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SUMMARY OF OUTREACH

The Public Input Survey was available from September 15 through December 15, 2024. To maximize participation, the CSPDC developed promotional materials including a flyer and social media graphics, which were distributed to the CSHMP Steering Committee for regional distribution.

The CSPDC promoted the survey through multiple channels:

- **Social Media:** Regular posts on Facebook and LinkedIn throughout the survey period, including paid boosted posts on Facebook to extend reach beyond the organization's existing followers
- **Email Communications:** Direct outreach to the CSHMP Steering Committee
- **Traditional Media:** A television interview on WHSV-3 featuring CSPDC staff
- **Newsletter:** Announcement in the CSPDC Newsletter

Public Input Survey Promotion by the CSPDC	
Date	**Media**
September 11, 2024	CSPDC Newsletter
September 16, 2024	Email to CSHMP Steering Committee, Facebook, LinkedIn, WHSV-3 Feature
September 25, 2024	Facebook, LinkedIn
October 3, 2024	Facebook, LinkedIn
October 11, 2024	Facebook, LinkedIn
October 24, 2024	Email to CSHMP Steering Committee
October 29, 2024	Facebook, LinkedIn
November 21, 2024	Facebook, LinkedIn
November 26, 2024	Facebook, LinkedIn
December 11, 2024	Facebook, LinkedIn
December 15, 2024	Facebook, LinkedIn

EMAIL TO CSHMP STEERING COMMITTEE

Rachel Kinzer

From: Rachel Kinzer <rachel@cspdc.org>
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2024 2:00 PM
To: Rachel Kinzer
Subject: CSHMP Update + Public Input Survey
Attachments: CSHMP-Public-Input-Survey-Flyer.png

Hello CSHMP Steering Committee,

Thank you for your continued participation in the Hazard Mitigation Plan update. I am reaching out today to share the following updates:

The CSHMP Public Input Survey is now live!
We are requesting input from residents about their experience and level of preparedness with natural hazards in the Central Shenandoah Region. The online survey can be accessed through December 15, 2024 at the following link: http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSHMP_Survey

We will be distributing the survey as widely as possible and would greatly appreciate any help you can provide in pushing the survey out to a broader audience. If your organization is able to post or advertise the survey link or the attached flyer to your website, social media, or any other available channels that would be a huge help. Please let us know if we can provide any additional information or advertisement materials.

Upcoming: Steering Committee Meeting #2
On Wednesday, October 23rd we will meet from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Brite Transit Facility for our second steering committee meeting. The location is at 51 Ivy Ridge Lane, Fishersville, VA 22939. We will discuss the status of our Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) and update our list of critical facilities across the region. You will receive a full agenda packet and meeting invitation soon.

Update: Central Shenandoah Hazard Evaluation Survey
Thank you to everyone who filled out the Hazard Evaluation Survey. The results will help indicate the level of risk our communities face for each of the 15 hazards and threats in the plan. We hope to share updated information on the hazard risk assessments at our upcoming meeting.

Please contact us if you have any comments or questions.

Thank you,

Rachel

PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY FLYER



Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan

Public Input Survey

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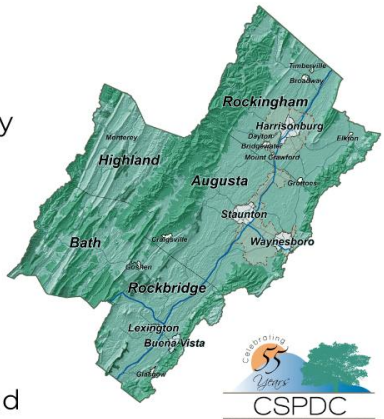

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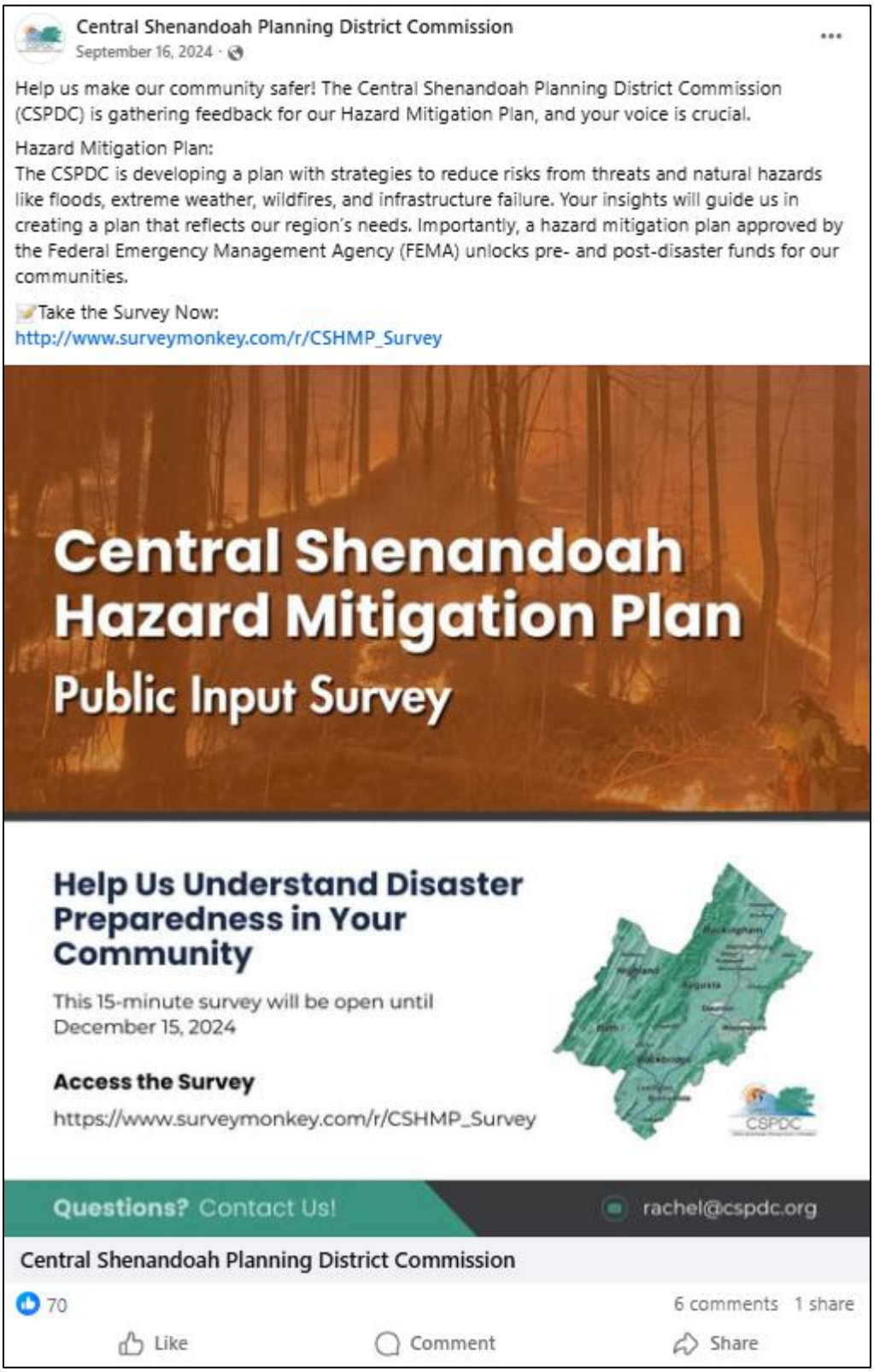
EXAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POST



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Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission seeks residents' input for Hazard Mitigation Plans



By Mair Farnet
Published: Sep. 16, 2024 at 11:46 PM EDT

STAUNTON, Va. (WHSV) - The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission has launched a public input survey to help shape a comprehensive plan that could unlock federal funding for both pre-disaster mitigation and post-disaster recovery efforts.

The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) is developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan aimed at reducing the risks posed by natural disasters such as floods, wildfires, and extreme weather events. The comprehensive plan, which will be submitted for approval to FEMA, is designed to identify local vulnerabilities and create strategies to improve disaster preparedness and recovery efforts.

"FEMA requires us to update our hazard mitigation plan once every five years- and so by updating that plan, we're ensuring that all of our localities remain eligible for FEMA funding if- in the event that a natural hazard would occur in the future" said Director of Planning for CSPDC, Jeremy Crute who says an essential part of this process is gathering input from community members to ensure the plan addresses the region's specific needs.

The survey is open until December 15, 2024, encouraging residents to share their insights and experiences. A link to the survey can be found here.

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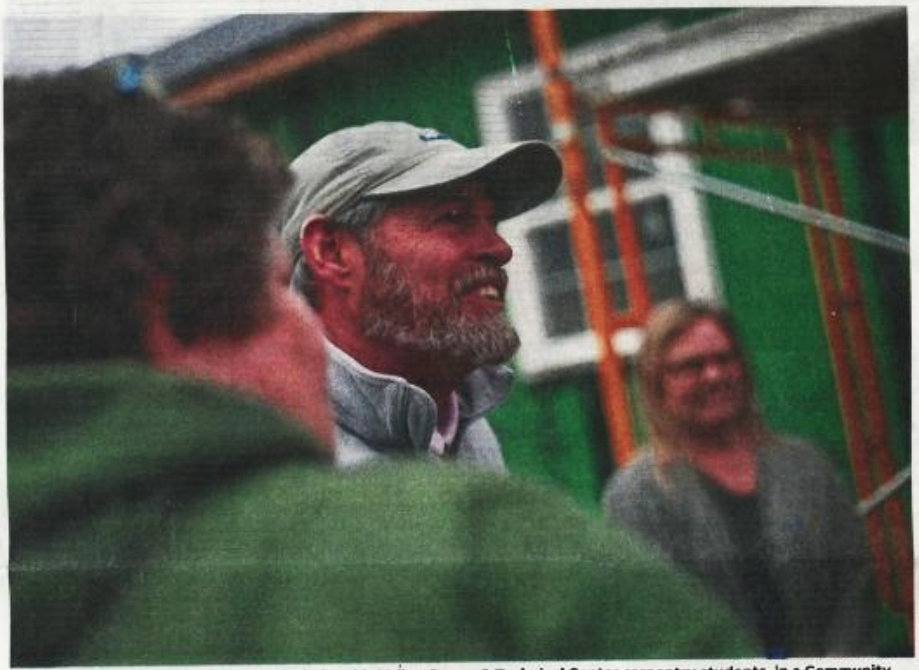
Community Blitz Build tackles nine houses



Brad Bryant led a community group, including his Valley Career & Technical Center carpentry students, in a Community Blitz Build on Saturday. PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE CENTRAL BLUE RIDGE

Patrick Hite
Staunton News Leader
USA TODAY NETWORK

Waynesboro," Bryant said. "I kept thinking that I had hands here that were willing to work and willing to learn, and so I tried to dream how we could be part of

The 2024 project is much larger in scope, in number and in complexity.

Each building team will finalize small-sided, cottage-style houses that

THE DIGEST

Hazard mitigation plan needs your feedback

Lyra Bordelon
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Have an event or announcement you would like featured in THE DIGEST? It's welcome! Please send an email to lbordelon@gannett.com. Time sensitive announcements should be sent a week ahead of time.

The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission called on the community for feedback on its Hazard Mitigation Plan.

"Help us make our community safer!" reads a Facebook post from CSPDC. "The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) is gathering feedback for our Hazard Mitigation Plan, and your voice is crucial."

The CSPDC hopes to update guidelines on what to do in emergency situations, such as floods, wildfires, infrastructure failure, and other extreme conditions. Developing the plan is also crucial for the community to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency pre- and post- disaster funds.

The survey is available online at http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSHMP_Survey.

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Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Survey Now Available

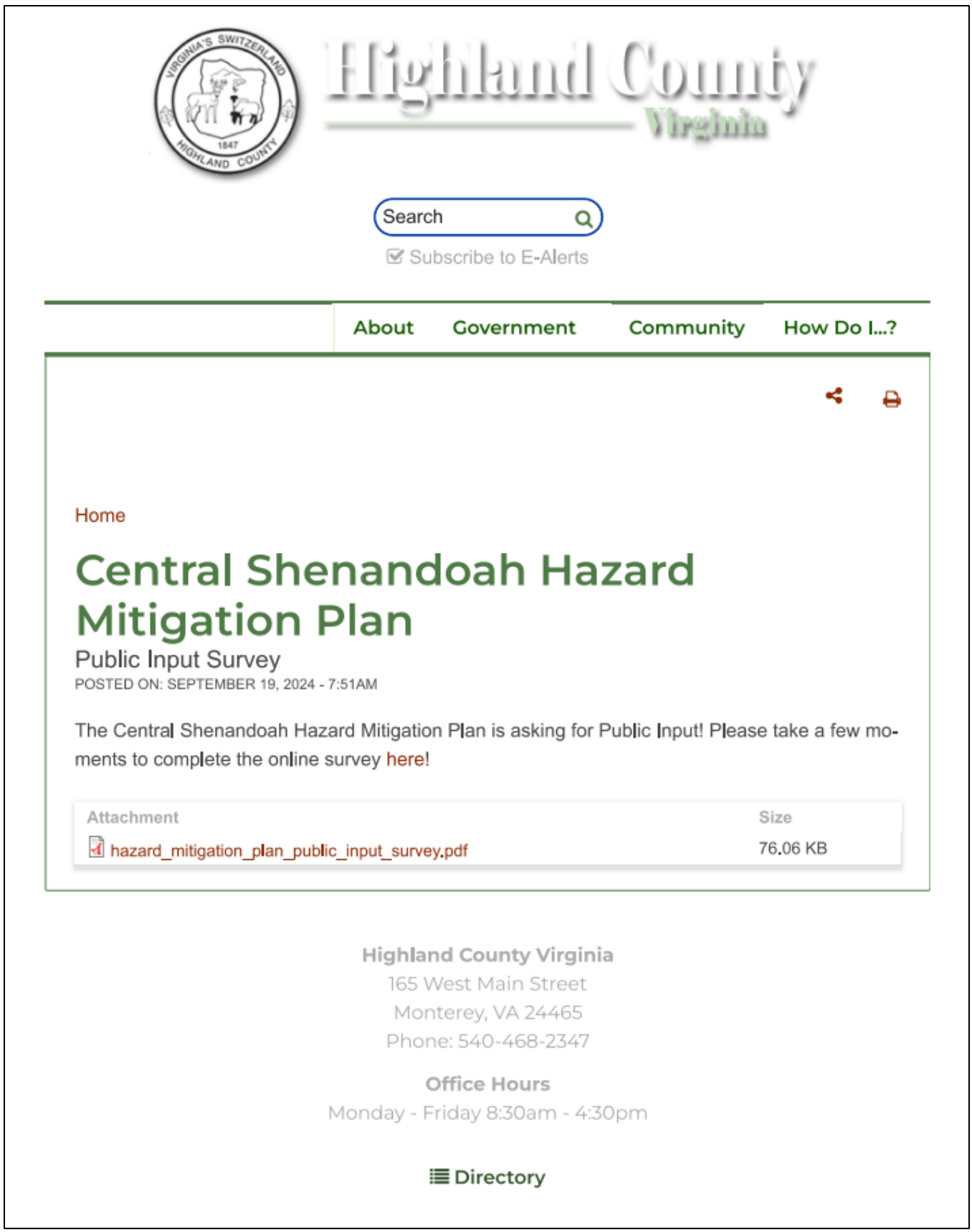
POSTED ON: OCTOBER 24, 2024 - 4:32PM

The CSPDC is updating its **Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan** in collaboration with local government appointees and community partners. Hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters before they happen. Some examples of hazards and threats to consider include flooding, drought, wildfires, extreme temperatures, and critical infrastructure failure. Mitigation plans allow community leaders to:

- Assess its risks and vulnerabilities to natural hazards and man-made threats
- Create strategies to save lives, and reduce damage to properties and infrastructure
- Become more resilient by creating an environment to bounce back more quickly after an incident
- Gain access to State and Federal funding opportunities for pre- and post-event efforts

By completing the Public Input Survey, you will help the CSPDC gain a better understanding of the public's perspective of how we currently manage the potential hazards and threats in our region. Access the survey here through December 15, 2024: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSHMP_Survey, or use the QR code below.

For more information, please contact CSPDC Regional Planner Rachel Kinzer at rachel@cspdc.org or (540) 885-5174 ext. 113.



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Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan

Public Input Survey

POSTED ON: SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 - 7:51AM

The Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan is asking for Public Input! Please take a few moments to complete the online survey here!

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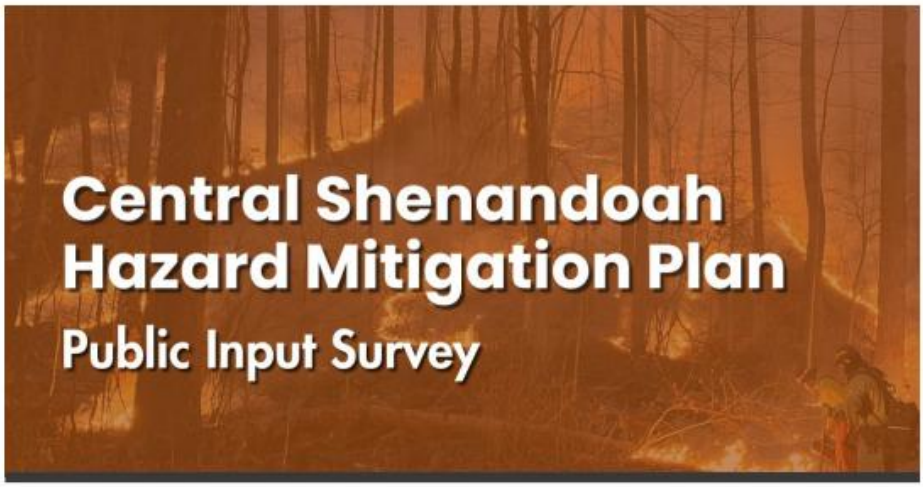

Help Us Understand Disaster Preparedness in Your Community

This 15-minute survey will be open until December 15, 2024

Access the Survey

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSHMP_Survey



Questions? Contact Us! rachel@cspdc.org

Help us make our community safer! The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) is gathering feedback for our Hazard Mitigation Plan, and your voice is crucial.


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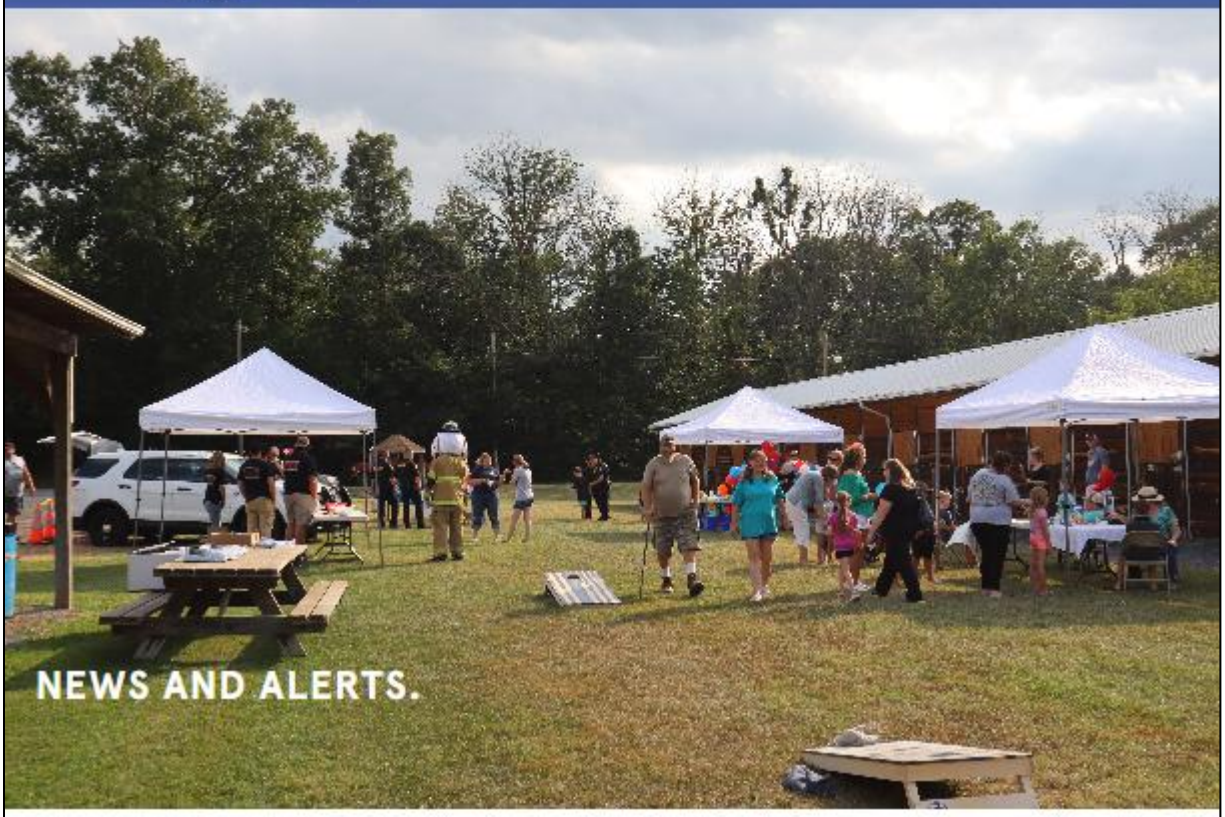

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The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) is working on updating the Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan. The CSPDC is requesting input from residents about their experience and level of preparedness with natural hazards in the Central Shenandoah Region. Please complete the survey at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSHMP_Survey

SURVEY QUESTIONS



Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan
2024 Public Input Survey

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Thank you for your time and help!

Background Information

To start, please provide the following background information.

* 1. Where do you live in the region?

2. Do you own or rent your residential dwelling?

◯ Own ◯ Rent ◯ Neither/Other

3. Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

4. To your best estimate, what is your annual household income?

◯ Under $25,000

◯ $25,001 - $50,000

◯ $50,001 - $75,000

◯ $75,001 - $100,000

◯ $100,001 - $125,000

◯ Over $125,000

Hazards in Your Community

Please answer the following questions about hazards occurring in your community and your public official's response to those hazards.

5. Have you or someone in your household experienced any of the disasters below? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Drought
- ☐ Dust Storm
- ☐ Earthquake
- ☐ Flood
- ☐ Hurricane/Tropical Storm
- ☐ Landslide/Debris Flow
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- ☐ Wildfire
- ☐ Wind Storm
- ☐ Tornado
- ☐ Winter Storm/Blizzard
- ☐ Ice Storm

6. How concerned are you about the following hazards affecting your area?

	Not at all concerned	Slightly concerned	Somewhat concerned	Moderately concerned	Extremely concerned
Drought	○	○	○	○	○
Earthquake	○	○	○	○	○
Flood	○	○	○	○	○
Hurricane	○	○	○	○	○
Ice Storm	○	○	○	○	○
Landslide/Debris Flow	○	○	○	○	○
Wildfire	○	○	○	○	○
Wind Storm/Derecho	○	○	○	○	○
Winter Storm/Blizzard	○	○	○	○	○
Tornado	○	○	○	○	○

Other (please specify)

7. Has your locality ever experienced any of the hazards listed above? If so, how would you rate your community official's response in providing emergency relief?

- ◯ Yes, my community responded VERY WELL
- ◯ Yes, my community responded WELL, but there is room for improvement
- ◯ Yes, my community responded POORLY
- ◯ No, my community has not experienced any of the hazards above

8. How well-prepared do you believe your community is to effectively respond to a disaster?

- ◯ Very prepared
- ◯ Somewhat prepared
- ◯ Somewhat unprepared
- ◯ Very unprepared
- ◯ Not sure

9. What types of projects or actions do you believe local, state, or federal government agencies could be doing to reduce the damage and disruption of disasters in your community? Please select your top 3 choices.

- ☐ Upgrade and strengthen essential facilities, such as public safety, schools, and hospitals
- ☐ Upgrade infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems
- ☐ Improve the damage resistance of utilities (e.g., electricity, communications, and water/wastewater facilities)
- ☐ Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls, levees, and firebreaks
- ☐ Enhance stream maintenance programs/projects
- ☐ Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges and causeways
- ☐ Strengthen codes, ordinances, and plans to require higher hazard risk management standards and/or provide greater control over development in high hazard areas
- ☐ Reduce regulatory restrictions on properties to allow for property owners to make independent decisions that they believe may minimize risk and the potential for damages
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. Information about disaster impacts and preparedness can be communicated to the public in various ways. Of the methods listed below, identify the top 3 that would be the most effective.

- ☐ Newspaper
- ☐ Email
- ☐ Television News
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Television Advertisements
- ☐ Public Meetings
- ☐ Informational Brochures
- ☐ Outdoor Advertisements
- ☐ Radio
- ☐ Fire Department/EMS Agency
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Hazards at Home

Please answer the following questions about hazards affecting your residence and your level of at-home preparedness.

11. How concerned are you about a natural hazard occurring at your place of residence?

- ◯ Not at all concerned
- ◯ Slightly concerned
- ◯ Somewhat concerned
- ◯ Moderately concerned
- ◯ Extremely concerned

12. How prepared do you believe your household is for impacts of hazard events likely to occur within your community?

- ◯ Not at all prepared
- ◯ Slightly prepared
- ◯ Somewhat prepared
- ◯ Moderately prepared
- ◯ Extremely prepared

13. How much money are you able to spend annually to better protect your family and home from natural disasters?

- ◯ None
- ◯ Less than $50
- ◯ $50 - $99
- ◯ $100 - $999
- ◯ $1,000 - $4,999
- ◯ $5,000 and above

14. What modification have you made or would you consider making to protect your home from natural disasters? (Please select all that apply)

- [ ] Anchor bookcases, cabinets to wall
- [ ] Secure water heater to wall
- [ ] Install latches on drawers/cabinets
- [ ] Fit gas appliances with flexible connections
- [ ] Keep culverts, ditches, and gutters free of debris
- [ ] Elevate utilities and move appliances out of basements
- [ ] Seal basement walls and windows with waterproofing compounds
- [ ] Install check valves to keep sewer lines from backing up
- [ ] Secure home to its foundation
- [ ] Brace un-reinforced masonry and concrete walls and foundations
- [ ] Install generator
- [ ] Find out if you live in a floodplain
- [ ] Purchase flood insurance
- [ ] Elevate your house at least one foot above the 100-year flood elevation
- [ ] Avoid building in a floodplain
- [ ] Relocate your home outside of the floodplain
- [ ] Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers
- [ ] Select fire-resistant materials to build your home (ex., flame-retardant roof shingles)
- [ ] Landscape your yard with fire-resistant vegetation
- [ ] Keep gutters clean
- [ ] Remove or maintain trees
- [ ] Dispose of stove, grill, and fireplace ashes properly
- [ ] Stack firewood at least 30 feet away and uphill from your home and clear combustible materials around it
- [ ] Place metal screens over structure openings
- [ ] Get CPR training
- [ ] Prepare a disaster supply kit
- [ ] Develop a plan in case of a household emergency
- [ ] Attend disaster preparedness meetings

15. Which of the following incentives, if any, would motivate you to take additional steps to better protect your family and home from a natural disaster? (Please select all that apply)

- ☐ Insurance discount
- ☐ Mortgage discount
- ☐ Free training on disaster preparation
- ☐ Federal or state grant
- ☐ Low interest rate loan
- ☐ Tax break or incentive
- ☐ Lower new home construction costs
- ☐ None
- ☐ Free wildfire mitigation home assessment
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Additional Feedback

16. Please use the following text box to provide any additional comments or feedback.

Thank you!

Thank you for your time and help. For more information about the survey, please contact:

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PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

The public input survey for the Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan update was available between September 15 and December 15, 2024. This is a summary of the survey results.

458 Responses

01. Survey Participants

Ave. Household Size
2.45 People

88% are Homeowners

Household Income

58.4% make $75,000 or above annually

23.5% make $125,000 or above annually

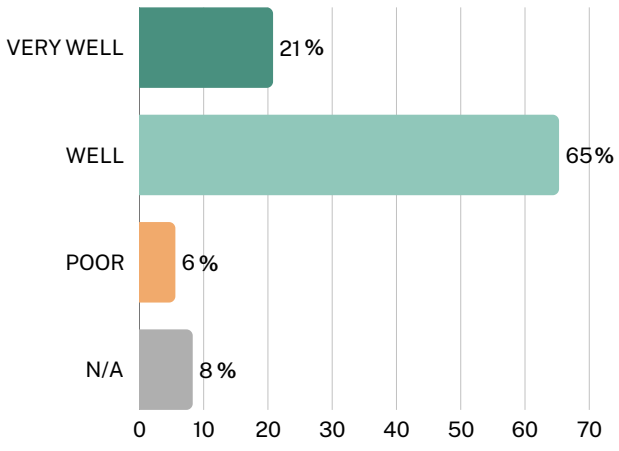
02. Past Exposure to Natural Hazards

Q: Has your household experienced any of the following hazards?

Winter Storm	68%
Drought	67%
Ice Storm	62%
Wind Storm	44%
Hurricane	42%
Flood	36%
Earthquake	24%
Wildfire	14%
Tornado	13%
Other	7%

03. Community Response Rating

Q: Has your locality experienced any of the previously listed hazards? If so, how would you rate your community officials' response in providing emergency relief?



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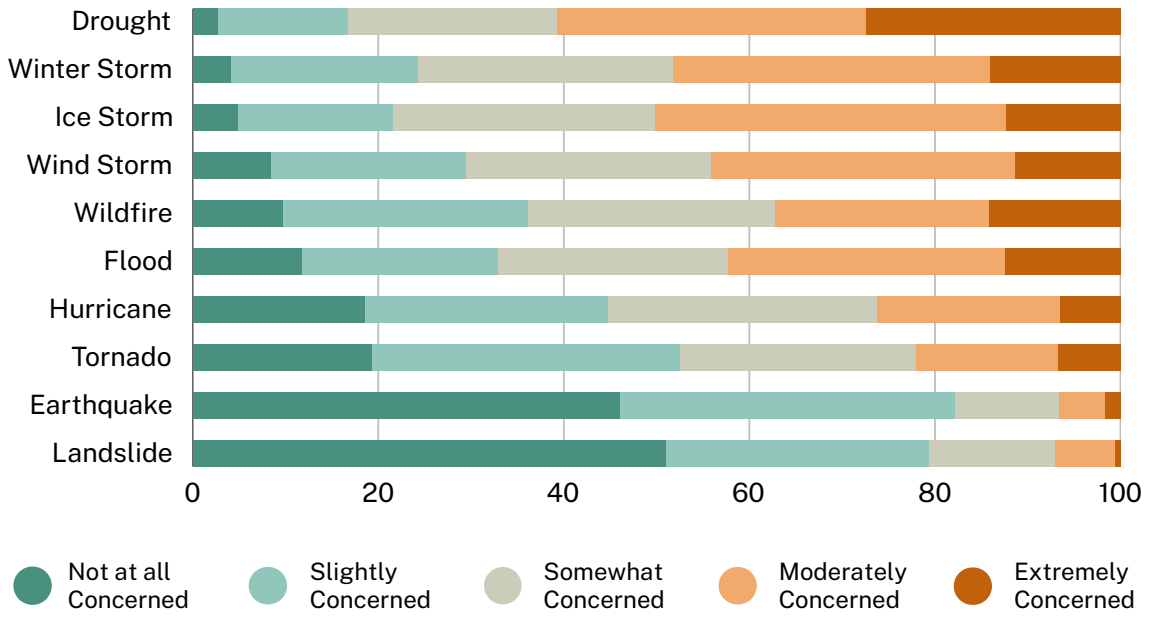
04. Natural Hazard Concern Levels

Q: How concerned are you about the following hazards affecting your area?



05. Community Preparedness

64.5%

of respondents believed their community was **somewhat prepared** or **very prepared** to effectively respond to a disaster.

13.5%

of respondents were **not sure** how prepared their community would be to effectively respond to a disaster.

06. Top 5 Actions for Localities to Consider

1) Improve the damage resistance of utilities

2) Upgrade infrastructure (e.g., elevating roadways, improving drainage systems)

3) Protect and strengthen essential facilities

4) Enhance stream maintenance programs and/or projects

5) Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges or causeways

PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

07. Preferred Communication Channels

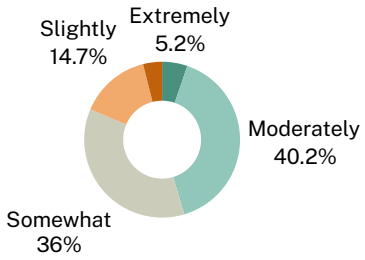
Social Media (68%)

Email (51%)

TV/Radio News (47%)

08. At-Home Preparedness

45% of respondents believe their household is **moderately** or **extremely prepared**



$100 - $999

is the amount of money the majority of respondents are able to spend annually on protecting their home

09. Home Modifications

Q: What modification have you made, or would you consider making, to protect your home from natural disasters?

Top 5 Responses:

1) Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers
2) Keep gutters clean
3) Remove or maintain trees
4) Keep culverts, ditches, and gutters free of debris
5) Develop a plan in case of a household emergency/prepare a disaster supply kit

10. Ideal Incentives for Households

Q: Which of the following incentives would motivate you to take additional steps to better protect your family and home from a natural disaster?

Top 5 Responses:

1) Insurance discount
2) Tax break or incentive
3) Free training on disaster preparation
4) Federal or State grant
5) Mortgage discount

Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 Public Input Survey

Thursday, March 20, 2025

458

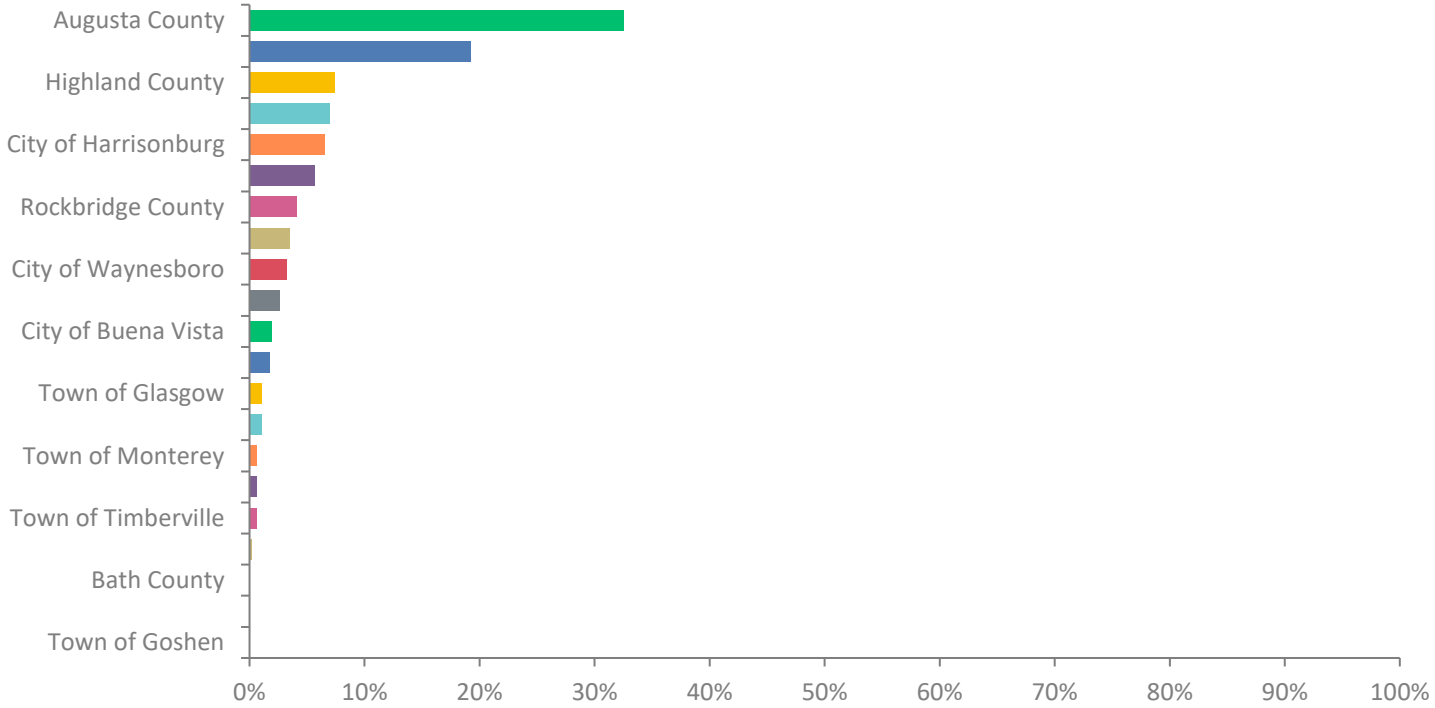
Total Responses

Date Created: Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Complete Responses: 458

Q1: Where do you live in the region?

Answered: 458 Skipped: 0



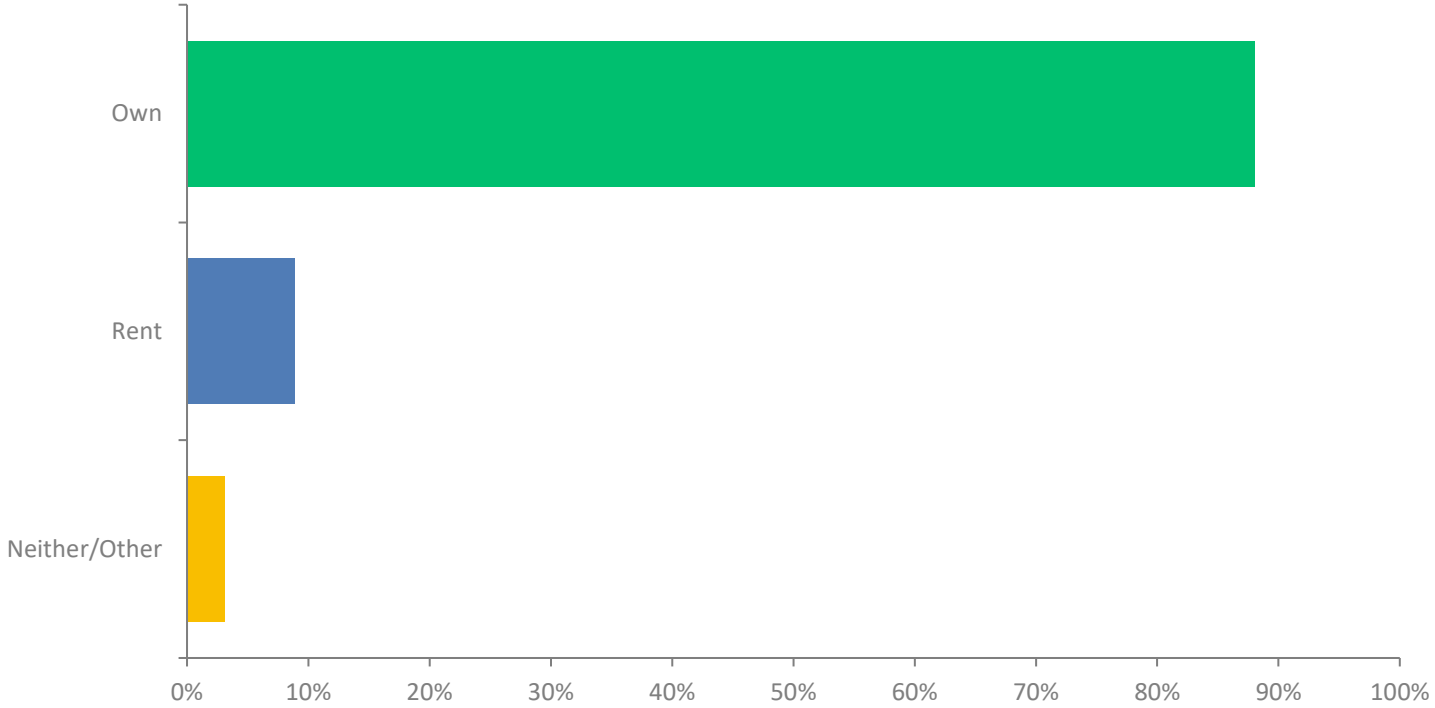
Q1: Where do you live in the region?

Answered: 458 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Augusta County	32.53%	149
Rockingham County	19.21%	88
Highland County	7.42%	34
Town of Bridgewater	6.99%	32
City of Harrisonburg	6.55%	30
City of Staunton	5.68%	26
Rockbridge County	4.15%	19
Town of Dayton	3.49%	16
City of Waynesboro	3.28%	15
City of Lexington	2.62%	12
City of Buena Vista	1.97%	9
Town of Broadway	1.75%	8
Town of Glasgow	1.09%	5
Town of Grottoes	1.09%	5
Town of Monterey	0.66%	3
Town of Mt. Crawford	0.66%	3
Town of Timberville	0.66%	3
Town of Elkton	0.22%	1
Bath County	0.00%	0
Town of Craigsville	0.00%	0
Town of Goshen	0.00%	0
TOTAL		458

Q2: Do you own or rent your residential dwelling?

Answered: 452 Skipped: 6



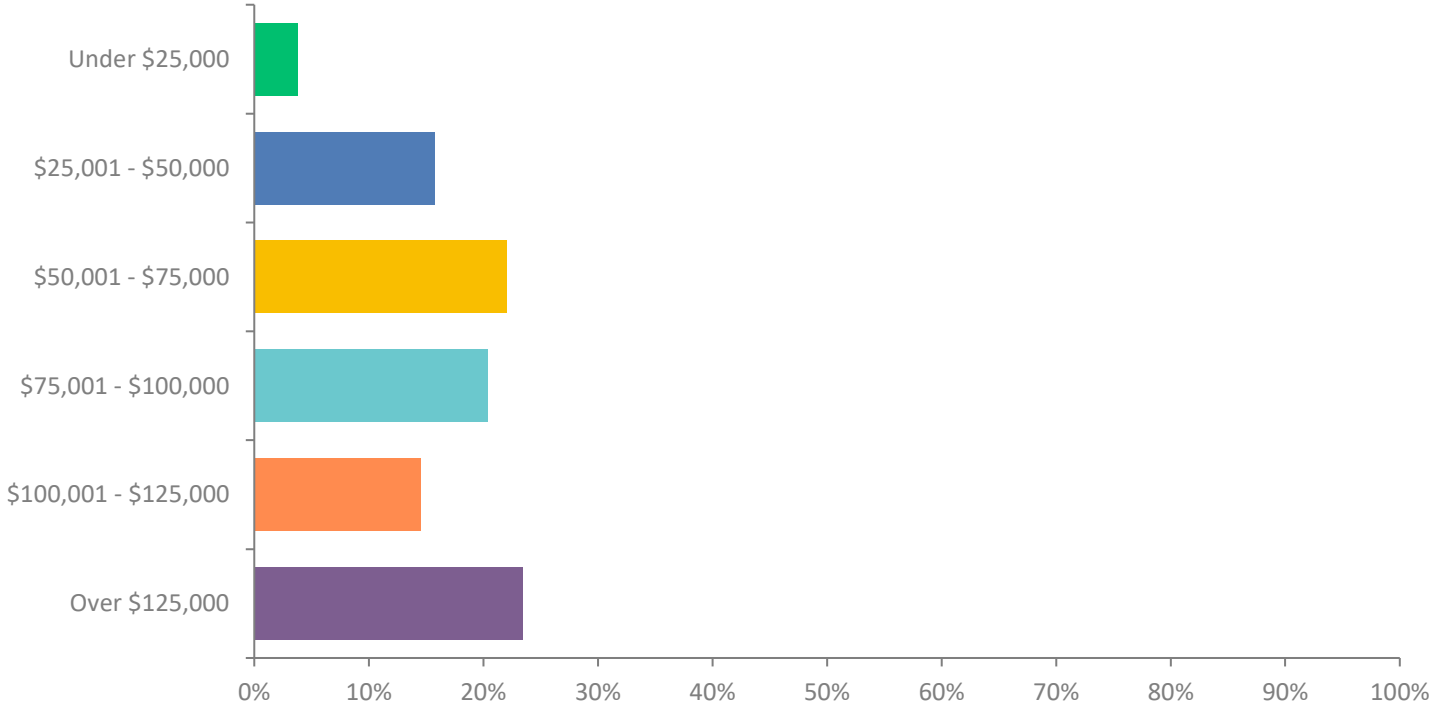
Q2: Do you own or rent your residential dwelling?

Answered: 452 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Own	88.05%	398
Rent	8.85%	40
Neither/Other	3.10%	14
TOTAL		452

Q4: To your best estimate, what is your annual household income?

Answered: 426 Skipped: 32



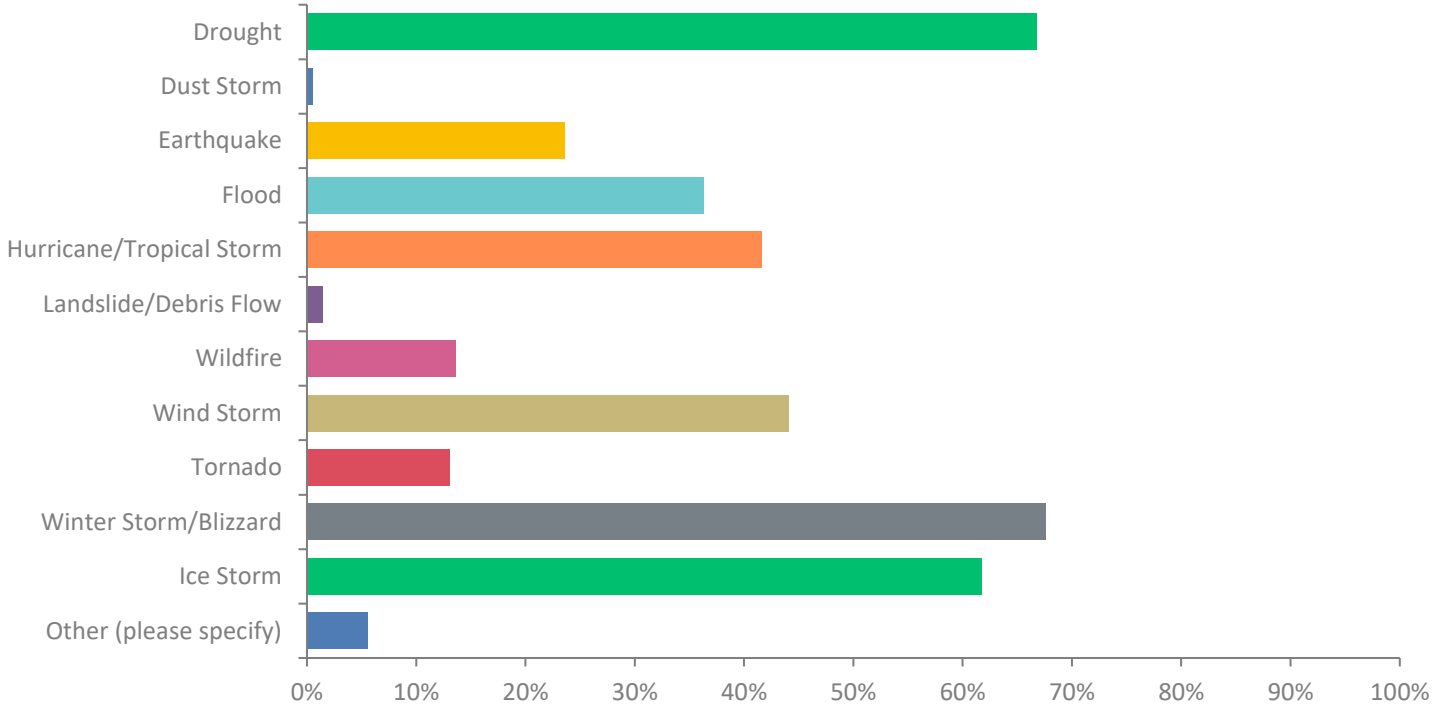
Q4: To your best estimate, what is your annual household income?

Answered: 426 Skipped: 32

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under $25,000	3.76%	16
$25,001 - $50,000	15.73%	67
$50,001 - $75,000	22.07%	94
$75,001 - $100,000	20.42%	87
$100,001 - $125,000	14.55%	62
Over $125,000	23.47%	100
TOTAL		426

Q5: Have you or someone in your household experienced any of the disasters below? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 361 Skipped: 97



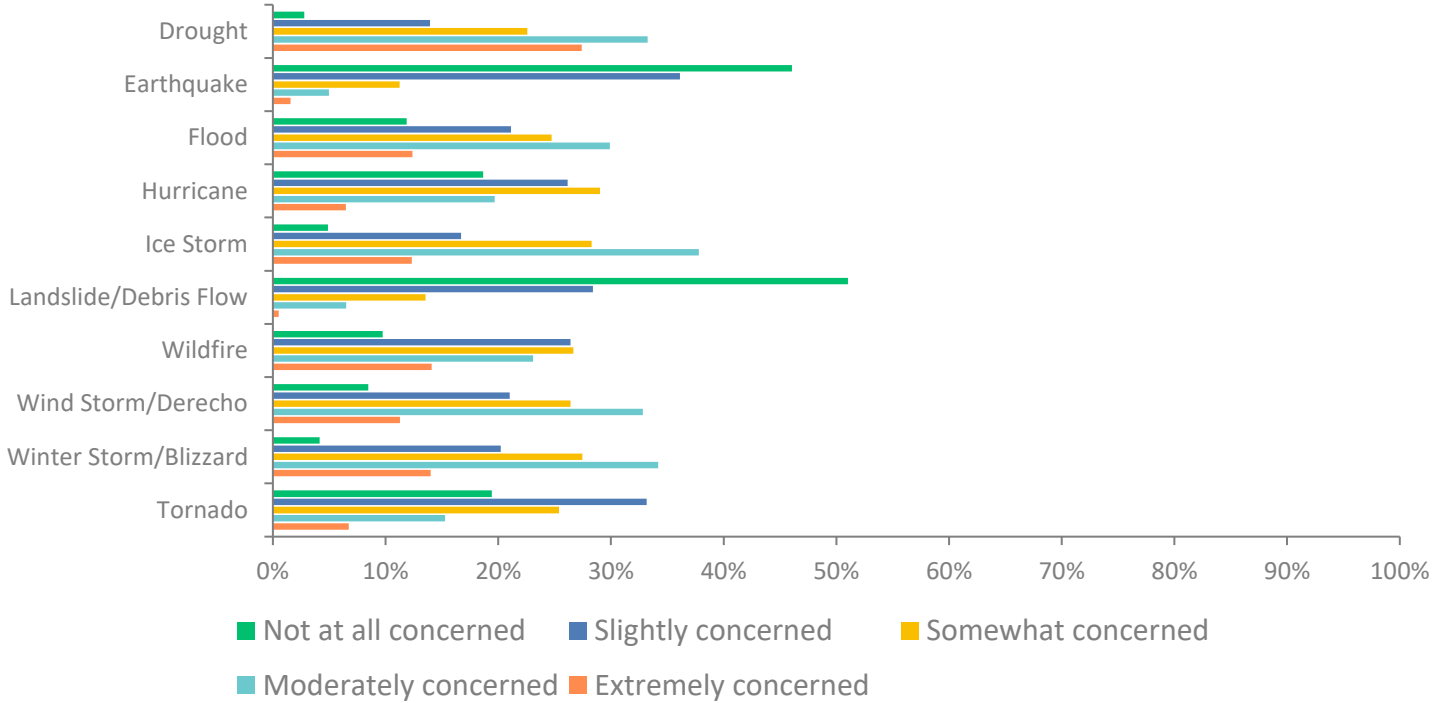
Q5: Have you or someone in your household experienced any of the disasters below? (Please check all that apply)

Answered: 361 Skipped: 97

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Drought	66.76%	241
Dust Storm	0.55%	2
Earthquake	23.55%	85
Flood	36.29%	131
Hurricane/Tropical Storm	41.55%	150
Landslide/Debris Flow	1.39%	5
Wildfire	13.57%	49
Wind Storm	44.04%	159
Tornado	13.02%	47
Winter Storm/Blizzard	67.59%	244
Ice Storm	61.77%	223
Other (please specify)	5.54%	20
TOTAL		1356

Q6: How concerned are you about the following hazards affecting your area?

Answered: 396 Skipped: 62



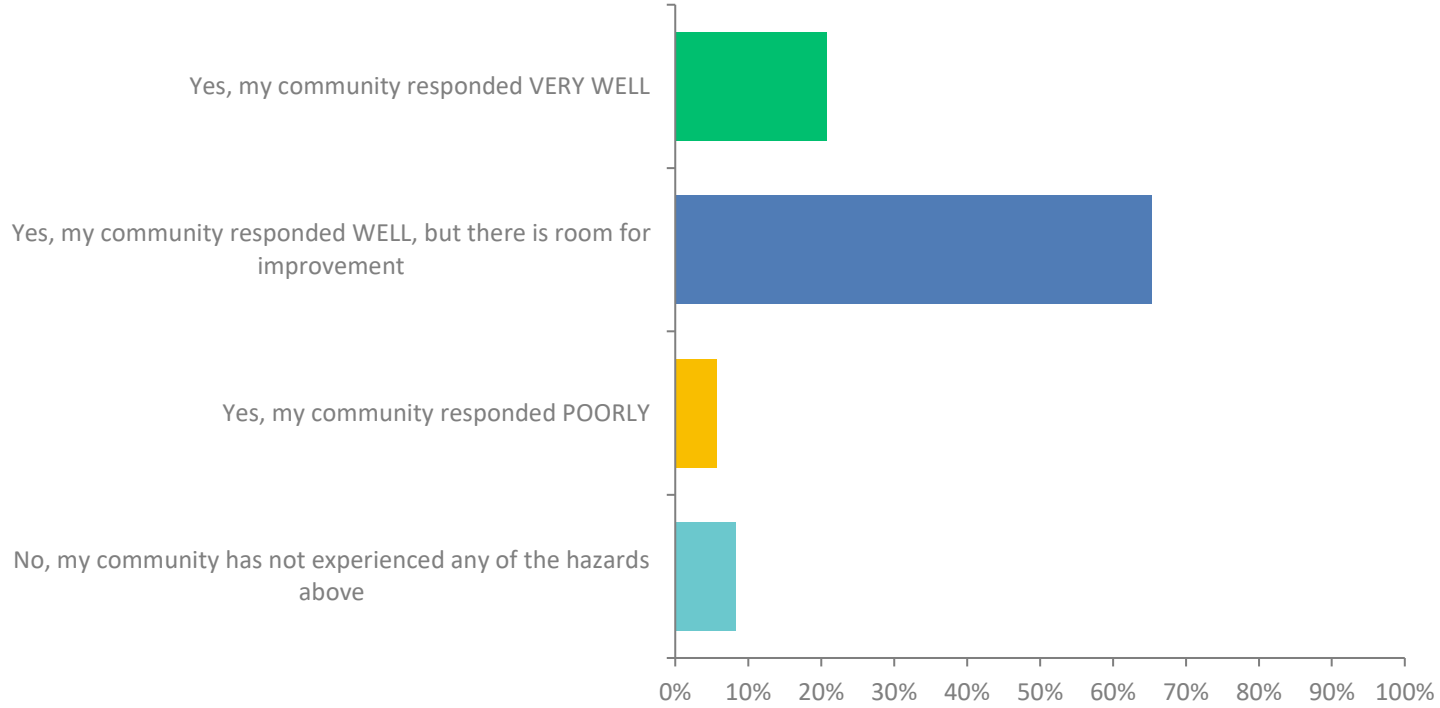
Q6: How concerned are you about the following hazards affecting your area?

Answered: 396 Skipped: 62

	NOT AT ALL CONCERNED	SLIGHTLY CONCERNED	SOMEWHAT CONCERNED	MODERATELY CONCERNED	EXTREMELY CONCERNED	TOTAL
Drought	2.79% 11	13.96% 55	22.59% 89	33.25% 131	27.41% 108	394
Earthquake	46.07% 176	36.13% 138	11.26% 43	4.97% 19	1.57% 6	382
Flood	11.86% 46	21.13% 82	24.74% 96	29.90% 116	12.37% 48	388
Hurricane	18.65% 72	26.17% 101	29.02% 112	19.69% 76	6.48% 25	386
Ice Storm	4.88% 19	16.71% 65	28.28% 110	37.79% 147	12.34% 48	389
Landslide/Debris Flow	51.04% 196	28.39% 109	13.54% 52	6.51% 25	0.52% 2	384
Wildfire	9.74% 38	26.41% 103	26.67% 104	23.08% 90	14.10% 55	390
Wind Storm/Derecho	8.46% 33	21.03% 82	26.41% 103	32.82% 128	11.28% 44	390
Winter Storm/Blizzard	4.15% 16	20.21% 78	27.46% 106	34.20% 132	13.99% 54	386
Tornado	19.43% 75	33.16% 128	25.39% 98	15.28% 59	6.74% 26	386

Q7: Has your locality ever experienced any of the hazards listed above? If so, how would you rate your community official's response in providing emergency relief?

Answered: 389 Skipped: 69



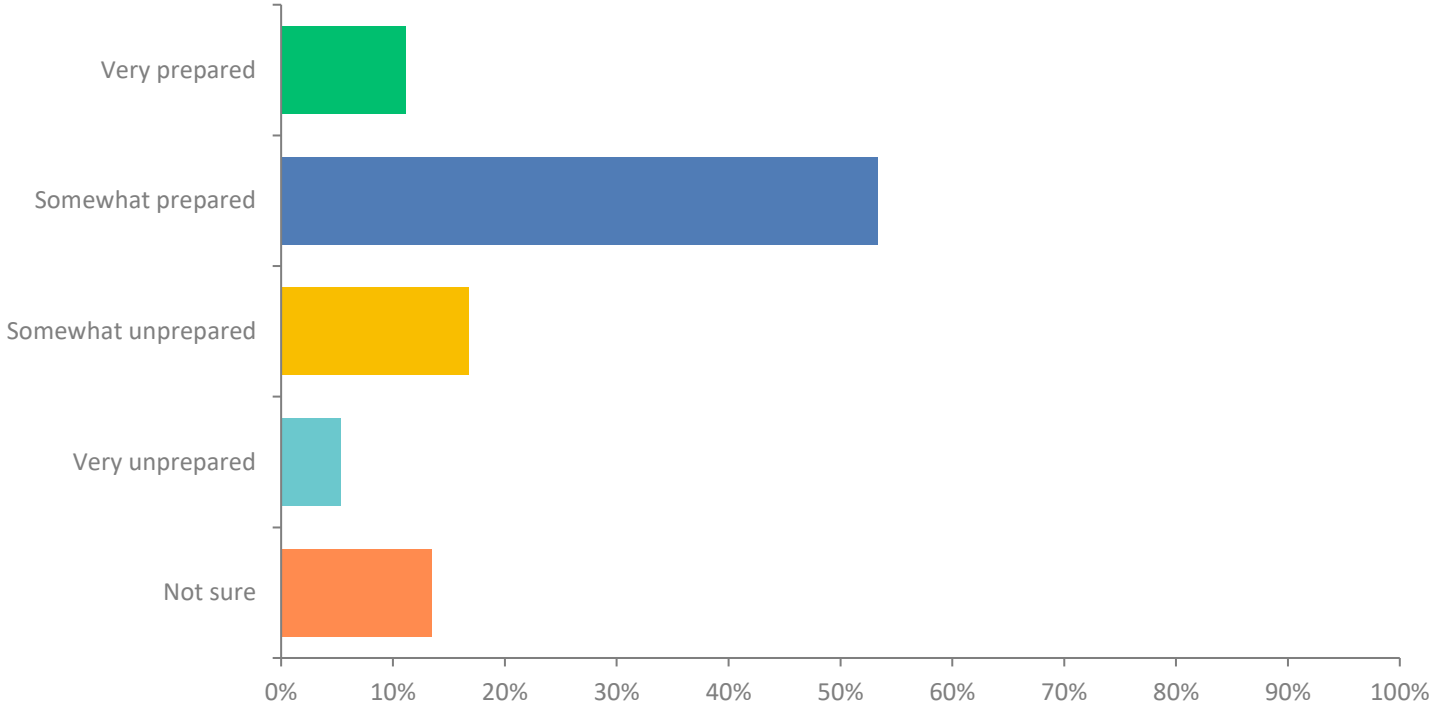
Q7: Has your locality ever experienced any of the hazards listed above? If so, how would you rate your community official's response in providing emergency relief?

Answered: 389 Skipped: 69

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, my community responded VERY WELL	20.82%	81
Yes, my community responded WELL, but there is room for improvement	65.30%	254
Yes, my community responded POORLY	5.66%	22
No, my community has not experienced any of the hazards above	8.23%	32
TOTAL		389

Q8: How well-prepared do you believe your community is to effectively respond to a disaster?

Answered: 394 Skipped: 64



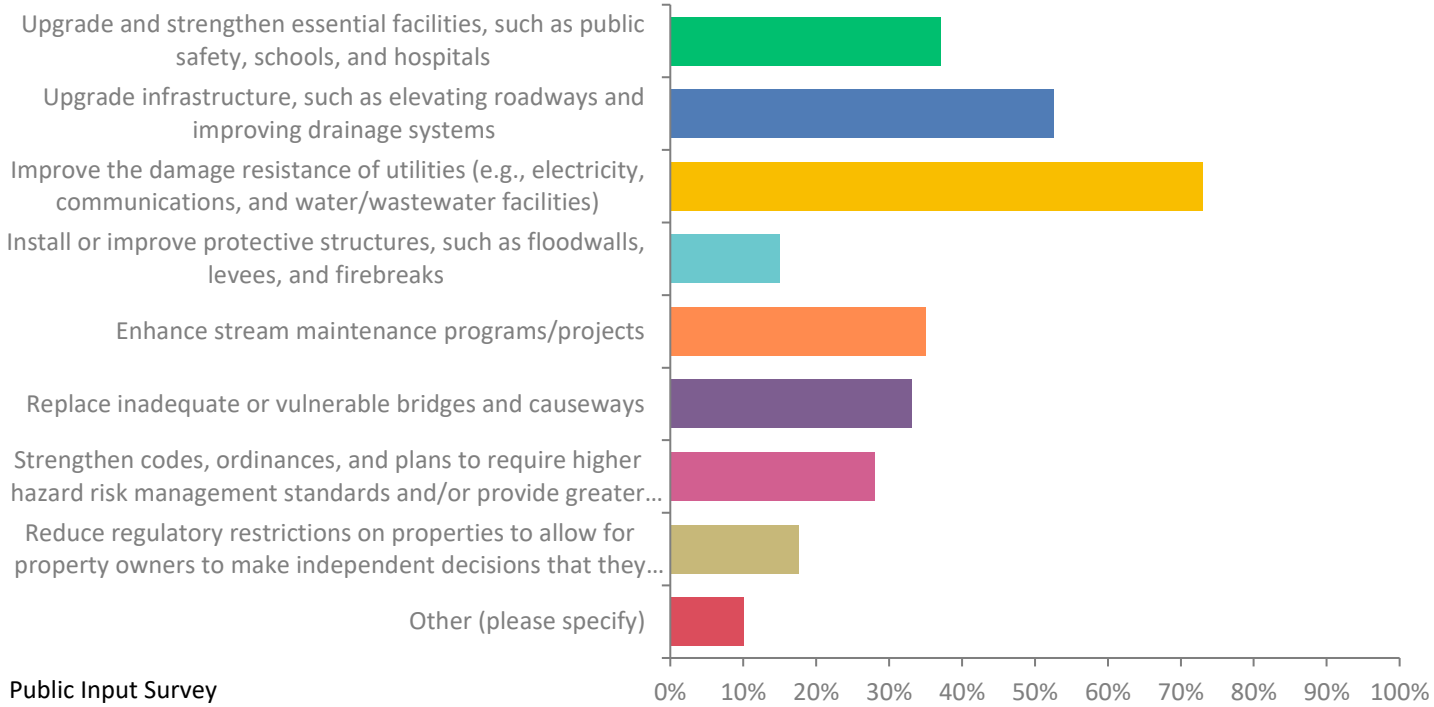
Q8: How well-prepared do you believe your community is to effectively respond to a disaster?

Answered: 394 Skipped: 64

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very prepared	11.17%	44
Somewhat prepared	53.30%	210
Somewhat unprepared	16.75%	66
Very unprepared	5.33%	21
Not sure	13.45%	53
TOTAL		394

Q9: What types of projects or actions do you believe local, state, or federal government agencies could be doing to reduce the damage and disruption of disasters in your community? Please select your top 3 choices.

Answered: 386 Skipped: 72



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Answered: 386 Skipped: 72

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Upgrade and strengthen essential facilities, such as public safety, schools, and hospitals	37.05%	143
Upgrade infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems	52.59%	203
Improve the damage resistance of utilities (e.g., electricity, communications, and water/wastewater facilities)	73.06%	282
Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls, levees, and firebreaks	15.03%	58
Enhance stream maintenance programs/projects	34.97%	135
Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges and causeways	33.16%	128
Strengthen codes, ordinances, and plans to require higher hazard risk management standards and/or provide greater control over development in high hazard areas	27.98%	108
Reduce regulatory restrictions on properties to allow for property owners to make independent decisions that they believe may minimize risk and the potential for damages	17.62%	68
Other (please specify)	10.10%	39
TOTAL		1164

Q10: Information about disaster impacts and preparedness can be communicated to the public in various ways. Of the methods listed below, identify the top 3 that would be the most effective.

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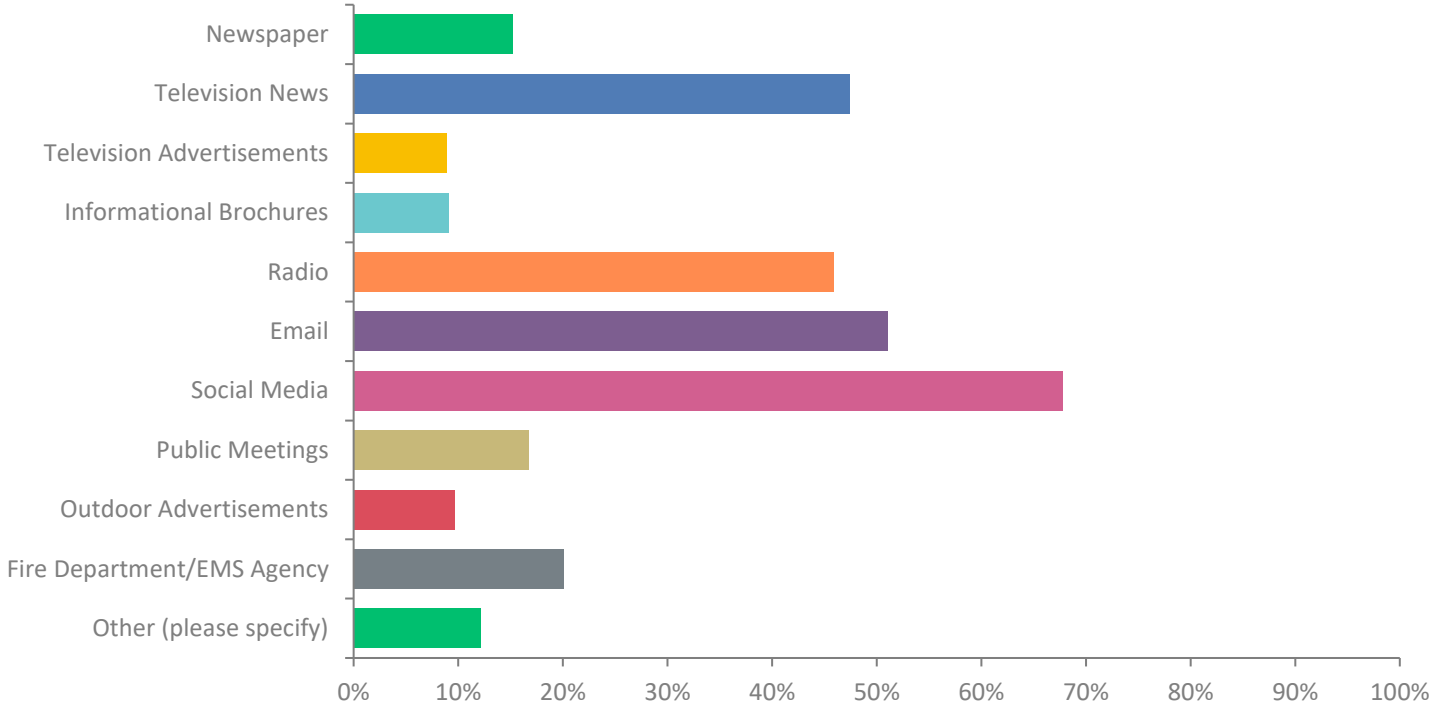

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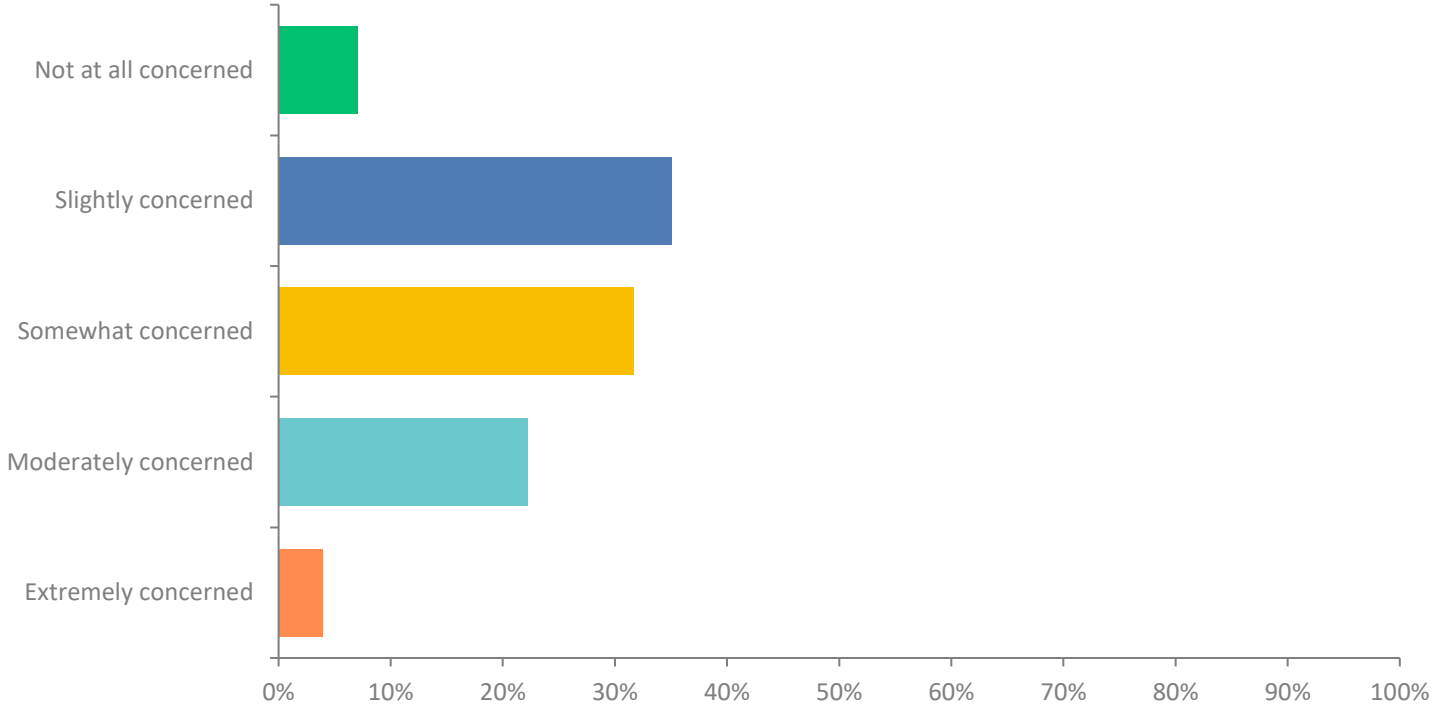
Answered: 394 Skipped: 64

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Newspaper	15.23%	60
Television News	47.46%	187
Television Advertisements	8.88%	35
Informational Brochures	9.14%	36
Radio	45.94%	181
Email	51.02%	201
Social Media	67.77%	267
Public Meetings	16.75%	66
Outdoor Advertisements	9.64%	38
Fire Department/EMS Agency	20.05%	79
Other (please specify)	12.18%	48
TOTAL		1198

Q11: How concerned are you about a natural hazard occurring at your place of residence?

Answered: 382 Skipped: 76



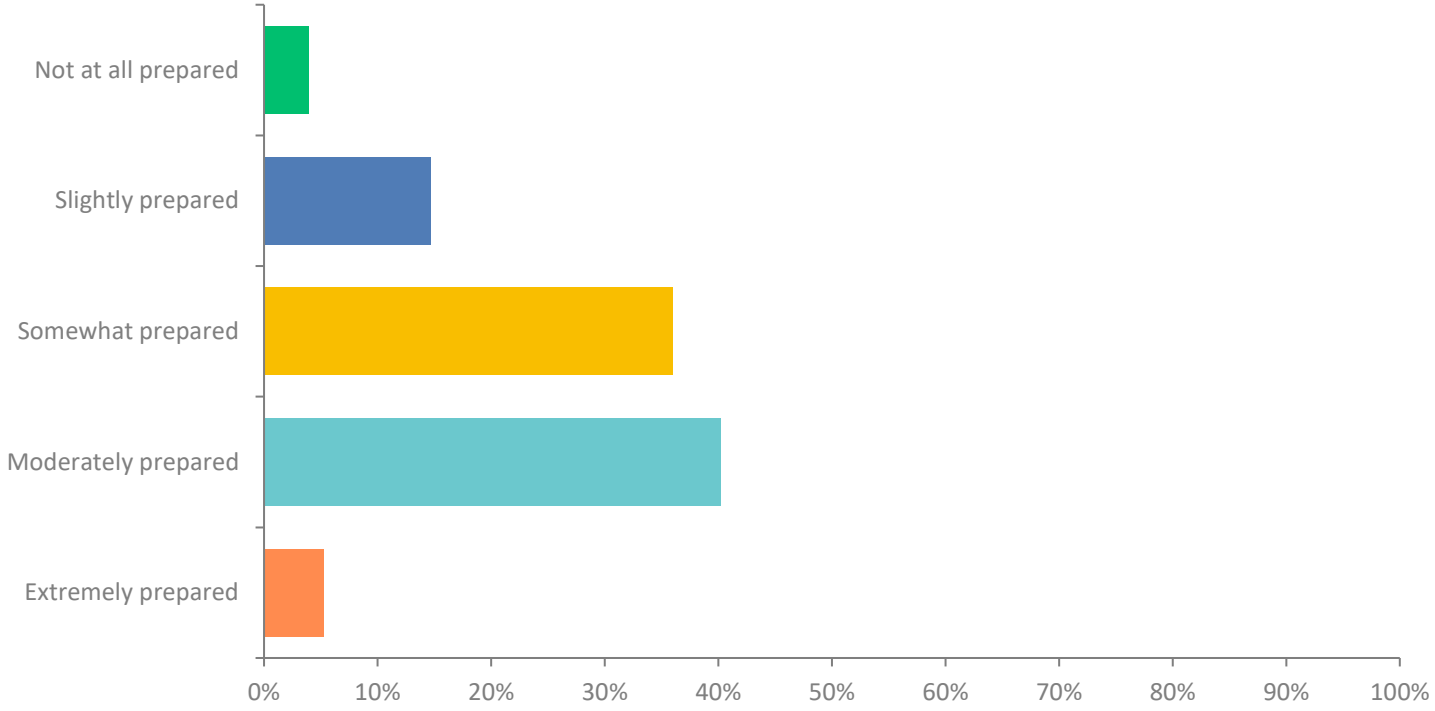
Q11: How concerned are you about a natural hazard occurring at your place of residence?

Answered: 382 Skipped: 76

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all concerned	7.07%	27
Slightly concerned	35.08%	134
Somewhat concerned	31.68%	121
Moderately concerned	22.25%	85
Extremely concerned	3.93%	15
TOTAL		382

Q12: How prepared do you believe your household is for impacts of hazard events likely to occur within your community?

Answered: 381 Skipped: 77



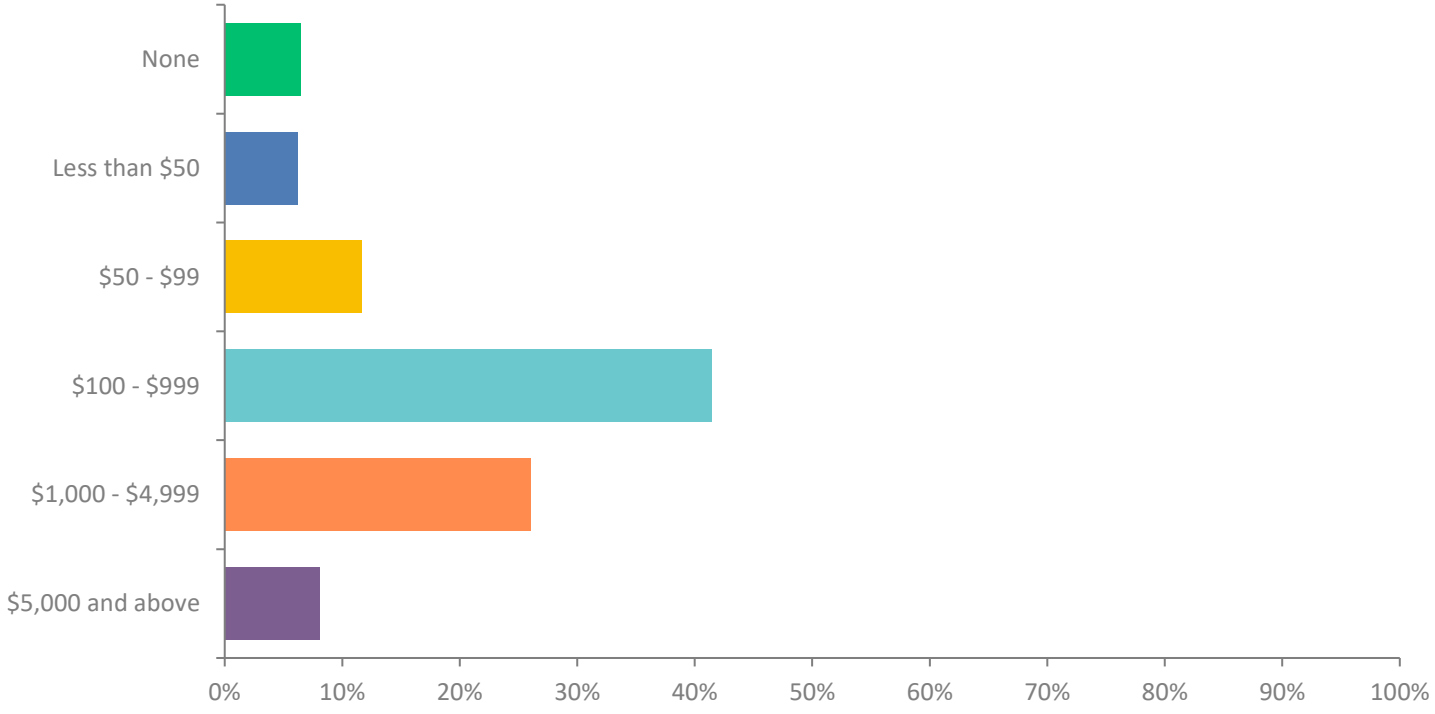
Q12: How prepared do you believe your household is for impacts of hazard events likely to occur within your community?

Answered: 381 Skipped: 77

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all prepared	3.94%	15
Slightly prepared	14.70%	56
Somewhat prepared	35.96%	137
Moderately prepared	40.16%	153
Extremely prepared	5.25%	20
TOTAL		381

Q13: How much money are you able to spend annually to better protect your family and home from natural disasters?

Answered: 369 Skipped: 89



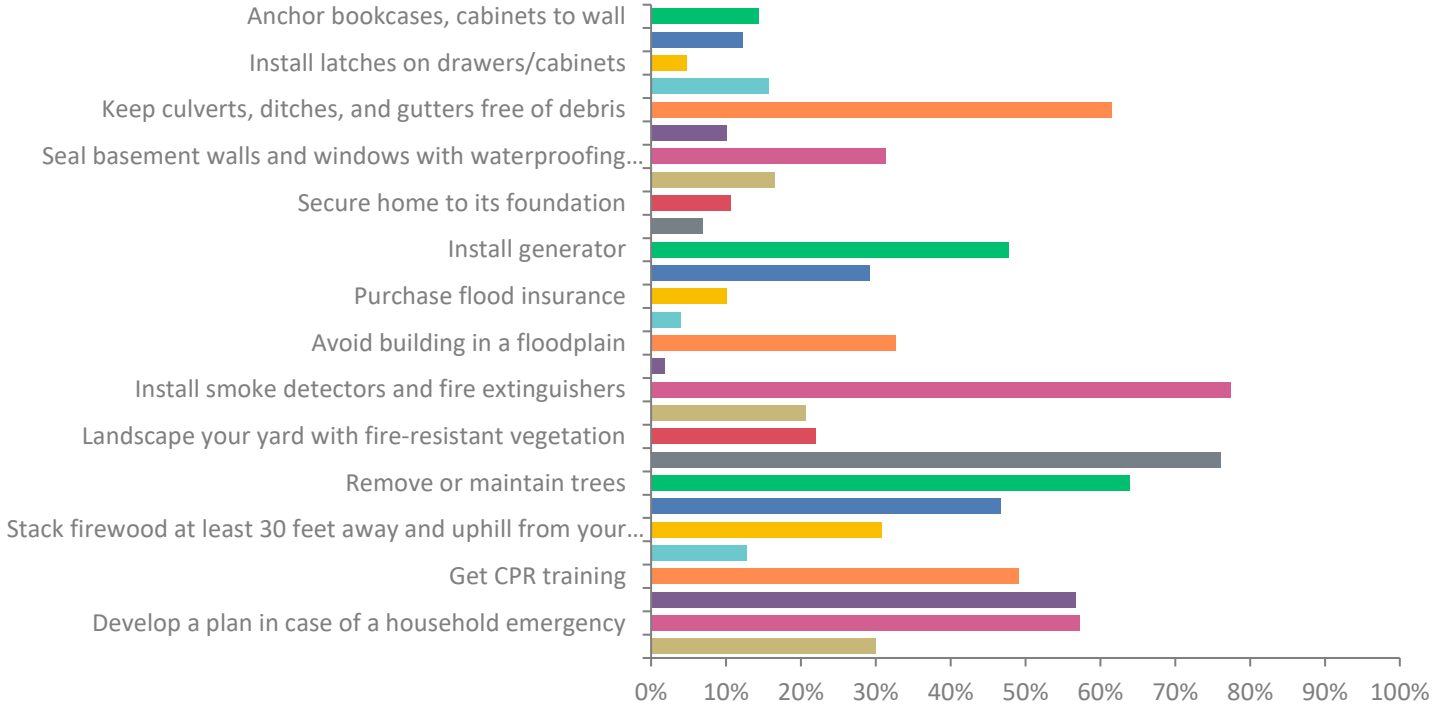
Q13: How much money are you able to spend annually to better protect your family and home from natural disasters?

Answered: 369 Skipped: 89

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	6.50%	24
Less than $50	6.23%	23
$50 - $99	11.65%	43
$100 - $999	41.46%	153
$1,000 - $4,999	26.02%	96
$5,000 and above	8.13%	30
TOTAL		369

Q14: What modification have you made or would you consider making to protect your home from natural disasters? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 377 Skipped: 81



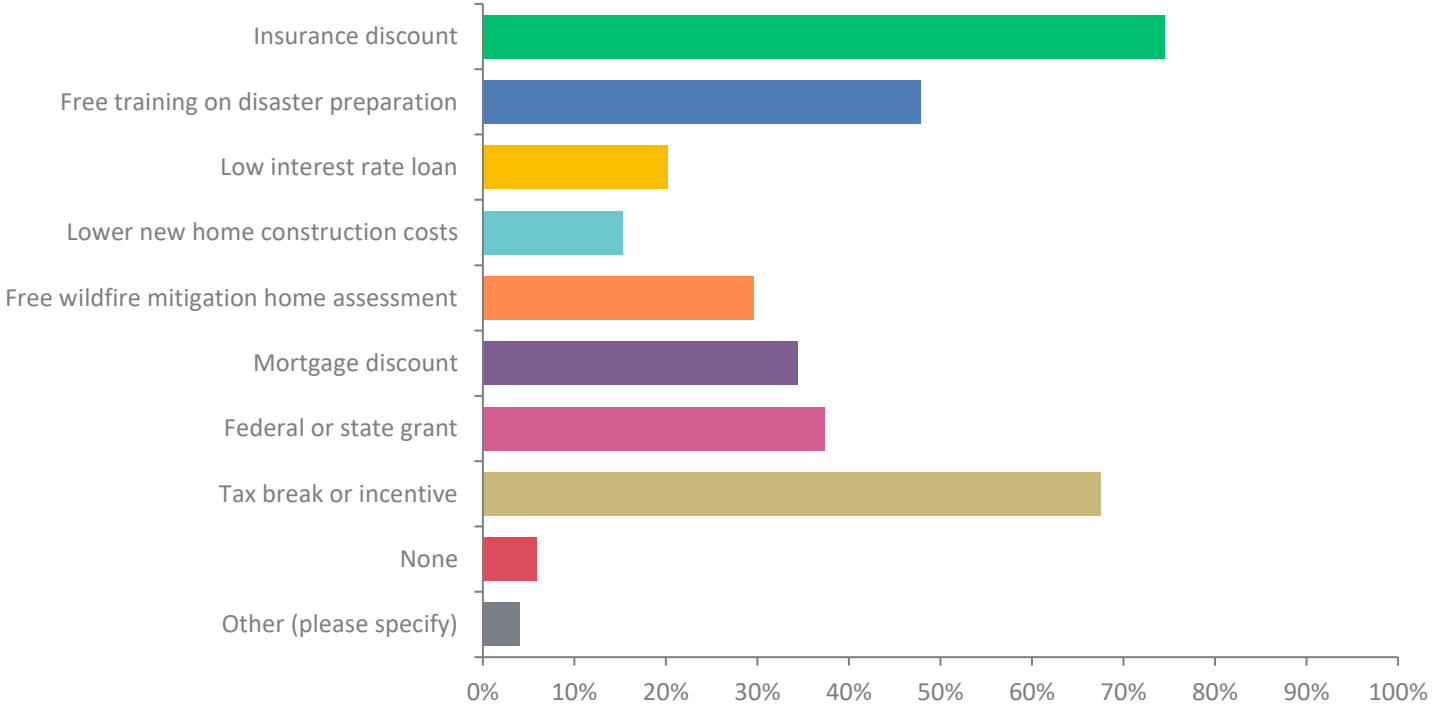
Q14: What modification have you made or would you consider making to protect your home from natural disasters? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 377 Skipped: 81

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Anchor bookcases, cabinets to wall	14.32%	54
Secure water heater to wall	12.20%	46
Install latches on drawers/cabinets	4.77%	18
Fit gas appliances with flexible connections	15.65%	59
Keep culverts, ditches, and gutters free of debris	61.54%	232
Elevate utilities and move appliances out of basements	10.08%	38
Seal basement walls and windows with waterproofing compounds	31.30%	118
Install check valves to keep sewer lines from backing up	16.45%	62
Secure home to its foundation	10.61%	40
Brace un-reinforced masonry and concrete walls and foundations	6.90%	26
Install generator	47.75%	180
Find out if you live in a floodplain	29.18%	110
Purchase flood insurance	10.08%	38
Elevate your house at least one foot above the 100-year flood elevation	3.98%	15
Avoid building in a floodplain	32.63%	123
Relocate your home outside of the floodplain	1.86%	7
Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers	77.45%	292
Select fire-resistant materials to build your home (ex., flame-retardant roof shingles)	20.69%	78
Landscape your yard with fire-resistant vegetation	22.02%	83
Keep gutters clean	76.13%	287
Remove or maintain trees	63.93%	241
Dispose of stove, grill, and fireplace ashes properly	46.68%	176
Stack firewood at least 30 feet away and uphill from your home and clear combustible materials around it	30.77%	116
Place metal screens over structure openings	12.73%	48
Get CPR training	49.07%	185
Prepare a disaster supply kit	56.76%	214
Develop a plan in case of a household emergency	57.29%	216
Attend disaster preparedness meetings	29.97%	113
TOTAL		3215

Q15: Which of the following incentives, if any, would motivate you to take additional steps to better protect your family and home from a natural disaster? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 372 Skipped: 86



Q15: Which of the following incentives, if any, would motivate you to take additional steps to better protect your family and home from a natural disaster? (Please select all that apply)

Answered: 372 Skipped: 86

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Insurance discount	74.46%	277
Free training on disaster preparation	47.85%	178
Low interest rate loan	20.16%	75
Lower new home construction costs	15.32%	57
Free wildfire mitigation home assessment	29.57%	110
Mortgage discount	34.41%	128
Federal or state grant	37.37%	139
Tax break or incentive	67.47%	251
None	5.91%	22
Other (please specify)	4.03%	15
TOTAL		1252