of the survey instrument used to collect the data during the 20101 plan update process. A total of 28 persons responded to the survey during the update of Mecklenburg County's multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, and the results provided an added measure of public input during the local planning process.




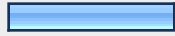



# Hazard Mitigation Survey

1. In which city or town do you live?		
		Response Count
		28
		<b>answered question</b> 28
		<b>skipped question</b> 0









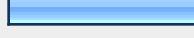


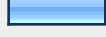

2. Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a disaster?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		57.1%	16
No		42.9%	12
		If you answered 'Yes', please explain	17
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>28</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>

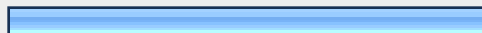
3. How concerned are you about the possibility of our community being impacted by a disaster?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Extremely concerned		17.9%	5
<b>Somewhat concerned</b>		<b>60.7%</b>	<b>17</b>
Not concerned		21.4%	6
		Additional comments:	1
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>28</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>0</b>


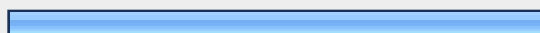

4. Please select the one hazard you think is the *highest threat* to your neighborhood

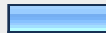
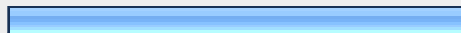
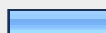
		Response Percent	Response Count
Dam failure		0.0%	0
Drought		0.0%	0
Earthquake		0.0%	0
Erosion		0.0%	0
Extreme Heat		0.0%	0
Flood		7.1%	2
Hail		0.0%	0
Hazardous Materials		7.1%	2
Hurricane/Tropical Storm		21.4%	6
Landslide		0.0%	0
Lightning		0.0%	0
<b>Severe Thunderstorm</b>		<b>25.0%</b>	<b>7</b>
Sinkhole/Land Subsidence		0.0%	0
Terrorism		0.0%	0
Tornado		3.6%	1
Wildfire		0.0%	0
Winter Storm		14.3%	4
Other		21.4%	6
If you answered 'Other', please specify			6
<b>answered question</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>

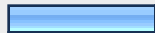
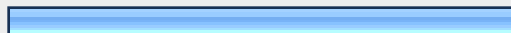
5. Please select the one hazard you think is the *second highest threat* to your neighborhood:



		Response Percent	Response Count
Dam Failure		0.0%	0
Drought		7.1%	2
Earthquake		3.6%	1
Erosion		0.0%	0
Extreme Heat		3.6%	1
Flood		0.0%	0
Hail		3.6%	1
Hazardous Materials		3.6%	1
Hurricane/Tropical Storm		7.1%	2
Landslide		3.6%	1
Lightning		7.1%	2
<b>Severe Thunderstorm</b>		<b>28.6%</b>	<b>8</b>
Sinkhole/Land Subsidence		3.6%	1
Terrorism		7.1%	2
Tornado		0.0%	0
Wildfire		0.0%	0
Winter Storm		14.3%	4
Other		7.1%	2
If you answered 'Other', please specify			2
<b>answered question</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>0</b>

6. Is there another hazard not listed above that you think is a threat to your neighborhood?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			26.9%	7
No			73.1%	19
If you answered 'Yes', please specify				9
<b>answered question</b>				<b>26</b>
<b>skipped question</b>				<b>2</b>

7. Is your home located in a floodplain?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			7.1%	2
No			82.1%	23
I don't know			10.7%	3
<b>answered question</b>				<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>				<b>0</b>

8. Do you have flood insurance?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes			14.8%	4
No			70.4%	19
I don't know			14.8%	4
If you answered 'No', why not?				9
<b>answered question</b>				<b>27</b>
<b>skipped question</b>				<b>1</b>

9. Have you taken any actions to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to natural hazards?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		22.2%	6
No		77.8%	21
If you answered 'Yes', please explain			3
<i>answered question</i>			27
<i>skipped question</i>			1

10. Are you interested in making your home or neighborhood more resistant to natural hazards?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		88.9%	24
No		11.1%	3
<i>answered question</i>			27
<i>skipped question</i>			1

**11. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home and neighborhood more resistant to natural hazards? (Please rank these in order of effectiveness)**

	More Effective	Effective	Less Effective	Rating Average	Response Count
Newspaper	26.9% (7)	34.6% (9)	<b>38.5% (10)</b>	2.12	26
Television	40.7% (11)	<b>44.4% (12)</b>	14.8% (4)	1.74	27
Radio	30.8% (8)	<b>34.6% (9)</b>	<b>34.6% (9)</b>	2.04	26
Internet/E-Mail	<b>59.3% (16)</b>	25.9% (7)	14.8% (4)	1.56	27
Regular Mail	30.8% (8)	<b>34.6% (9)</b>	<b>34.6% (9)</b>	2.04	26
Public Workshops/Meetings	8.0% (2)	40.0% (10)	<b>52.0% (13)</b>	2.44	25
Other	<b>100.0% (1)</b>	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	1.00	1
If you answered 'Other', please specify					1
<i>answered question</i>					<b>28</b>
<i>skipped question</i>					<b>0</b>

**12. 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
	17
<i>answered question</i>	<b>17</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>11</b>

**13. 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
	13
<i>answered question</i>	<b>13</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>15</b>

14. 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	Response Count
<p><b>Prevention</b>            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.</p>	100.0% (25)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	25
<p><b>Property Protection</b>            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.</p>	56.0% (14)	44.0% (11)	0.0% (0)	25
<p><b>Natural Resource Protection</b>            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, pollution control buffers and forest management.</p>	84.0% (21)	12.0% (3)	4.0% (1)	25
<p><b>Structural Projects</b>            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.</p>	52.0% (13)	36.0% (9)	12.0% (3)	25
<p><b>Emergency Services</b></p>				



<p>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.</p>	<b>92.0% (23)</b>	4.0% (1)	4.0% (1)	25
<p><b>Public Education and Awareness</b>  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.</p>	<b>80.0% (20)</b>	20.0% (5)	0.0% (0)	25
	<i>answered question</i>			<b>25</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>			<b>3</b>

<b>15. Thank you for your participation! If you have additional questions or comments about this survey, please include those below and remember to provide a preferred method, if you wish to be contacted.</b>	
	<b>Response Count</b>
	7
	<i>answered question</i>
	<b>7</b>
	<i>skipped question</i>
	<b>21</b>