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Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
Kick Off Meeting

THURSDAY JUNE 15, 2023



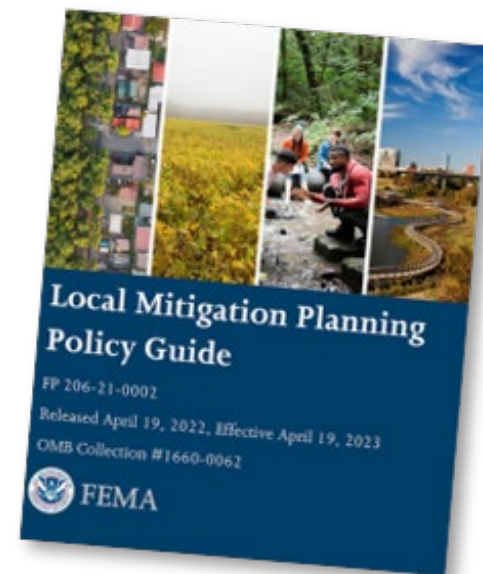
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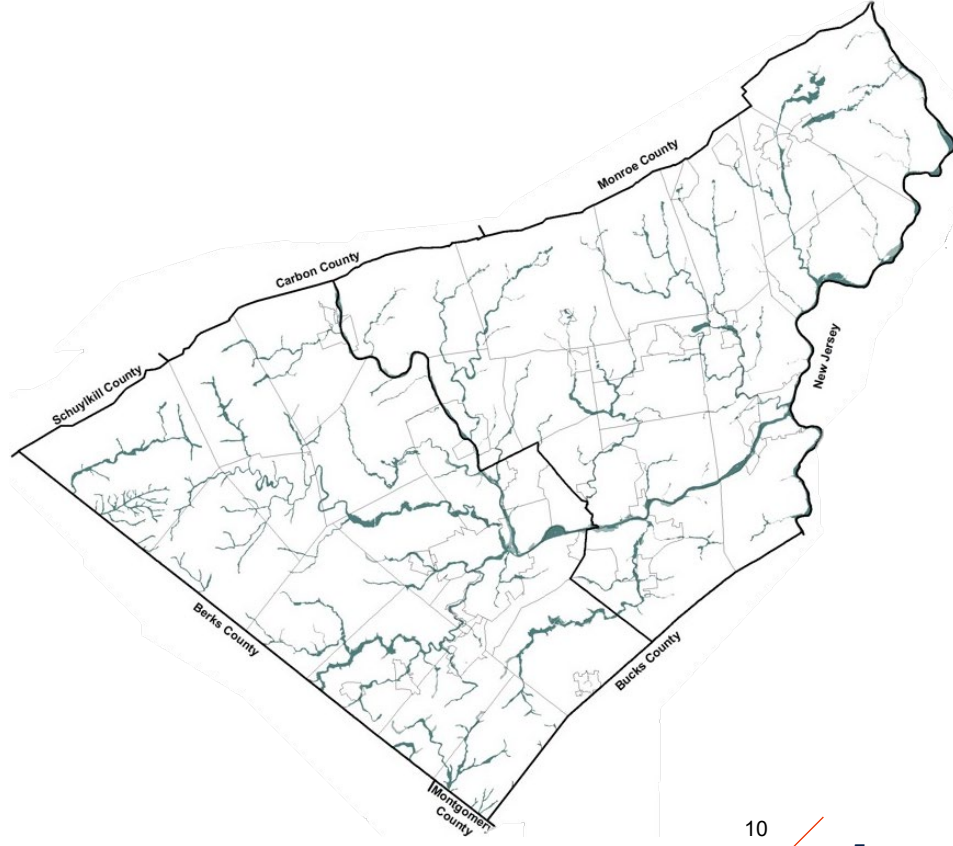
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OVERVIEW



- removing property or infrastructure from the



OVERVIEW - FEDERAL FUNDING



GRANT PROGRAMS

- Buyout Program Implementation/Residential Elevations
- Residential and Commercial Floodproofing and Wind Retrofit
- Flood Control Projects
- Coastal Resilience
- Nature Based Solutions
- Infrastructure and Utility Hardening
- Wildfire Thinning



OVERVIEW – YOUR ROLE



- What hazards have impacted your community
- Where do hazards have the most destructive or negative impact on health, safety, life, and/or property?



THE PLANNING PROCESS



TIMELINE

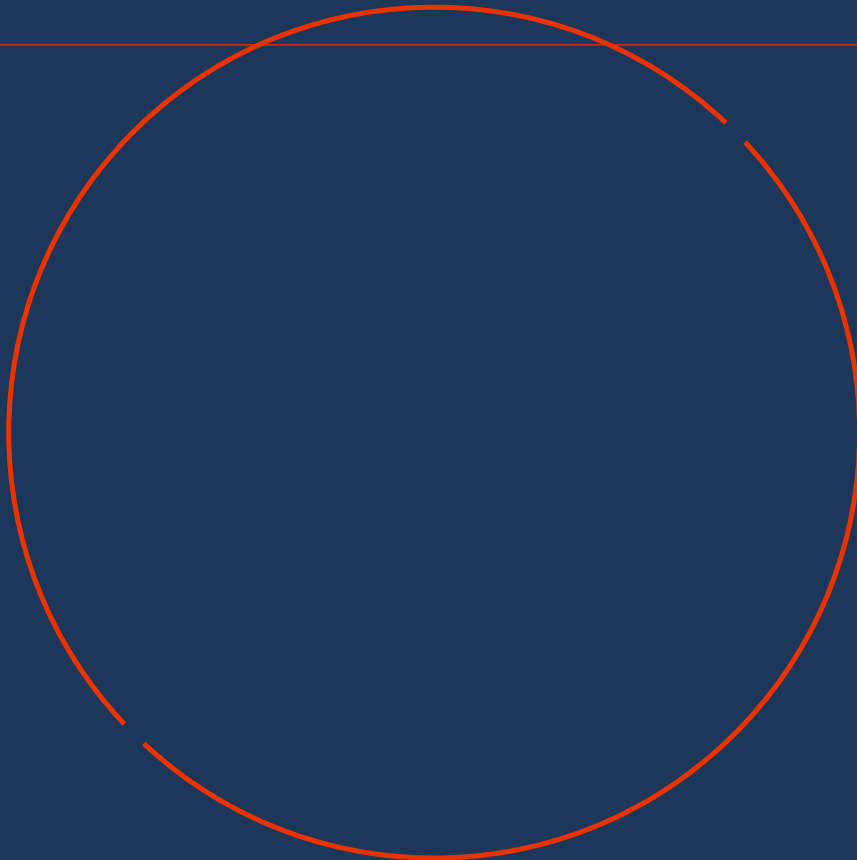
TASK	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN
Planning Process									
Steering Committee Meeting 1 and 2	★								
Kickoff (Meeting 1) - Virtual, Two offerings		★							
Public Engagement and Survey		✦							
Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment									
Data Collection									
Workshops (Meeting 2) - In-person, 4 offerings		★							
Analysis									
Mitigation Strategy									
Workshops (Meeting 3) - TBD			★						
Capability, Vulnerability, and Strategy Updates									
Planning Team Meeting 4 - TBD				★					
Support Adoption and Prepare Final Deliverables									
Plan Draft - Planning Team Comments									
Plan Draft - Public Comment					✦				
Final Draft Revisions									
FEMA and State Review									
Submit final version for State Review									
State RFI and edits									
Submit final version for FEMA Review									
FEMA RFI and edits									
APA									
Adoption									
Final FEMA Approval									

DATA GATHERING EXERCISE



COMMUNITY ASSETS





QUESTIONS & NEXT STEPS

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Hazard Identification Exercise

Community/Organization:	
Name and Title:	

PART I: Identified Hazards

Has the frequency of occurrence, magnitude of impact, and/or geographic extent changed in your community?

Identified Hazards	NC=No Change I=Increase D=Decrease	Comments (Provide input for any hazards marked I or D)
Natural Hazards		
Drought	NC	
Earthquake	NC	Majority
Extreme Temperatures	NC	
Flood	Some NC, some Increase	11 keep broken out.
Hailstorm	NC	
Invasive Species	I	Increase – spotted lantern fly (economic), emerald ash bore (economic), bamboo and tree of heaven, Japanese knot weed,
Landslide	NC	
Lightning	NC	
Pandemic		Refer to Data
Radon		Refer to data. Upper S-capital of the world (already reflected in the last plan)
Sinkhole	NC	Increase due to development and limestone
Wind	NC	Increase – (research)
Wildfire		No FMAGs. (research)

Identified Hazards	NC=No Change I=Increase D=Decrease	Comments (Provide input for any hazards marked I or D)
Winter Storm		Decrease

PART II: Human-Caused Hazards

Has the frequency of occurrence, magnitude of impact, and/or geographic extent changed in your community?

Technological Hazards (Human-Caused)	NC=No Change I=Increase D=Decrease	Comments (Provide input for any hazards marked I or D)
Building Collapse	NC	
Cyber-Terrorism*	I	Health institutions, virtual public, meetings,
Dam Failure	NC	
Drug Overdose	I	(Research) Fentanyl and opioids. meth
Environmental Hazards (Coal Mining, Unconventional or Conventional Oil and Gas Wells, Hazardous Materials Release)	I	(research) Hazmat release
Gas / Liquid Pipelines*	NC	Increase – gas leaks, failing infrastructure
Levee Failure	NC	
Mass Gathering (Civil Disturbance)	I	Amusement parks, Political rallies/protest/disturbances, pools and parks
Nuclear Incident	NC	
Terrorism	I	Domestic terrorism nationwide.
Transportation Crashes	I	Motor Vehicle Accidents. More trucks involved– increased severity along with hazmat releases. Gridlock due to detours.
Urban Fires	NC	
Utility Interruption	I	Utility interruption- increase to telecommunications, internet, power. Grid is aging.

Technological Hazards (Human-Caused)	NC=No Change I=Increase D=Decrease	Comments (Provide input for any hazards marked I or D)
Other?		

* Hazards already identified for inclusion in the 2023 update.

PART III: State Identified Hazards

Does the Planning Team concur that the following state profiled hazards can be excluded from the risk profile for the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan?

Identified Hazards	I=Include X=Exclude	Reasoning
Coastal Erosion	X	No coasts in our jurisdiction.
Flash Flood	I	Due to frequency – Separate from riverine flooding
Ice Jam	I	
Hurricane	I	
Tropical Storm	I	
Nor'easter	I	
Tornado	I	
Mass Food and Animal Feed Contamination	I	



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Earthquake	NC	
Extreme Temperatures	I	Both high and low
Flood	NC	
Hailstorm	NC	
Invasive Species	I	spotted lantern fly (economic), emerald ash bore (economic), bamboo and tree of heaven, Japanese knot weed. Pollen impacts
Landslide	NC	
Lightning	NC	
Pandemic		Refer to data.
Radon	NC	
Sinkhole	I	
Wind	I	Increase in gusts
Wildfire	NC	Increase – brush fire
Winter Storm	NC	

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Building Collapse	NC	
Cyber-Terrorism*	I	Global increase, increase locally as well
Dam Failure	NC	
Drug Overdose	I	Toxicologists have helped to decrease overdoses of prescribed opioids within hospitals
Environmental Hazards (Coal Mining, Unconventional or Conventional Oil and Gas Wells, Hazardous Materials Release)	I	Haz mat releases on the rise
Gas / Liquid Pipelines*	NC	failing infrastructure due to age and lack of people to fix those
Levee Failure	NC	
Mass Gathering (Civil Disturbance)	I	Increase of large group gatherings, population increase causes damage potential
Nuclear Incident	NC	
Terrorism	I	Bundle cyber and domestic? Political climate
Transportation Crashes	I	Reduction in fatalities. definite increase in transportation due to more driving now vs when covid was happening. Increase and electric car challenges - More danger to first responders responding to EV accidents. More frequent and more severe. Battery and car fires. Cutting and moving materials.
Urban Fires	NC	Increase in residential, slight increase with people who can't handle fire pits
Utility Interruption	I/NC	Yes - Grid is aging.

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Other?		

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Hurricane	I	
Tropical Storm	I	
Nor'easter	I	
Tornado	I	
Mass Food and Animal Feed Contamination	I	

Morganti, Chelsea

Subject: Lehigh Valley HMP - Workshop Session 1
Location: Northampton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 100 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA 18064

Start: Wed 6/28/2023 7:00 AM
End: Wed 6/28/2023 9:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Morganti, Chelsea
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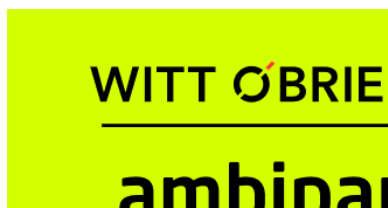
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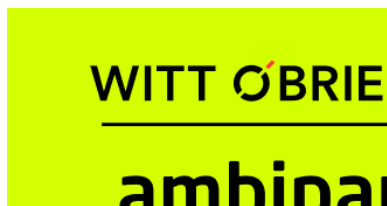
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Location: Northampton County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 100 Gracedale Avenue, Nazareth, PA 18064
Start: Wed 6/28/2023 2:00 PM
End: Wed 6/28/2023 4:00 PM
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Meeting organizer
Organizer: Morganti, Chelsea
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Subject: Lehigh Valley HMP - Workshop Session 3
Location: Cetronia Ambulance Corps, 4300 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104

Start: Thu 6/29/2023 7:00 AM
End: Thu 6/29/2023 9:00 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Morganti, Chelsea
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Optional Attendees: Kourtzidis, Demitra; Thomas Guth; Todd K. Weaver, ENP; tanyahook; John Semonich; Kevin.krotzer@lehighcounty.org; Kevin Krotzer; EMS Chief; Glen Dorney

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Place: Cetronia Ambulance Corps, 4300 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104

Parking: This facility has a large lot with free parking.

Upon Arrival:

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Subject: Lehigh Valley HMP - Workshop Session 4
Location: Cetronia Ambulance Corps, 4300 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104

Start: Thu 6/29/2023 2:00 PM
End: Thu 6/29/2023 4:00 PM

Recurrence: (none)

Meeting Status: Meeting organizer

Organizer: Morganti, Chelsea
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Local Capability Workshops

JUNE 28 & 29, 2023



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- Help us contact your neighboring jurisdictions! If you see a name or information that you know to be invalid, please help us out by bringing it to our attention or sending an email.

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ELEMENT B: RISK ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS



B2-a. The plan must describe the vulnerability of each participant to the identified hazards. The description must include current and future assets (including people) and the risk that makes them susceptible to damage from the identified hazards. (Requirement 44 CFR §201.6(c)(2)(i))

Vulnerability is a description of which assets, including structures, systems, populations and other assets as defined by the community, within locations identified to be hazard prone, are at risk from the effects of the identified hazard(s).

Assets are determined by the community and include, but are not limited to:

- **People** (including underserved communities and socially vulnerable populations).
- **Structures** (including facilities, lifelines and critical infrastructure).
- **Systems** (including networks and capabilities).
- **Natural, historic, and cultural resources.**
- **Activities that have value to the community.**

COMMUNITY LIFELINES VS. CRITICAL FACILITIES



Planners will use the seven (7) FEMA Community Lifelines to understand how the hazard will affect the Community and how they might interact to amplify damage during an event.



ELEMENT E: PLAN UPDATE REQUIREMENTS



E1-a. The plan must describe changes in development that have occurred in hazard-prone areas and how they have increased or decreased the vulnerability of each jurisdiction since the previous plan was approved. If no development changes affected the jurisdiction's overall vulnerability, this must be stated with the plan. (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(d)(3))

- **Construction** completed since the last plan was approved
- Potential **development**
- **Climate change**
- Declining **populations** or projected increases in population
- **Foreclosures**
- Shifts in the needs of **underserved communities** or gaps in social equity
- **Changes** in local policies, standards, codes, regulations, land use regulations and other conditions.

ELEMENT C: MITIGATION STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS



C1. Does the plan document each jurisdiction's existing authorities, policies, programs and resources and its ability to expand on and improve these existing policies and programs?

(Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(c)(3))

C1-a. The plan must describe how the existing **authorities, policies, programs, funding and resources** of each participant are available to support the mitigation strategy. This must include a discussion of the **existing building codes** and **land use and development ordinances or regulations**. Capabilities may be described in a table or narrative. *Describing the current capabilities provides a rationale for which mitigation projects can be undertaken to address the vulnerabilities identified in the Risk Assessment.*

C1-b. The plan must describe the ability of each participant to **expand on** and **improve** the capabilities described in the plan. If the participants do not have the ability or authority to expand and/or improve their capabilities, the plan must **describe this lack of ability or authority**. Gaps and limitations for each participant may be addressed as actions in the mitigation strategy.

ELEMENT C: PLANNING PROCESS REQUIREMENTS



A2-a. The plan must provide documentation of an opportunity for stakeholders to be involved in the current planning process. Documentation of this opportunity must identify how each of the following types of stakeholders were presented with this opportunity, as applicable. (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(b)(2))

1. **Local and regional agencies** involved in hazard mitigation activities: public works, emergency management, local floodplain administration and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) departments.
2. Agencies that have the authority to **regulate development**: zoning, planning, community and economic development departments; building officials; planning commissions; or other elected officials.
3. **Neighboring communities**: adjacent local governments, including special districts, such as those that are affected by similar hazard events or may share a mitigation action or project that crosses boundaries. Neighboring communities may be partners in hazard mitigation and response activities, or may be where critical assets, such as dams, are located.
4. Representatives of businesses, academia, and other **private organizations**: private utilities or major employers that sustain community lifelines.
5. Representatives of **nonprofit organizations**, including community-based organizations, that work directly with and/or provide support to underserved communities and socially vulnerable populations, among others: housing, healthcare or social service agencies.

An opportunity to be involved in the planning process means that these stakeholders are **invited to be engaged** or are **asked to provide information or input** to inform the plan's content.

PEMA REQUIRED ENTITIES



- All county departments especially all planners and people with Geographic Information Systems capabilities
- All municipal governments
- Fire Departments, Ambulance Companies
- Hospitals and other residential health care facilities to include elder care facilities
- Organizations that care for, or advocate for, persons with disabilities
- School districts, any other educational institution – particularly higher education – do they have an environmental or planning department that can provide expertise or labor?
- State agencies that work in or have facilities in either county, especially Penn DOT, PSP, DCNR, DEP, DCED, and PHMC. Counties will focus the invitation to the state facilities in either county vs the agency as a whole, for example: Department of Transportation (Penn DOT) District Office or PA State Police (PSP) Troop vs the main office in Harrisburg.

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PEMA REQUIRED ENTITIES



- Adjacent counties Bucks, Berks, Carbon, Monroe, Montgomery, Schuylkill to include bordering state counties Warren County, New Jersey.
- Up and down stream counties of larger rivers
- Railroads, pipelines, power lines or other utilities that pass through either county
- Chambers of Commerce and large businesses
- Businesses with high hazard potential such as SARA facilities
- Representatives from federal facilities in either county
- Commanders of local National Guard Armories or Military Reserve Centers, U.S. Army corps of Engineers District
- Conservation district and private conservation organizations

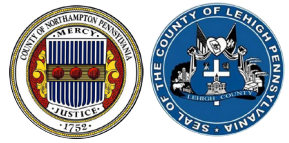
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PEMA REQUIRED ENTITIES



- Chambers of commerce
- Volunteer disaster relief organizations such as the Red Cross
- Neighborhood groups and housing organizations
- Historical commissions and Historical preservation associations
- PEMA area office
- FEMA Region III Community Planners and HAZUS experts

ELEMENT C: MITIGATION STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS



A3. Does the plan document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting stage and prior to plan approval? (Requirement 44 CFR § 201.6(b)(1))

A3-a. The plan must document how the public had an opportunity to be involved in the current planning process, and what that participation entailed, including how **underserved communities and vulnerable populations within the planning area were provided an opportunity to be involved.** The opportunity must occur during the plan's development, which means prior to the plan's submission for formal review. In addition, the plan must document how public feedback was included throughout the planning process.

Examples of documentation include, but are not limited to, narratives, materials from open meetings, screenshots of social media postings and/or interactive websites with drafts for public review and comment, questionnaires or surveys through utility bills, etc.

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Region 3: Community Capability Assessment Worksheet

The capability assessment is a key part of your local mitigation planning process. It helps your community find and assess the resources it needs to reduce risk. Capability assessment findings will help you inform how you reduce risk, meet planning requirements, pinpoint specific resource needs and gaps, and support proactive planning to speed up recovery efforts.

Getting Started

Use this worksheet to assess your community's capabilities in terms of hazard mitigation and risk reduction. This evaluation should help you see where your capabilities are strongest. It will also point out any gaps and areas for improvement.

Types of Capabilities

1. **Planning and Regulatory:** Planning and regulatory capabilities are plans, policies, codes and ordinances that prevent and reduce the impacts of hazards. These tools can guide development and manage growth in your community.
2. **Administrative and Technical:** Administrative and technical capabilities include staff and their skills and tools that can help carry out mitigation actions. These may be local staff and departments, as well as academic partners, regional planning and nonprofit and private organizations.
3. **Financial:** Financial capabilities include access to or eligibility to use funding resources for hazard mitigation. Think about state and federal funding programs, private and nonprofit resources, and internal funding sources.
4. **Education and Outreach:** Education and outreach capabilities include programs and methods that could be used to carry out mitigation actions and share hazard-related information. These could include training sessions or awareness campaigns that build capacity.

Connecting Capabilities to the Disaster Recovery Timeline

This worksheet uses the tags below to show when each capability tends to come into play during the disaster recovery timeline. You can change how each capability is tagged to reflect conditions in your community.

Phase	Timeline	Description	Symbol
Preparedness	Ongoing	Laying groundwork for recovery in case of an event.	
Response	Days	Taking fast action to make sure the community is okay.	
Intermediate Recovery	Weeks – Months	Short term response to find immediate solutions.	
Long-term Recovery	Months – Years	Focused on how to build back better for the future.	

Worksheet

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Planning and Regulatory	P R IR LR	Yes or No	▪ If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? ▪ If you have this capability: – Can you use it to make your community more resilient to disasters? – Does it reflect current standards and best practices? If not, what are the barriers to updating it? – How can it be improved to further reduce risk?
Floodplain Management Regulations <i>These are rules to ensure communities take flood hazards into account in building and land use. For communities taking part in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), these must meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.</i>	P LR		
Building Codes <i>These are rules that specify standards for built structures. Having higher standards in local building codes can help reduce risk.</i>	P LR		

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Disaster Recovery Plan <i>This identifies the tools, resources and governance that communities may need after a disaster to ensure an expedited recovery.</i>	P LR		
Substantial Damage Management Plan <i>This is a regulatory requirement to assess potential damage to buildings; look at how to mitigate the potential for damage to those buildings; and lay out the strategy to address damage after any hazard event.</i>	P LR		
Placeholder for additional capability			

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Administrative and Technical	P R IR LR	Yes or No	▪ If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? ▪ If you have this capability: – Do departments have enough staff? – Do staff members understand their post-disaster roles and duties? – Are staff well-trained? – Are there onboarding and training materials for new staff members? – How can capabilities be improved to further reduce risk?
Building Inspectors <i>They administer and enforce building codes in a jurisdiction.</i>	P R IR		
Floodplain Manager <i>They carry out the local floodplain management regulations and make sure the community complies with minimum NFIP standards.</i>	P R IR		
Emergency Manager <i>They prepare and carry out plans and procedures for responding to natural disasters and emergencies.</i>	P R LR		

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist <i>They provide the ability to access and analyze geospatial data that may affect planning efforts.</i>	IR LR		
Grant Administrator and/or Writer <i>They identify grant opportunities, prepare grant applications, and work to meet requirements for secured grants.</i>	IR LR		
Placeholder for additional capability			

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Financial	   	Yes or No	▪ If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? ▪ If you have this capability: – Have you used the funding resource in the past for post-disaster activities? If so, what type of activities did you use it for? – Could it be used to fund future post-disaster activities? – How does the capability support more resilient rebuilding efforts? What can be done to improve the speed, ease and affordability of these rebuilding efforts?
FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program <i>This offers post-disaster funding for facilities. This is capped funding that is competitive across the state.</i> <i>*406 Mitigation only applies to damaged facilities</i>	 		
FEMA Public Assistance <i>This offers post-disaster funding for damaged facilities. There is no cap on this funding; it is non-competitive.</i>	 		
State Funding Programs <i>These offer funding at the state level to provide mitigation and post-disaster support.</i>	 		

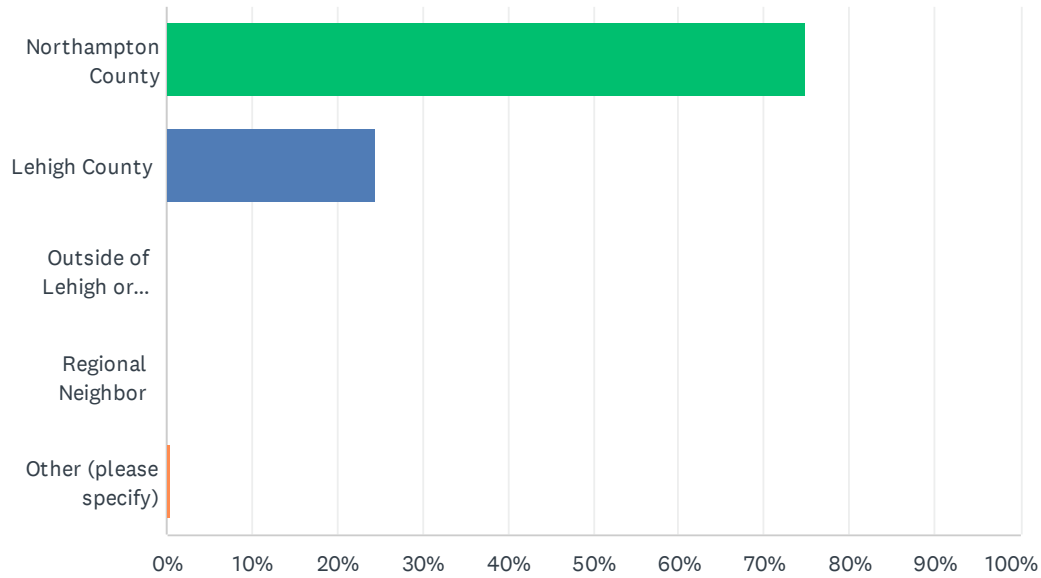
Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Local Funding Sources <i>These offer funds at the local level through programs such as bonds, impact fees, etc.</i>	P LR		
Placeholder for additional capability			

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Education and Outreach	   	Yes or No	▪ If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? ▪ If you have this capability: – Have you used the program/method in the past for post-disaster activities? If so, what type of activities did you use it for? – Can it be used to carry out future post-disaster activities? – How can it be improved to further reduce risk? ▪ For information platforms: – If you have used the platform in the past, did you find any areas to improve on? – Do you have the resources to update the information right after a disaster?
Websites <i>These are an outlet to post information online.</i>	  		
Newsletters <i>These are an outlet for periodic mailings.</i>	  		

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Permits and Forms <i>These are permits and forms that address the Special Flood Hazard Area.</i>	 		
Handouts <i>These are handouts to share at a central location so community members can learn information.</i>	 		
Trained Outreach Staff <i>They are resources to help the public be more confident with mitigation, recovery and response initiatives.</i>	 		
Placeholder for additional capability			

Q1 Which County do you currently live in?

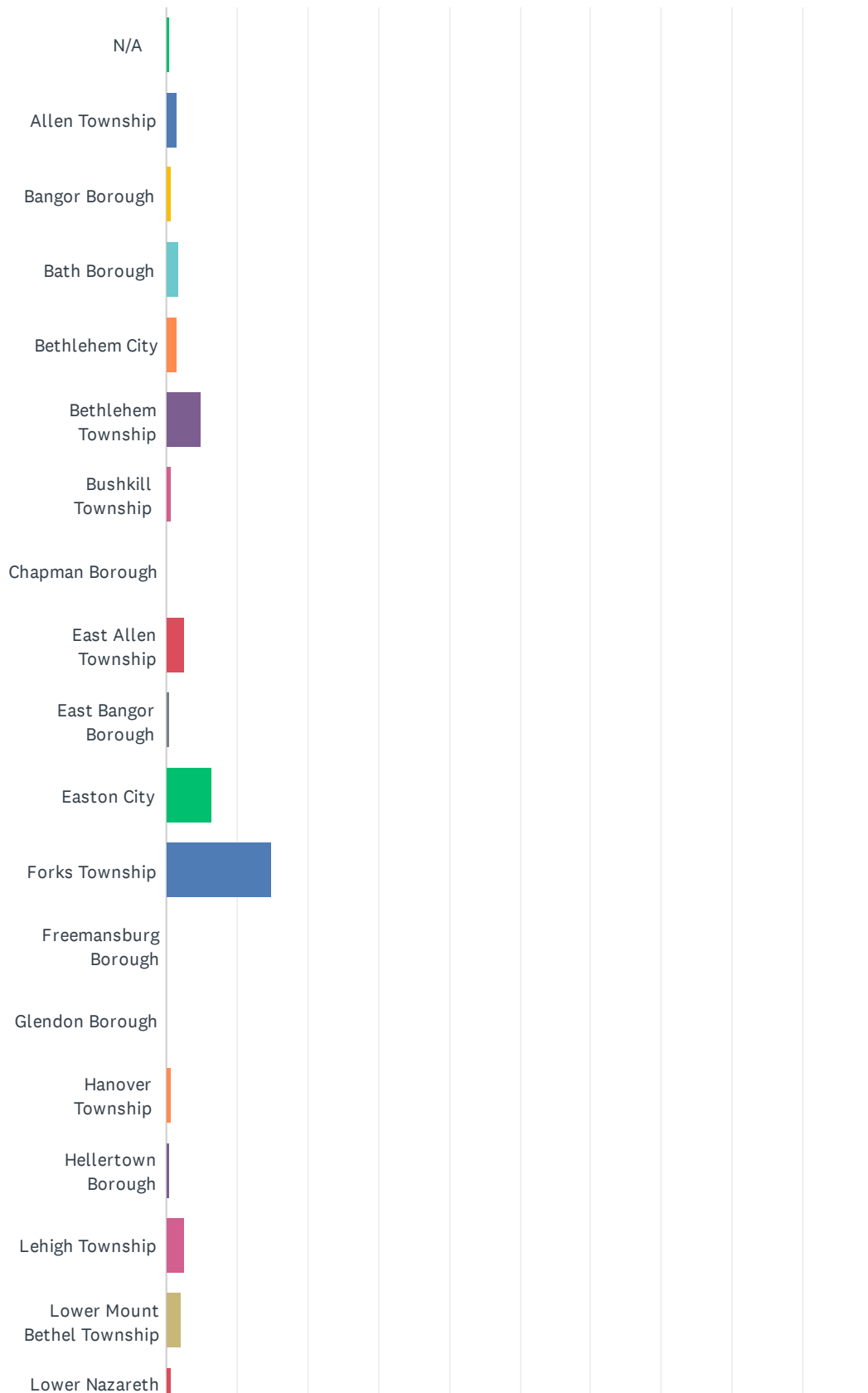
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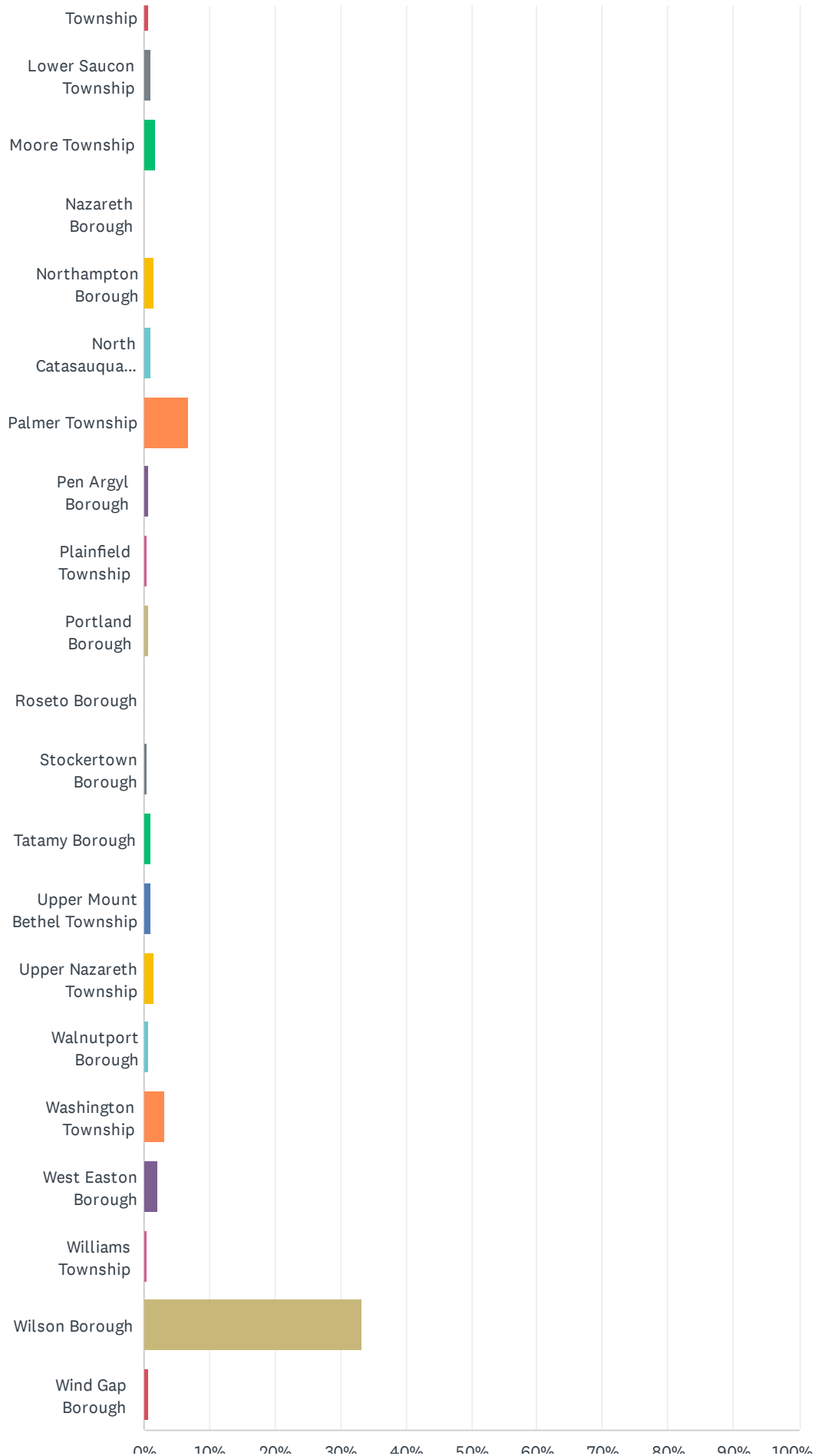
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Northampton County	74.93%	284
Lehigh County	24.54%	93
Outside of Lehigh or Northampton	0.00%	0
Regional Neighbor	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.53%	2
TOTAL		379

Q2 Which Northampton County municipality do you live in?

Answered: 282 Skipped: 97



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0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	0.35%	1
Allen Township	1.42%	4
Bangor Borough	0.71%	2
Bath Borough	1.77%	5
Bethlehem City	1.42%	4
Bethlehem Township	4.96%	14
Bushkill Township	0.71%	2
Chapman Borough	0.00%	0
East Allen Township	2.48%	7
East Bangor Borough	0.35%	1
Easton City	6.38%	18
Forks Township	14.89%	42
Freemansburg Borough	0.00%	0
Glendon Borough	0.00%	0
Hanover Township	0.71%	2
Hellertown Borough	0.35%	1
Lehigh Township	2.48%	7
Lower Mount Bethel Township	2.13%	6
Lower Nazareth Township	0.71%	2
Lower Saucon Township	1.06%	3
Moore Township	1.77%	5
Nazareth Borough	0.00%	0
Northampton Borough	1.42%	4
North Catasauqua Borough	1.06%	3
Palmer Township	6.74%	19
Pen Argyl Borough	0.71%	2
Plainfield Township	0.35%	1
Portland Borough	0.71%	2
Roseto Borough	0.00%	0
Stockertown Borough	0.35%	1
Tatamy Borough	1.06%	3
Upper Mount Bethel Township	1.06%	3

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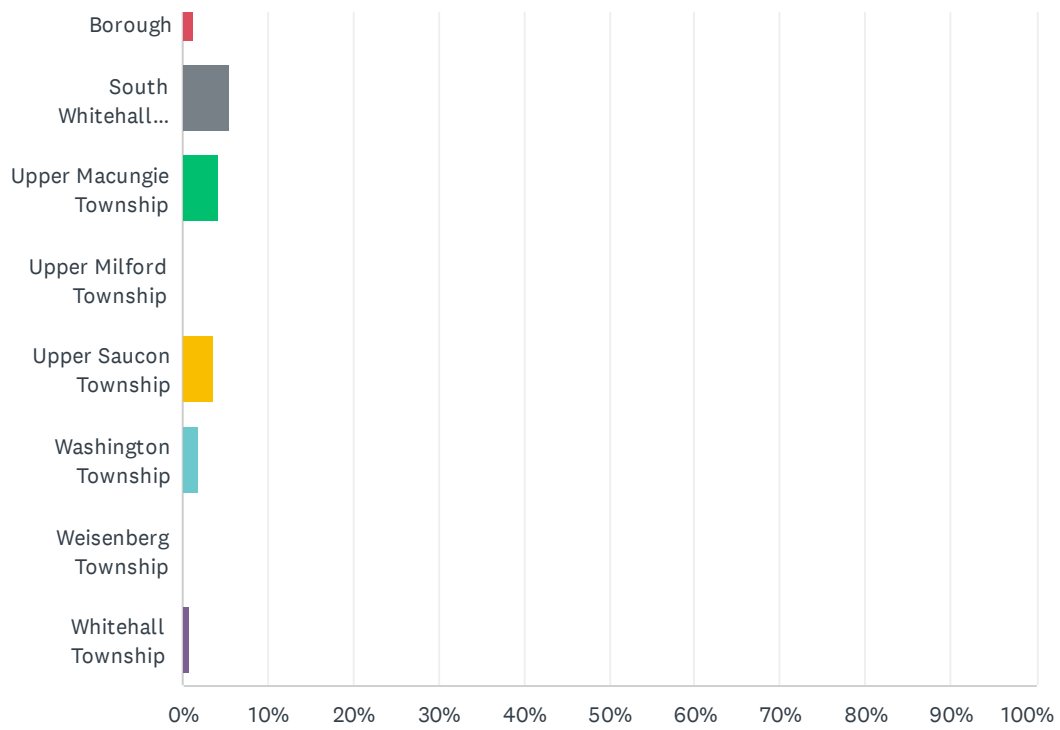
Upper Nazareth Township	1.42%	4
Walnutport Borough	0.71%	2
Washington Township	3.19%	9
West Easton Borough	2.13%	6
Williams Township	0.35%	1
Wilson Borough	33.33%	94
Wind Gap Borough	0.71%	2
TOTAL		282

Q3 Which Lehigh County municipality do you live in?

Answered: 254 Skipped: 125



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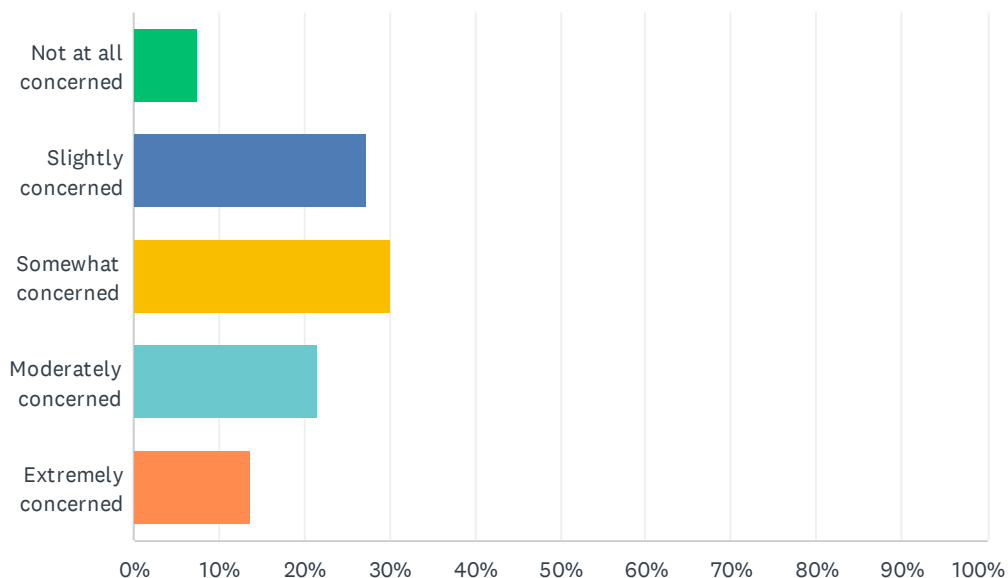


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
N/A	62.99%	160
Alburtis Borough	1.18%	3
Allentown City	2.76%	7
Bethlehem City	1.18%	3
Catasauqua Borough	1.18%	3
Coopersburg Borough	0.39%	1
Coplay Borough	0.39%	1
Emmaus Borough	0.79%	2
Fountain Hill Borough	0.39%	1
Hanover Township	0.39%	1
Heidelberg Township	1.18%	3
Lower Macungie Township	1.18%	3
Lower Milford Township	0.39%	1
Lowhill Township	1.18%	3
Lynn Township	0.79%	2
Macungie Borough	0.00%	0
North Whitehall Township	2.36%	6
Salisbury Township	3.94%	10
Slatington Borough	1.18%	3
South Whitehall Township	5.51%	14
Upper Macungie Township	4.33%	11
Upper Milford Township	0.00%	0
Upper Saucon Township	3.54%	9
Washington Township	1.97%	5
Weisenberg Township	0.00%	0
Whitehall Township	0.79%	2
TOTAL		254

Q4 Natural hazards are natural phenomena that might have a negative effect on humans and other animals, or the environment (like flood, fire, drought, or earthquake). Generally speaking, how concerned are you about your community (within Northampton or Lehigh County) being impacted by a natural disaster?

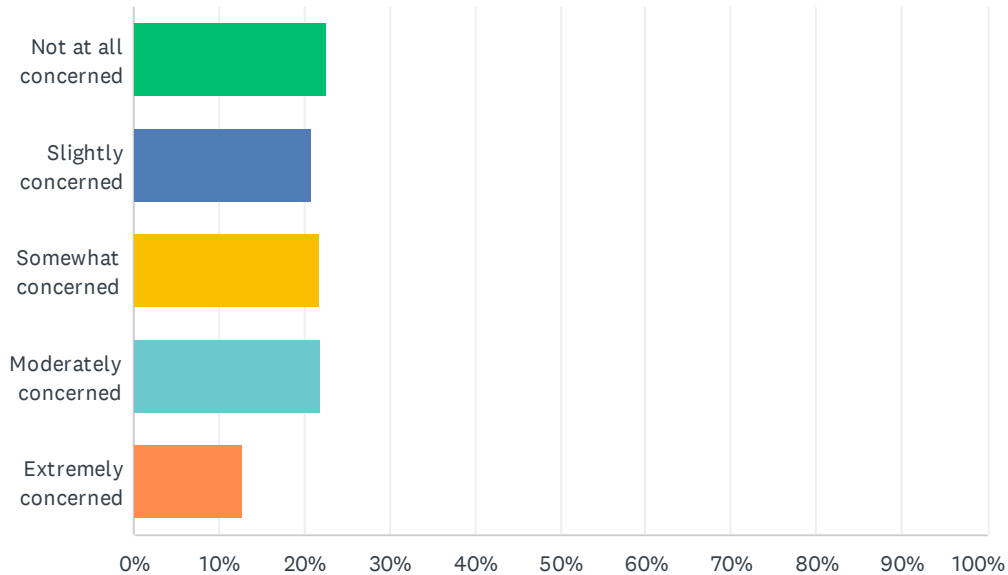
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all concerned	7.39%	26
Slightly concerned	27.27%	96
Somewhat concerned	30.11%	106
Moderately concerned	21.59%	76
Extremely concerned	13.64%	48
TOTAL		352

Q5 How concerned are you about natural hazard impacts from climate change within your community (within Northampton or Lehigh County)?

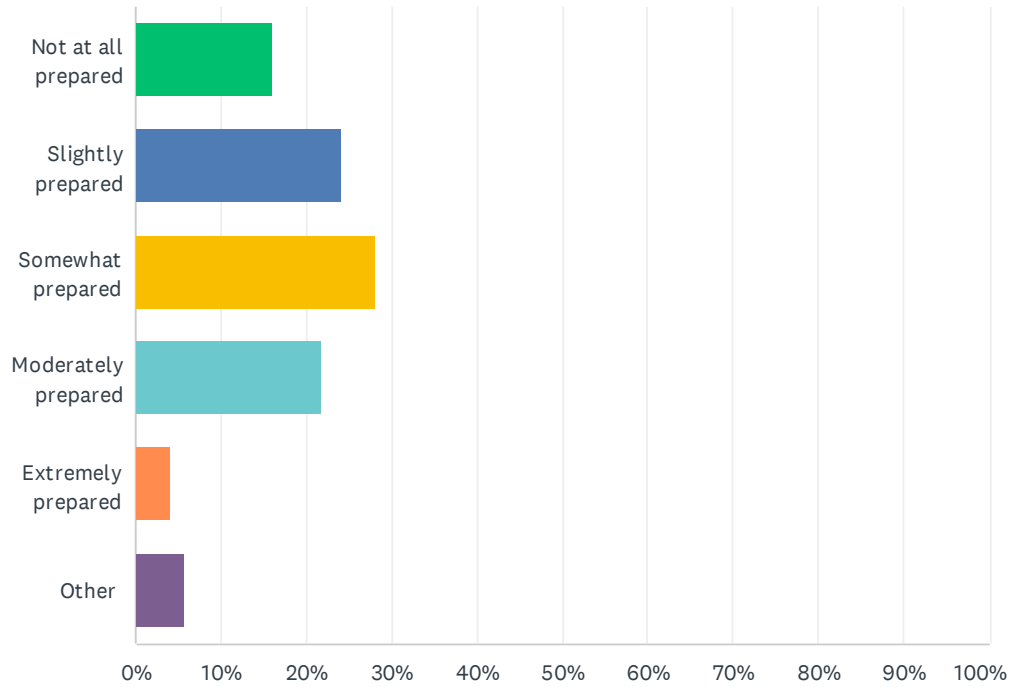
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all concerned	22.57%	79
Slightly concerned	20.86%	73
Somewhat concerned	21.71%	76
Moderately concerned	22.00%	77
Extremely concerned	12.86%	45
TOTAL		350

Q6 How well prepared do you think your municipality is for a natural disaster?

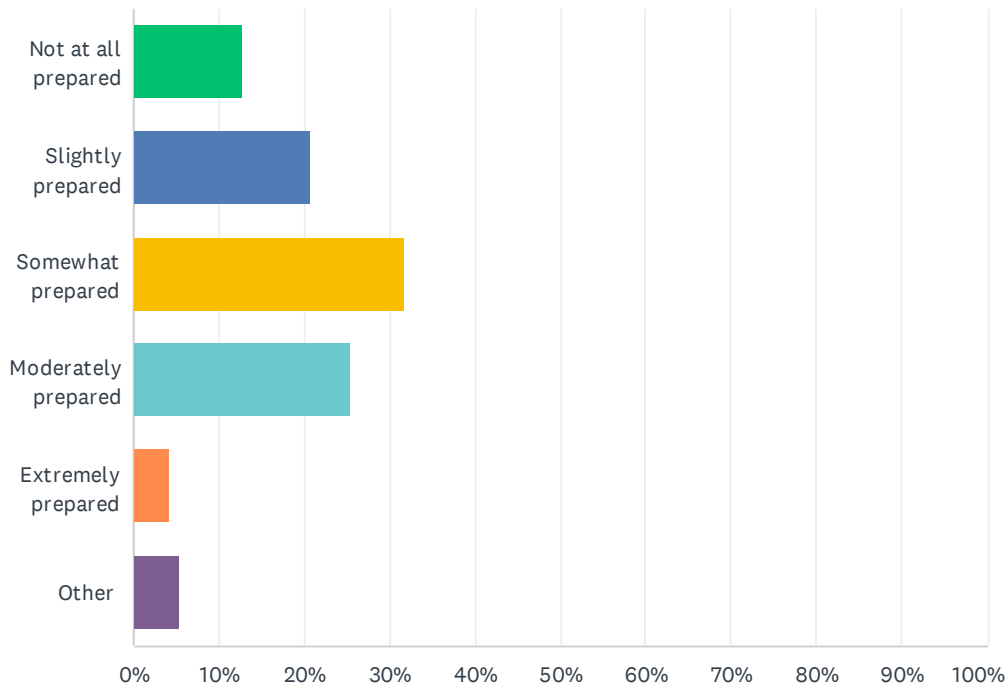
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all prepared	15.99%	55
Slightly prepared	24.13%	83
Somewhat prepared	28.20%	97
Moderately prepared	21.80%	75
Extremely prepared	4.07%	14
Other	5.81%	20
TOTAL		344

Q7 How well prepared do you think your County is for a natural disaster?

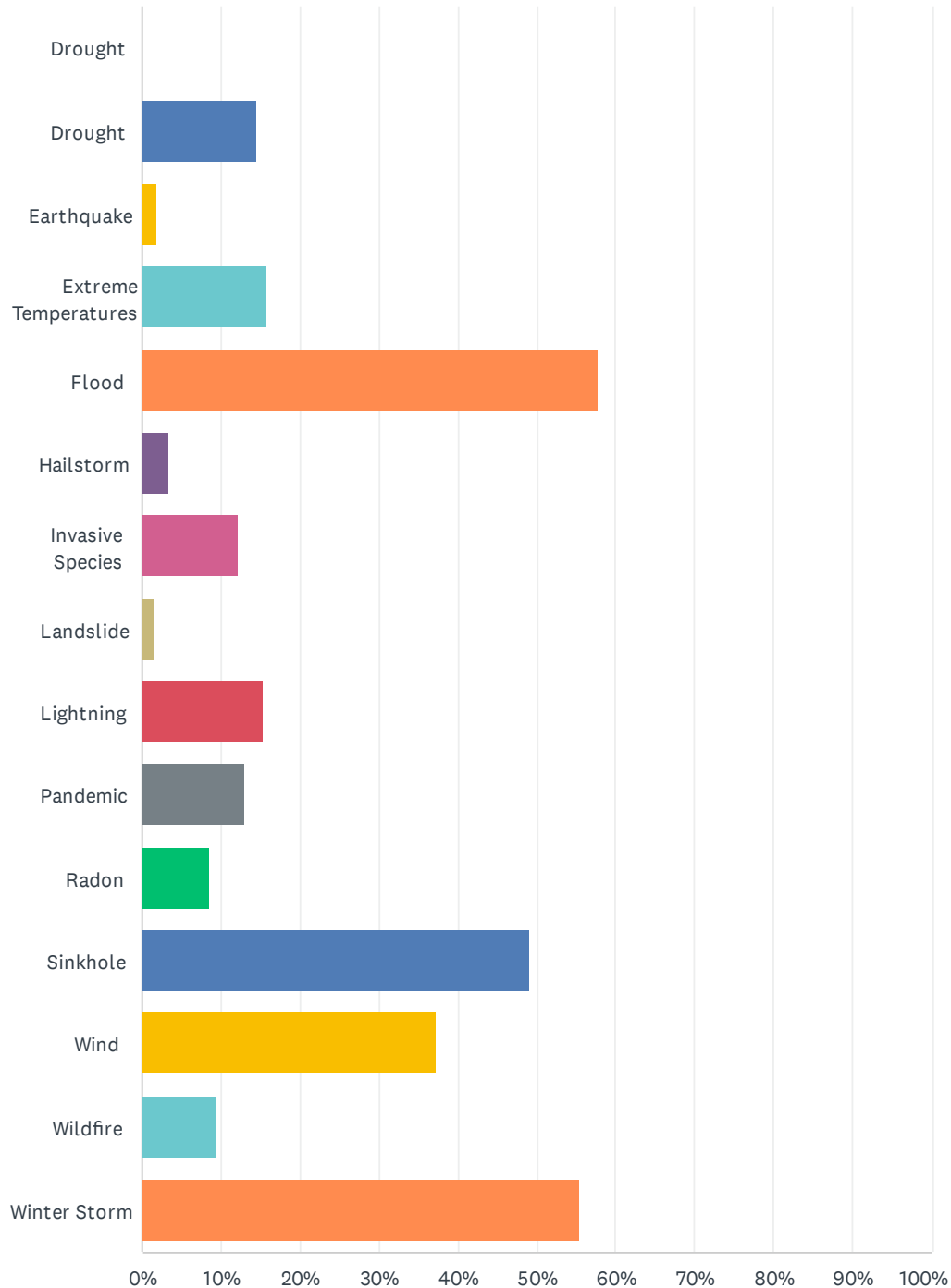
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all prepared	12.79%	44
Slightly prepared	20.64%	71
Somewhat prepared	31.69%	109
Moderately prepared	25.29%	87
Extremely prepared	4.36%	15
Other	5.23%	18
TOTAL		344

Q8 Please select the top three (3) natural hazards that you think present the greatest threat to your community (within Lehigh or Northampton County). Please select only 3.

Answered: 330 Skipped: 49

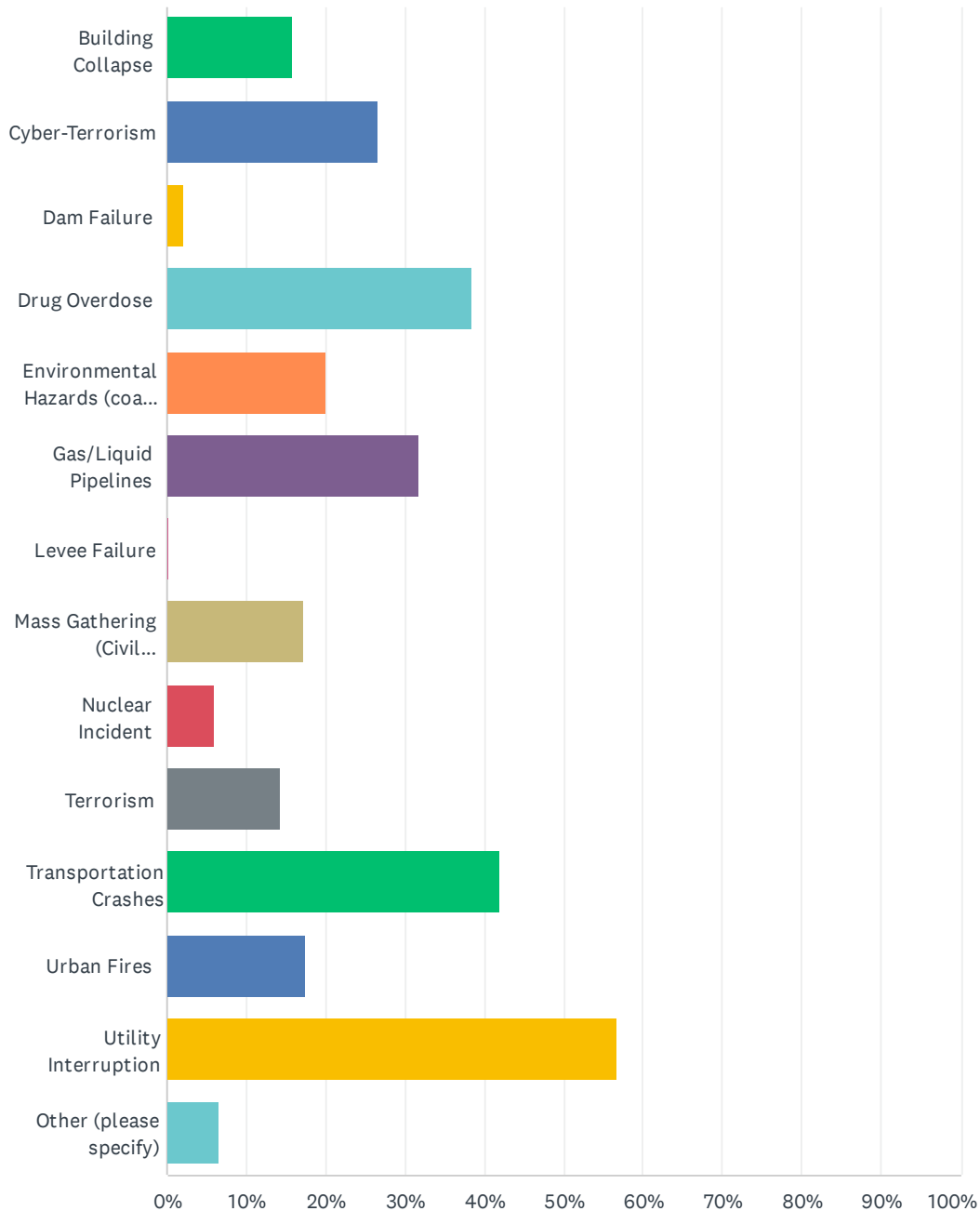


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Drought	0.00%	0
Drought	14.55%	48
Earthquake	1.82%	6
Extreme Temperatures	15.76%	52
Flood	57.88%	191
Hailstorm	3.33%	11
Invasive Species	12.12%	40
Landslide	1.52%	5
Lightning	15.45%	51
Pandemic	13.03%	43
Radon	8.48%	28
Sinkhole	49.09%	162
Wind	37.27%	123
Wildfire	9.39%	31
Winter Storm	55.45%	183
Total Respondents: 330		

Q9 Please select the top three (3) human-caused hazards that you think present the greatest threat to your community (within Lehigh or Northampton County). Please select only 3.

Answered: 331 Skipped: 48

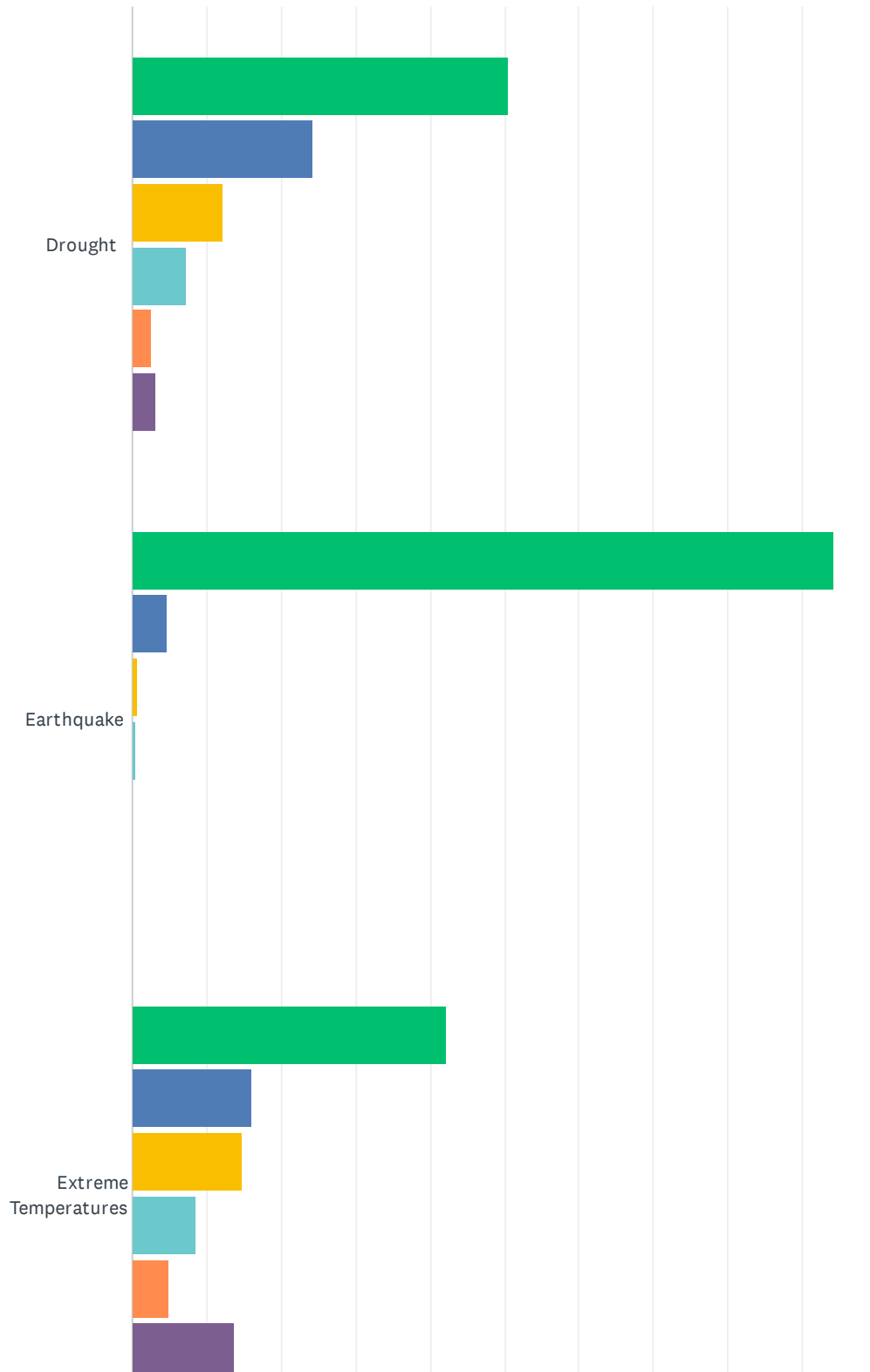


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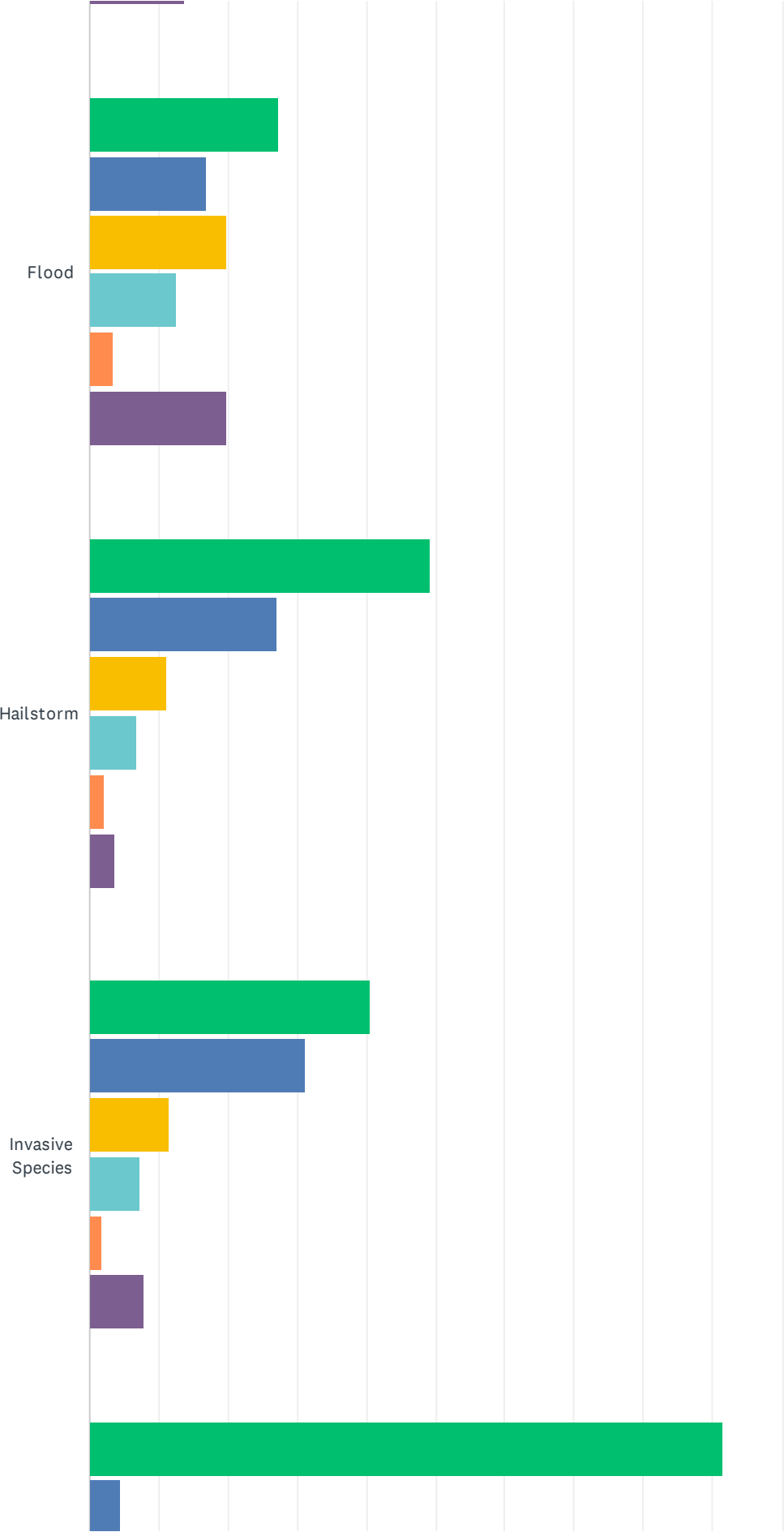
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Building Collapse	15.71%	52
Cyber-Terrorism	26.59%	88
Dam Failure	2.11%	7
Drug Overdose	38.37%	127
Environmental Hazards (coal mining, unconventional or conventional oil and gas, chemical/toxic accidents)	19.94%	66
Gas/Liquid Pipelines	31.72%	105
Levee Failure	0.30%	1
Mass Gathering (Civil Disturbance)	17.22%	57
Nuclear Incident	6.04%	20
Terrorism	14.20%	47
Transportation Crashes	41.99%	139
Urban Fires	17.52%	58
Utility Interruption	56.80%	188
Other (please specify)	6.65%	22
Total Respondents: 331		

Q10 How many times in the last 5 years, while living here, have the following natural hazards caused harm, endangered lives, or damaged property at your home or in your community?

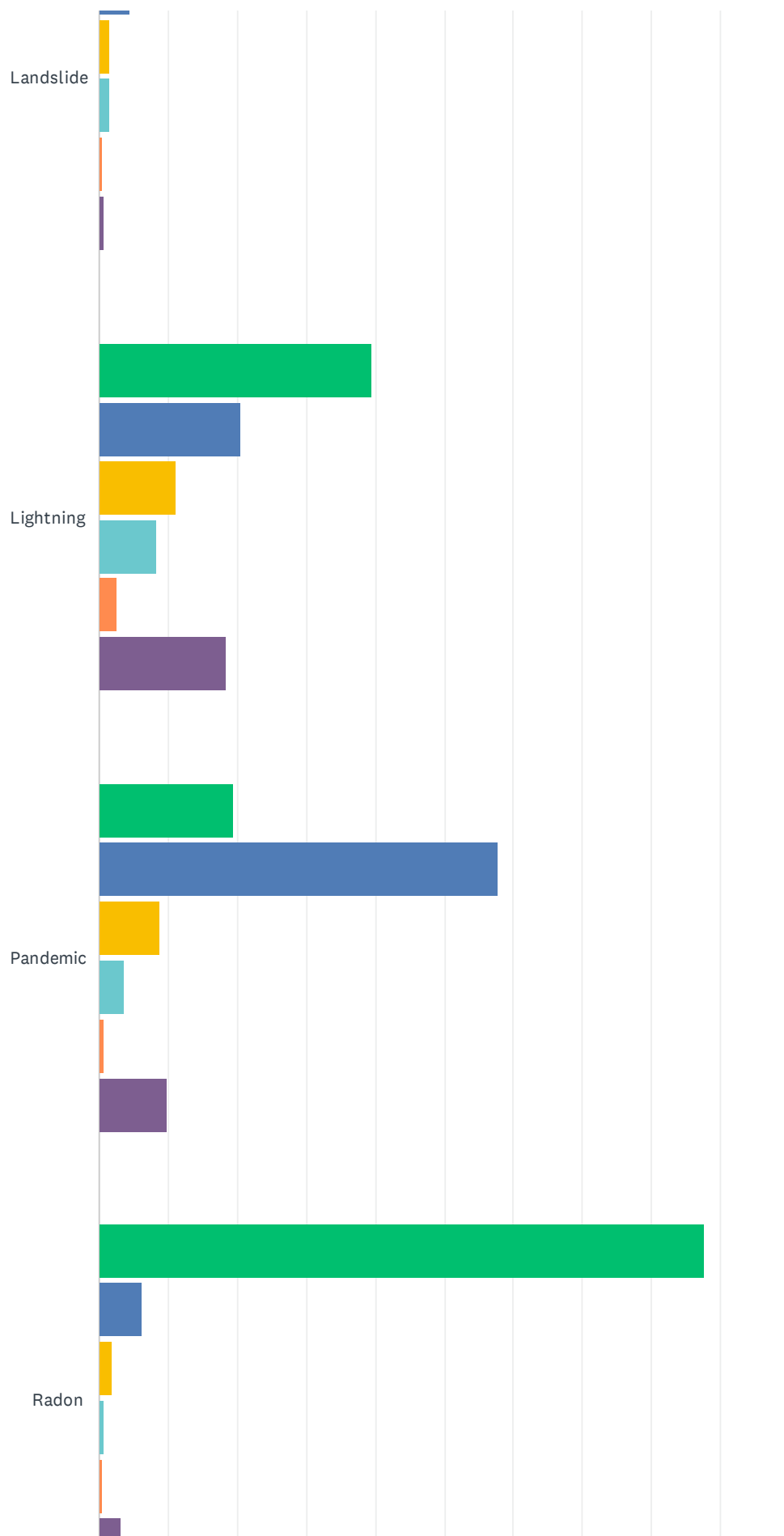
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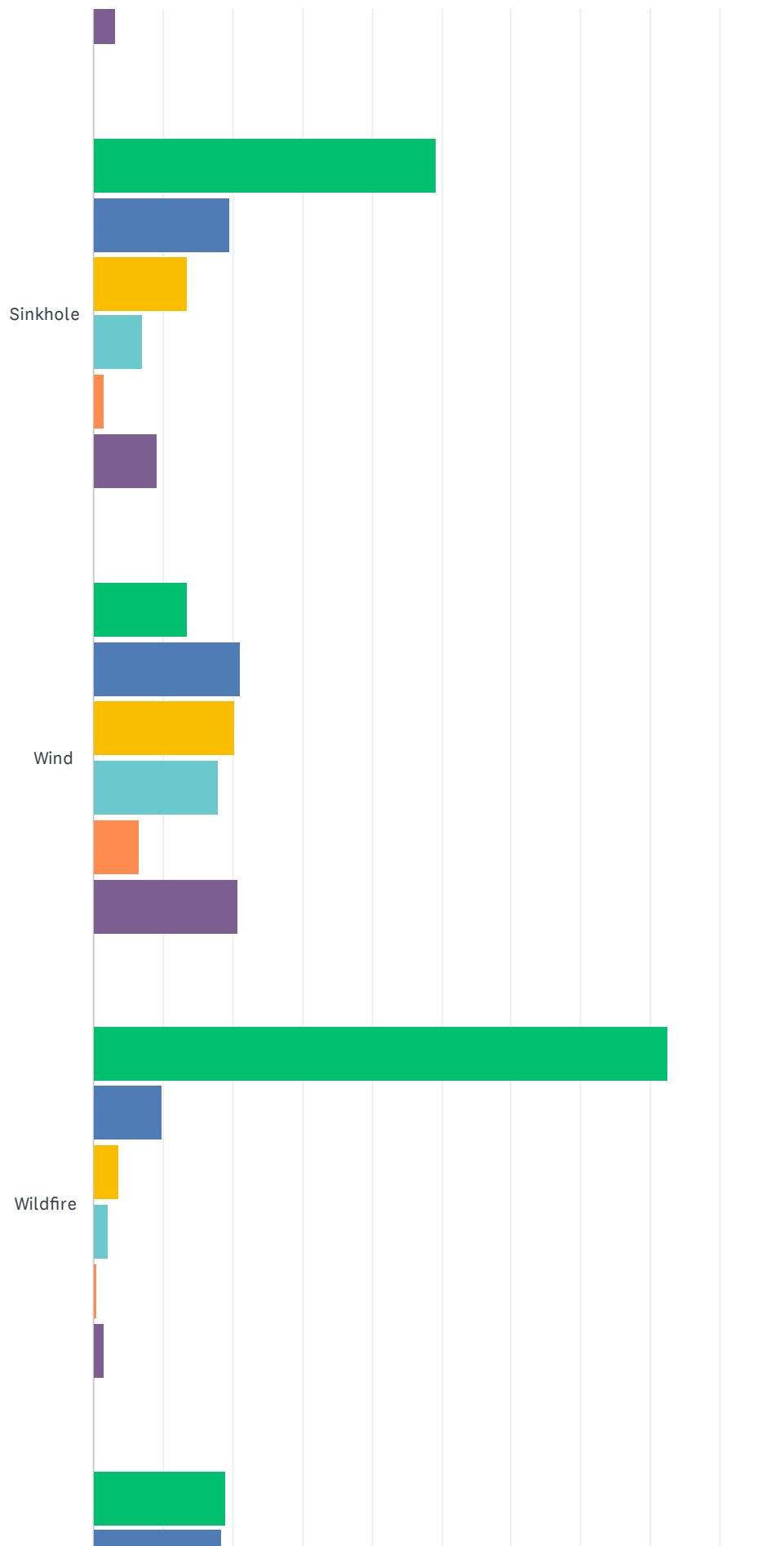
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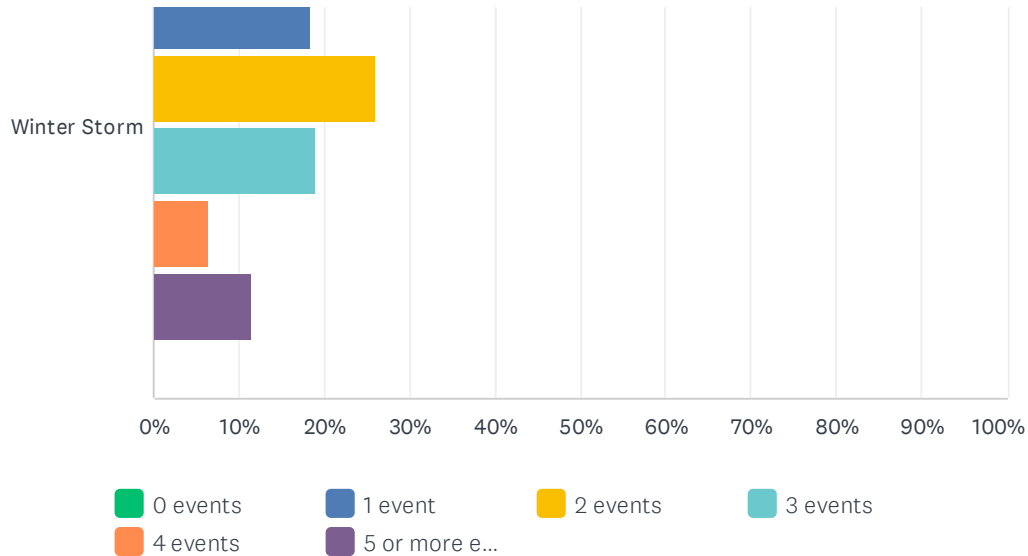
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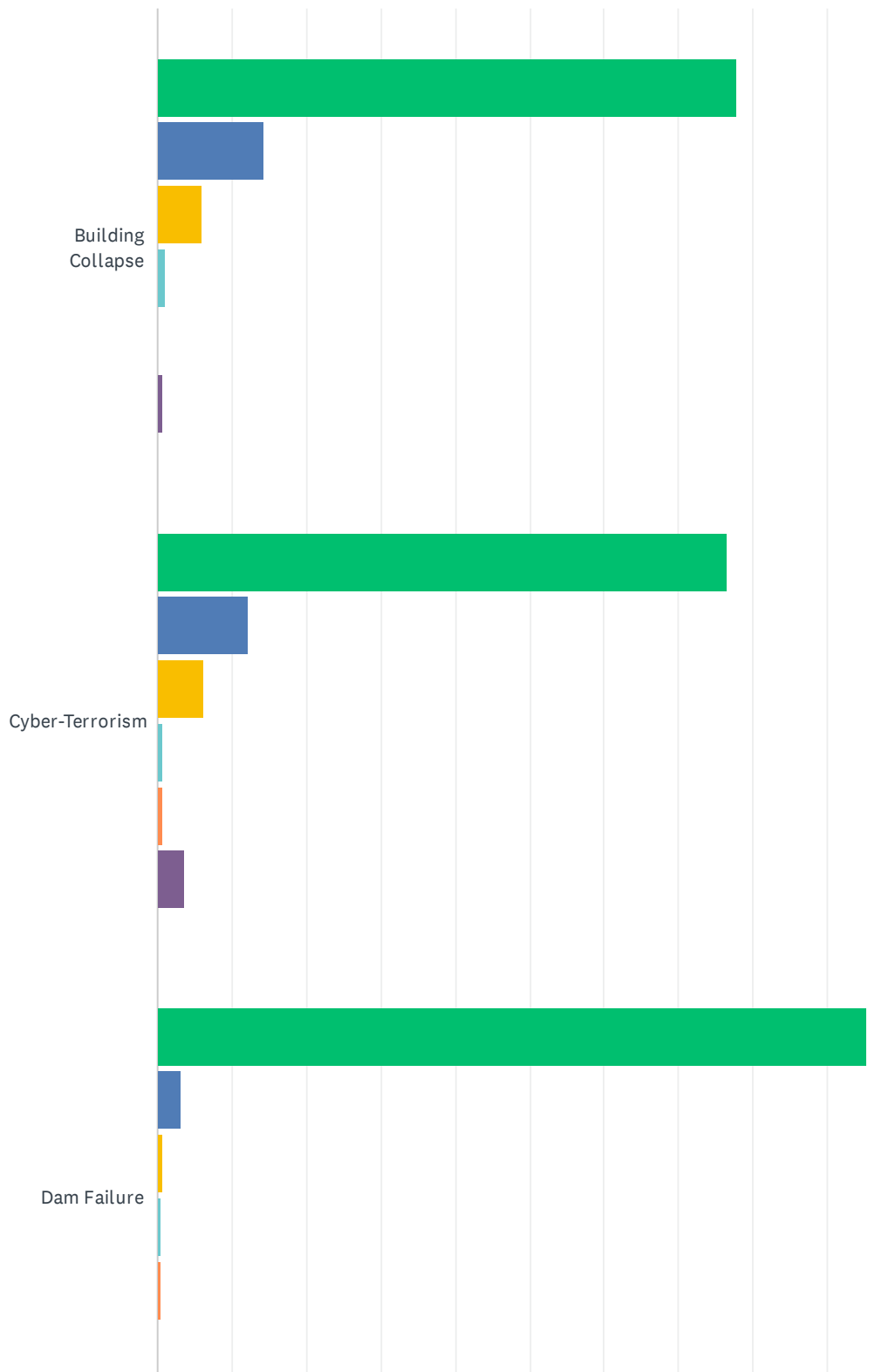
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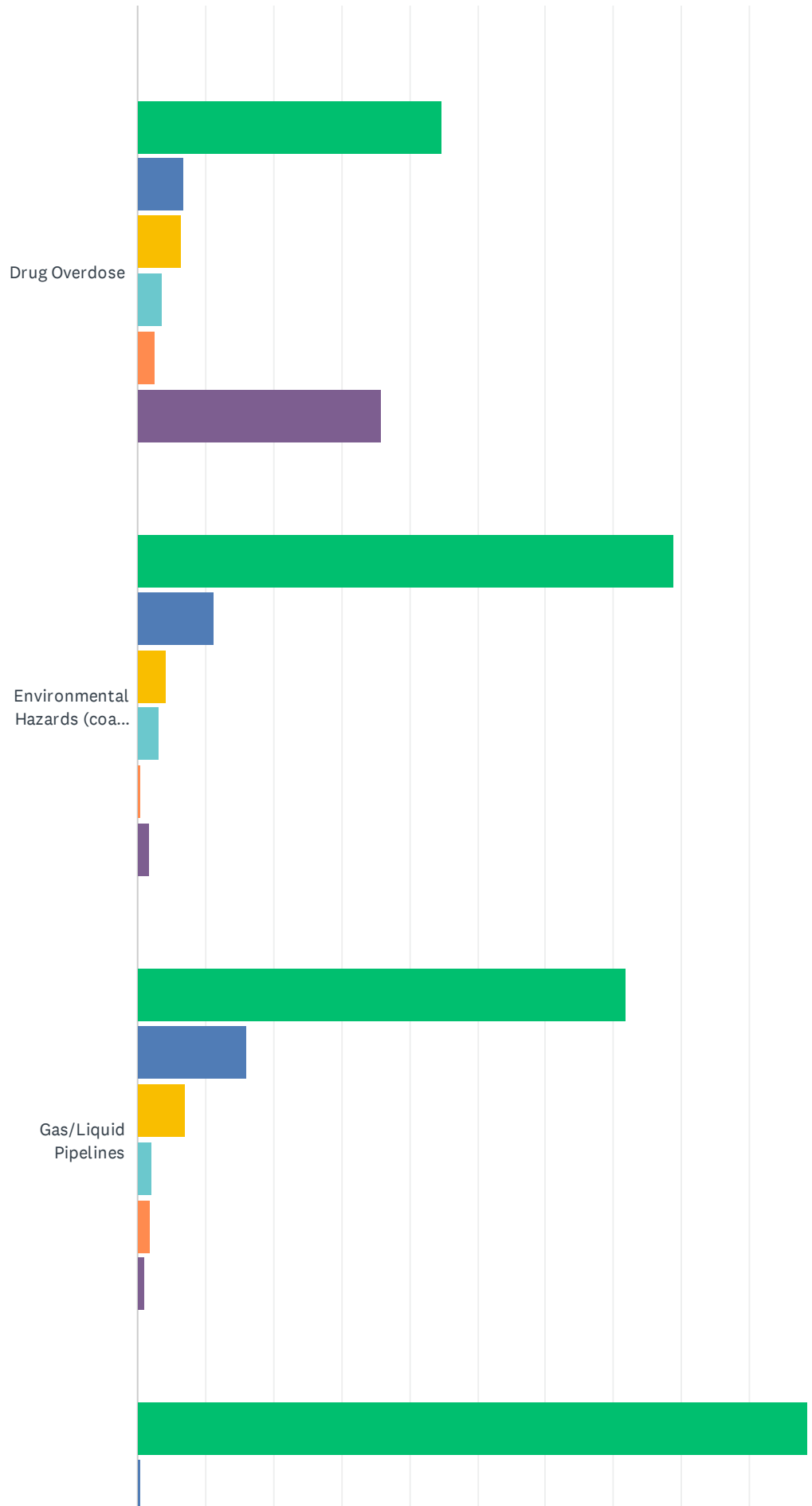
	0 EVENTS	1 EVENT	2 EVENTS	3 EVENTS	4 EVENTS	5 OR MORE EVENTS	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Drought	50.54% 141	24.37% 68	12.19% 34	7.17% 20	2.51% 7	3.23% 9	279	1.96
Earthquake	94.14% 257	4.76% 13	0.73% 2	0.37% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	273	1.07
Extreme Temperatures	42.14% 118	16.07% 45	14.64% 41	8.57% 24	5.00% 14	13.57% 38	280	2.59
Flood	27.27% 78	16.78% 48	19.93% 57	12.59% 36	3.50% 10	19.93% 57	286	3.08
Hailstorm	49.29% 138	27.14% 76	11.07% 31	6.79% 19	2.14% 6	3.57% 10	280	1.96
Invasive Species	40.50% 113	31.18% 87	11.47% 32	7.17% 20	1.79% 5	7.89% 22	279	2.22
Landslide	91.54% 249	4.41% 12	1.47% 4	1.47% 4	0.37% 1	0.74% 2	272	1.17
Lightning	39.43% 110	20.43% 57	11.11% 31	8.24% 23	2.51% 7	18.28% 51	279	2.69
Pandemic	19.49% 54	57.76% 160	8.66% 24	3.61% 10	0.72% 2	9.75% 27	277	2.38
Radon	87.64% 241	6.18% 17	1.82% 5	0.73% 2	0.36% 1	3.27% 9	275	1.30
Sinkhole	49.30% 140	19.72% 56	13.38% 38	7.04% 20	1.41% 4	9.15% 26	284	2.19
Wind	13.33% 38	21.05% 60	20.35% 58	17.89% 51	6.67% 19	20.70% 59	285	3.46
Wildfire	82.42% 225	9.89% 27	3.66% 10	2.20% 6	0.37% 1	1.47% 4	273	1.33
Winter Storm	18.95% 54	18.25% 52	25.96% 74	18.95% 54	6.32% 18	11.58% 33	285	3.10

Q11 How many times in the last 5 years, while living here, have the following human-caused hazards caused harm, endangered lives, or damaged property at your home or in your community?

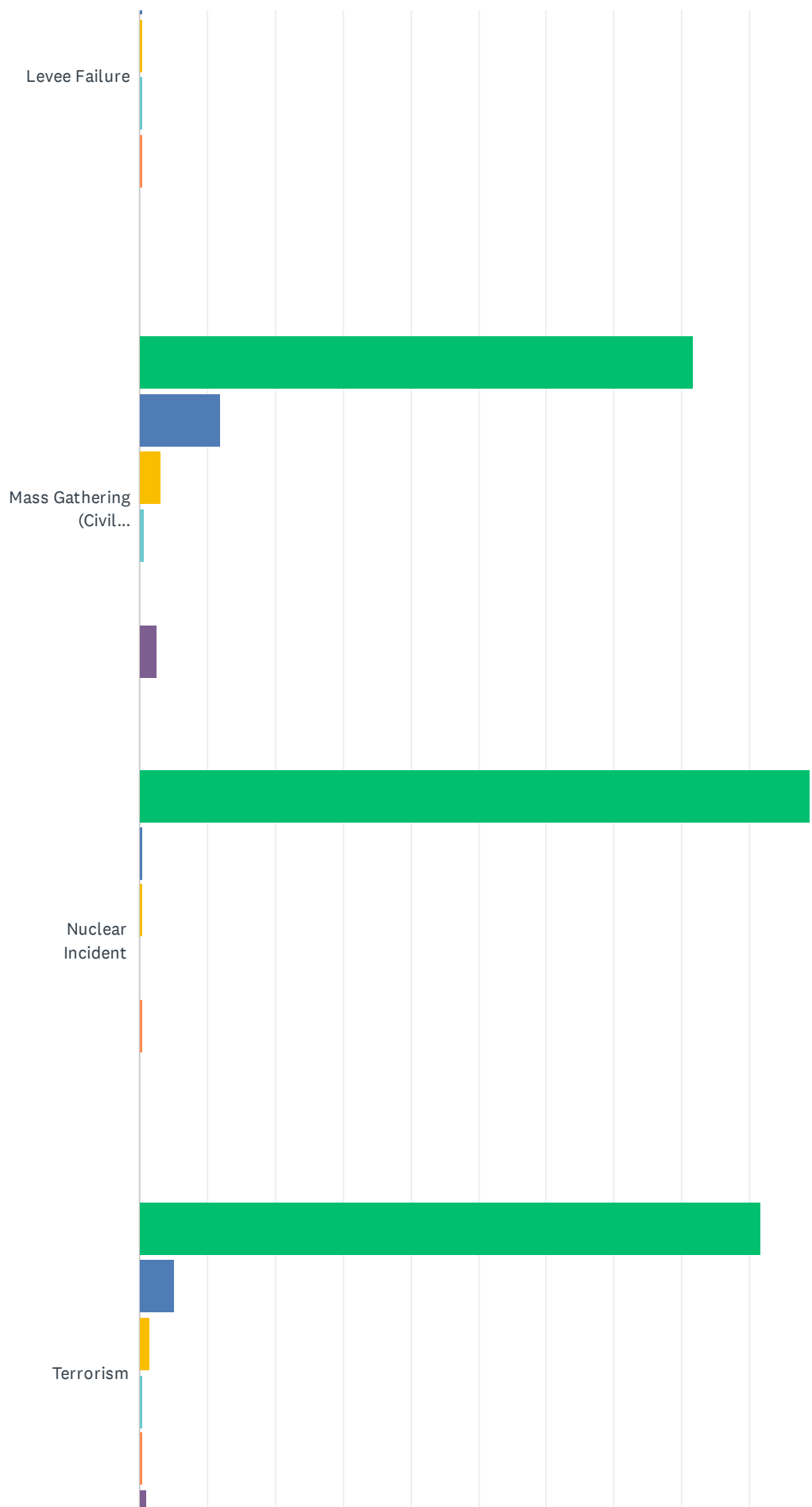
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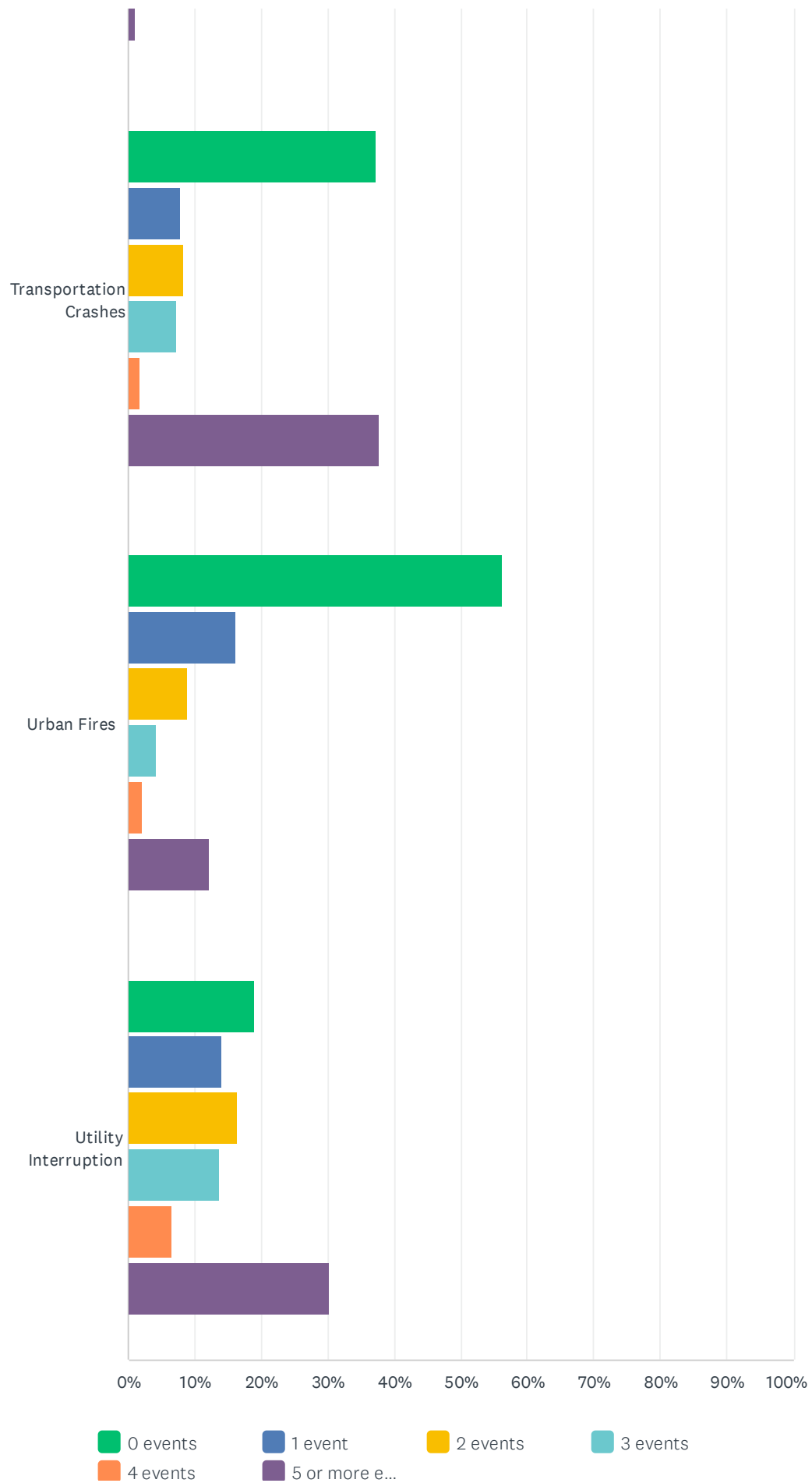
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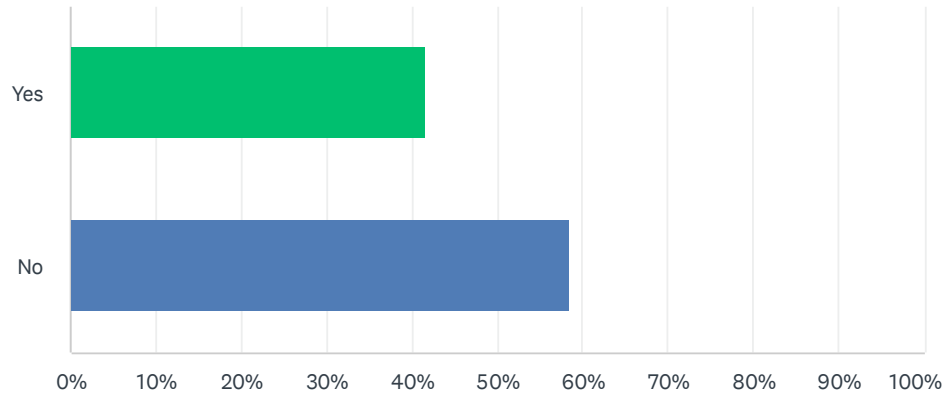


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	0 EVENTS	1 EVENT	2 EVENTS	3 EVENTS	4 EVENTS	5 OR MORE EVENTS	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Building Collapse	77.86% 218	14.29% 40	6.07% 17	1.07% 3	0.00% 0	0.71% 2	280	1.33
Cyber-Terrorism	76.47% 208	12.13% 33	6.25% 17	0.74% 2	0.74% 2	3.68% 10	272	1.48
Dam Failure	95.27% 262	3.27% 9	0.73% 2	0.36% 1	0.36% 1	0.00% 0	275	1.07
Drug Overdose	44.80% 125	6.81% 19	6.45% 18	3.58% 10	2.51% 7	35.84% 100	279	3.20
Environmental Hazards (coal mining, unconventional or conventional oil and gas wells, hazardous materials release)	78.99% 218	11.23% 31	4.35% 12	3.26% 9	0.36% 1	1.81% 5	276	1.40
Gas/Liquid Pipelines	71.85% 194	15.93% 43	7.04% 19	2.22% 6	1.85% 5	1.11% 3	270	1.50
Levee Failure	98.56% 273	0.36% 1	0.36% 1	0.36% 1	0.36% 1	0.00% 0	277	1.04
Mass Gathering (Civil Disturbance)	81.65% 227	11.87% 33	3.24% 9	0.72% 2	0.00% 0	2.52% 7	278	1.33
Nuclear Incident	98.91% 273	0.36% 1	0.36% 1	0.00% 0	0.36% 1	0.00% 0	276	1.03
Terrorism	91.64% 252	5.09% 14	1.45% 4	0.36% 1	0.36% 1	1.09% 3	275	1.16
Transportation Crashes	37.28% 104	7.89% 22	8.24% 23	7.17% 20	1.79% 5	37.63% 105	279	3.41
Urban Fires	56.27% 157	16.13% 45	8.96% 25	4.30% 12	2.15% 6	12.19% 34	279	2.16
Utility Interruption	18.95% 54	14.04% 40	16.49% 47	13.68% 39	6.67% 19	30.18% 86	285	3.66

Q12 Have you taken any actions to make your home, business, or neighborhood more resilient to natural hazards?

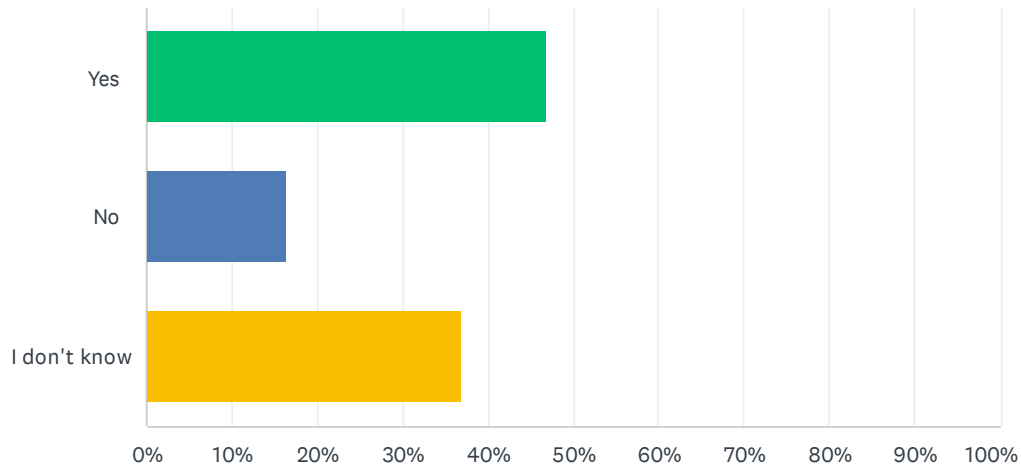
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	41.67%	120
No	58.33%	168
TOTAL		288

Q13 If offered, would you be interested in participating in any residential Mitigation activities? This can include flood-proofing your home for insurance discounts, property tax breaks, or low-interest loans, removal of vegetation to create a "defensible space" around your home, etc.

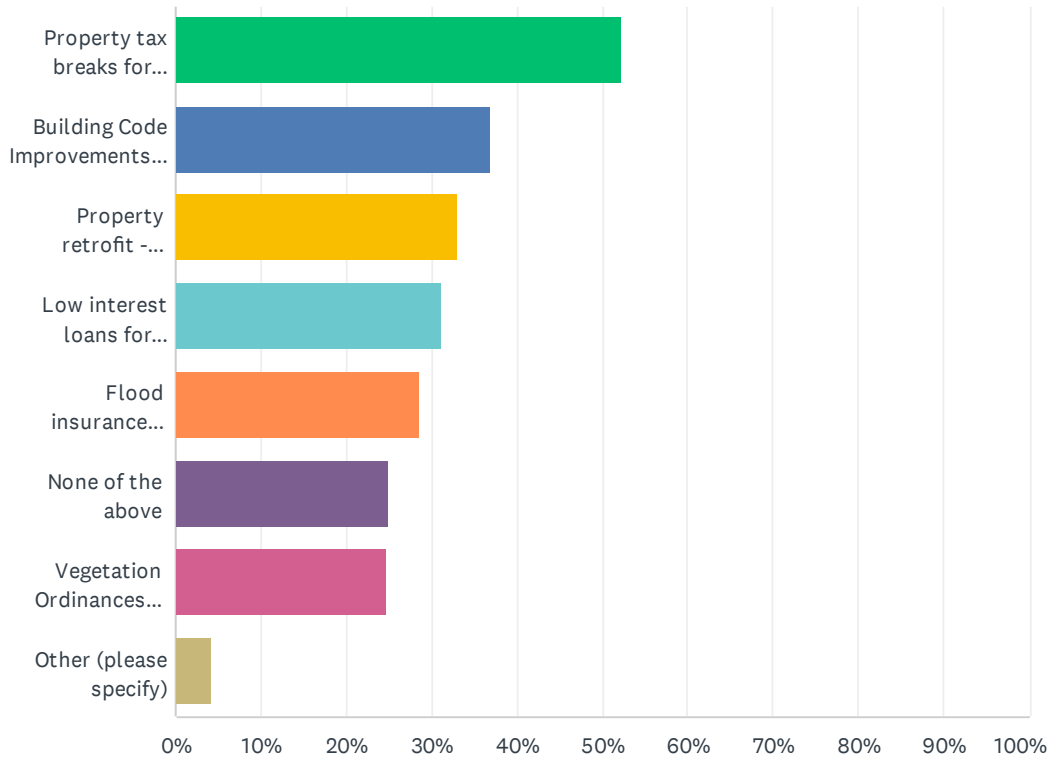
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.88%	135
No	16.32%	47
I don't know	36.81%	106
TOTAL		288

Q14 Are there any programs you would like to see offered? Check all that apply

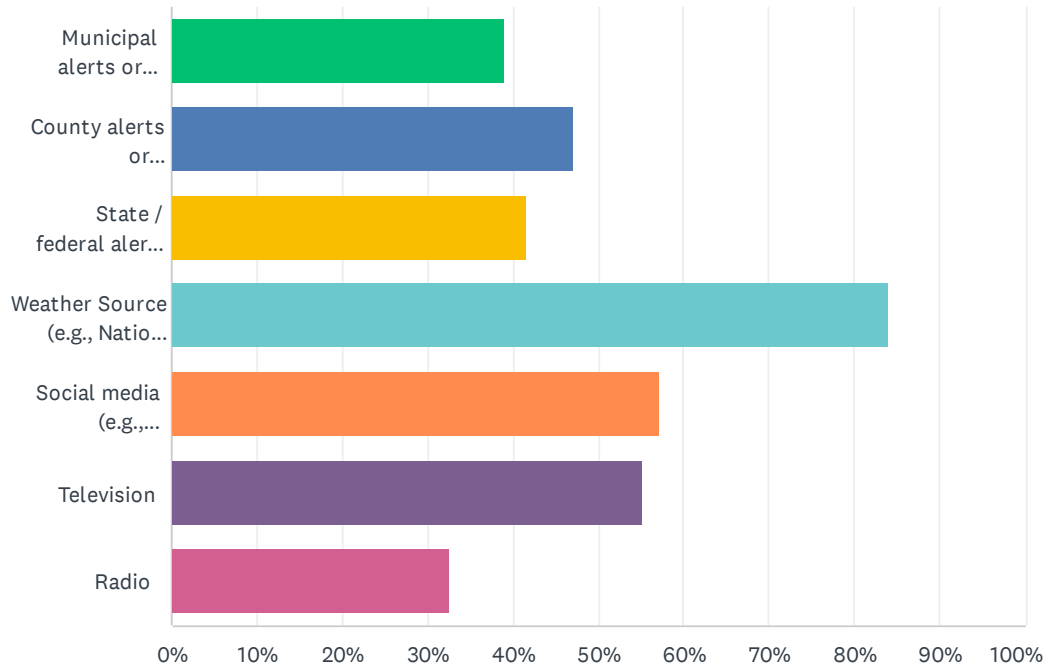
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Property tax breaks for implementing protections (example: installation of Hurricane Straps to distribute the force of high winds, tornados, and hurricanes more equally, reducing roof damage and collapse)	52.17%	144
Building Code Improvements (example: Hurricane straps - distribute the force of high winds, tornados, and hurricanes more equally, reducing roof damage and collapse)	36.96%	102
Property retrofit - where a portion of the cost is supplied by the city or grant funding (example: elevation or floodproofing your home)	32.97%	91
Low interest loans for property-specific protections (example: elevation or floodproofing your home)	31.16%	86
Flood insurance discounts (example: participation in the Community Rating System)	28.62%	79
None of the above	25.00%	69
Vegetation Ordinances (example: creating Defensible Space between vegetation and structures to reduce fire spread)	24.64%	68
Other (please specify)	4.35%	12
Total Respondents: 276		

Q15 How do you receive warnings regarding severe weather events? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 282 Skipped: 97



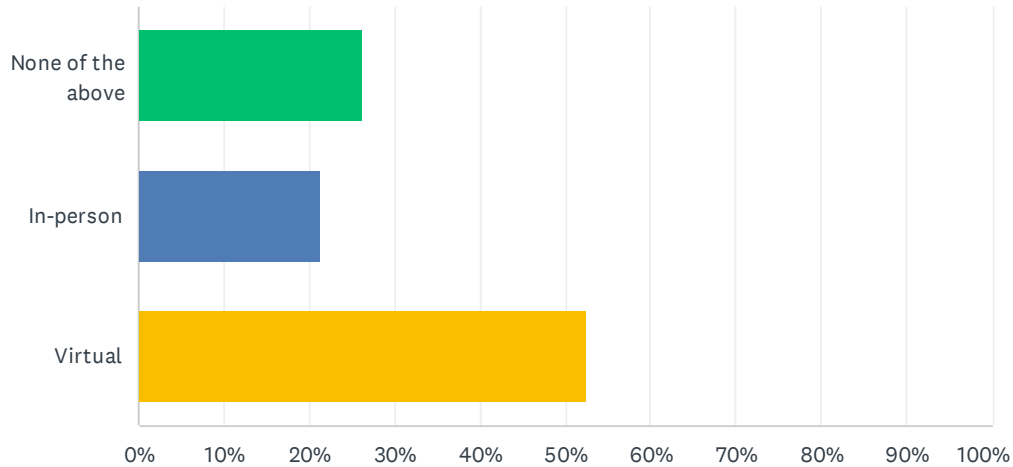
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Municipal alerts or notifications (e.g., Nixle, etc.)	39.01%	110
County alerts or notifications	47.16%	133
State / federal alerts or notifications (e.g., Commonwealth of PA, PEMA, FEMA, etc.)	41.49%	117
Weather Source (e.g., National Weather Service (NWS), NOAA, etc.)	84.04%	237
Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	57.09%	161
Television	55.32%	156
Radio	32.62%	92
Total Respondents: 282		

Q16 Do you have anything you would like to add? Ideas or thoughts you would like to share about risk reduction, resiliency, or vulnerability to natural disasters? Please describe.

Answered: 74 Skipped: 305

Q17 Would you prefer an in-person or virtual public meeting on the Hazard Mitigation Plan?

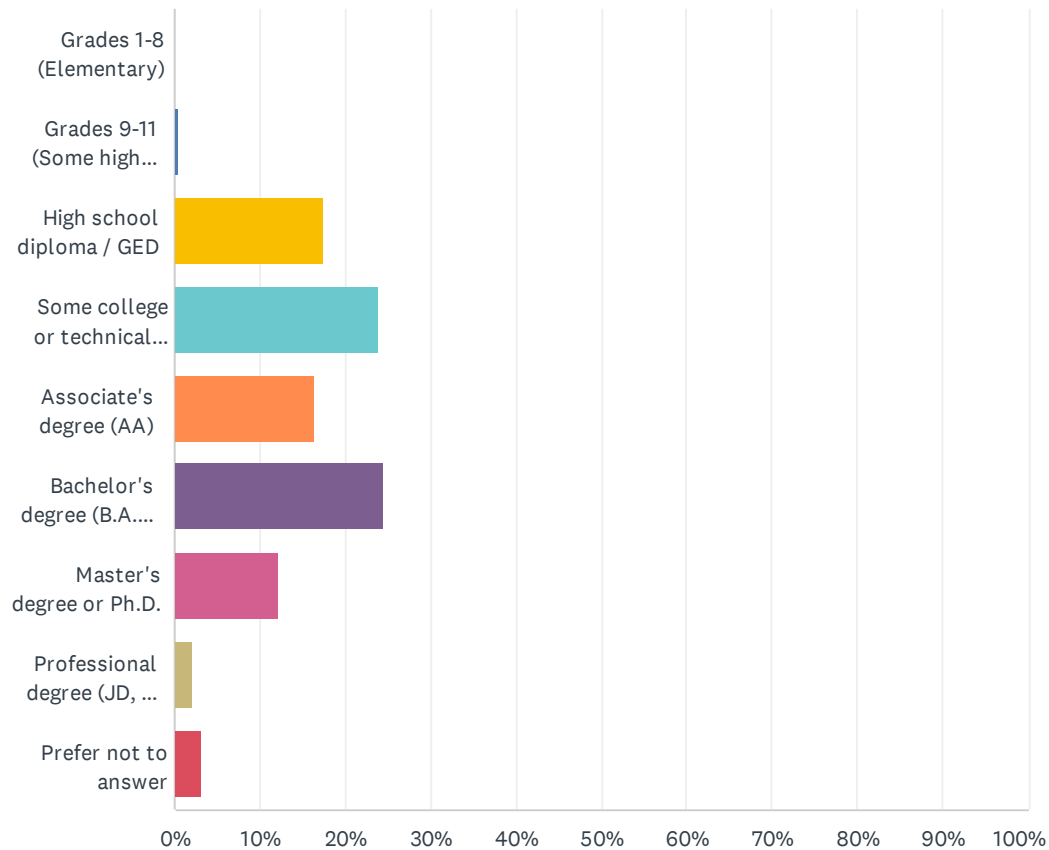
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	26.23%	48
In-person	21.31%	39
Virtual	52.46%	96
TOTAL		183

Q18 What is the highest level of education you have attained?

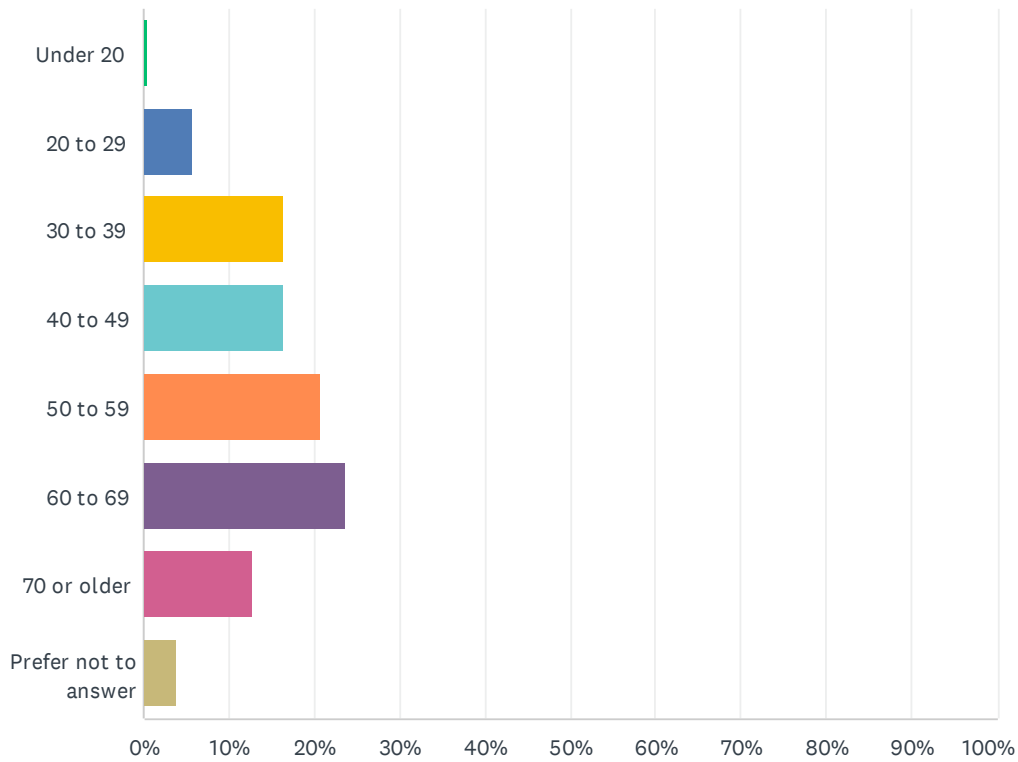
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grades 1-8 (Elementary)	0.00%	0
Grades 9-11 (Some high school)	0.36%	1
High school diploma / GED	17.44%	49
Some college or technical school	23.84%	67
Associate's degree (AA)	16.37%	46
Bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.)	24.56%	69
Master's degree or Ph.D.	12.10%	34
Professional degree (JD, MD, MBA)	2.14%	6
Prefer not to answer	3.20%	9
TOTAL		281

Q19 What is your age?

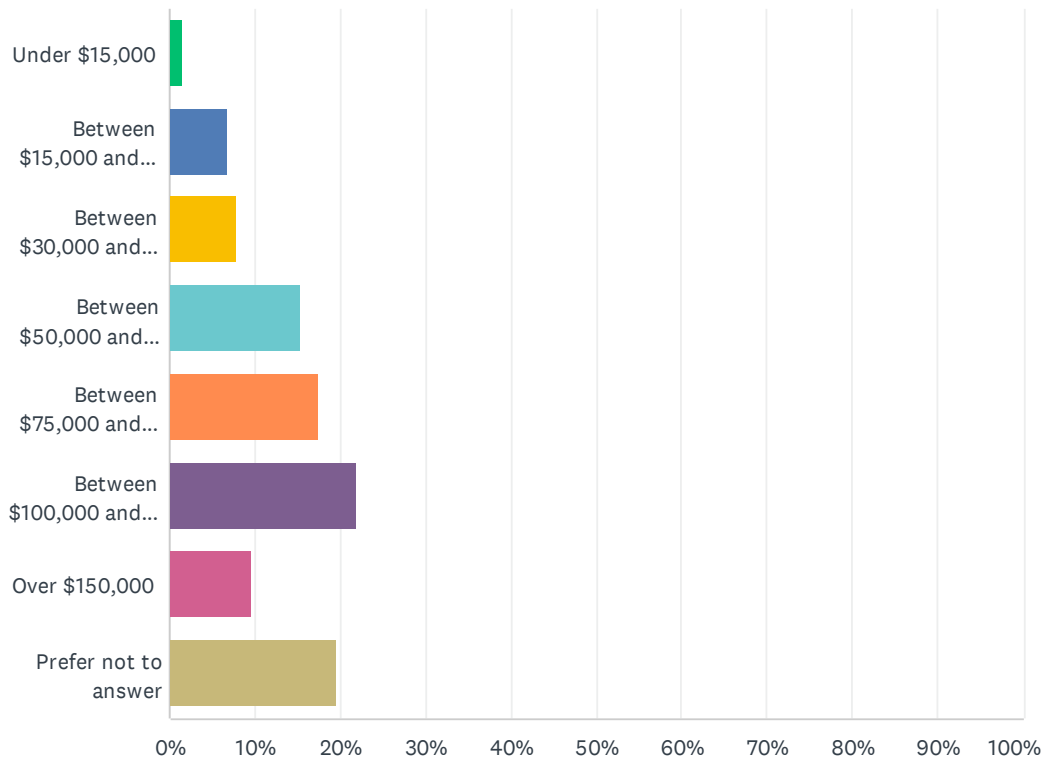
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 20	0.36%	1
20 to 29	5.71%	16
30 to 39	16.43%	46
40 to 49	16.43%	46
50 to 59	20.71%	58
60 to 69	23.57%	66
70 or older	12.86%	36
Prefer not to answer	3.93%	11
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Q20 What is your average annual household income? (Before taxes)

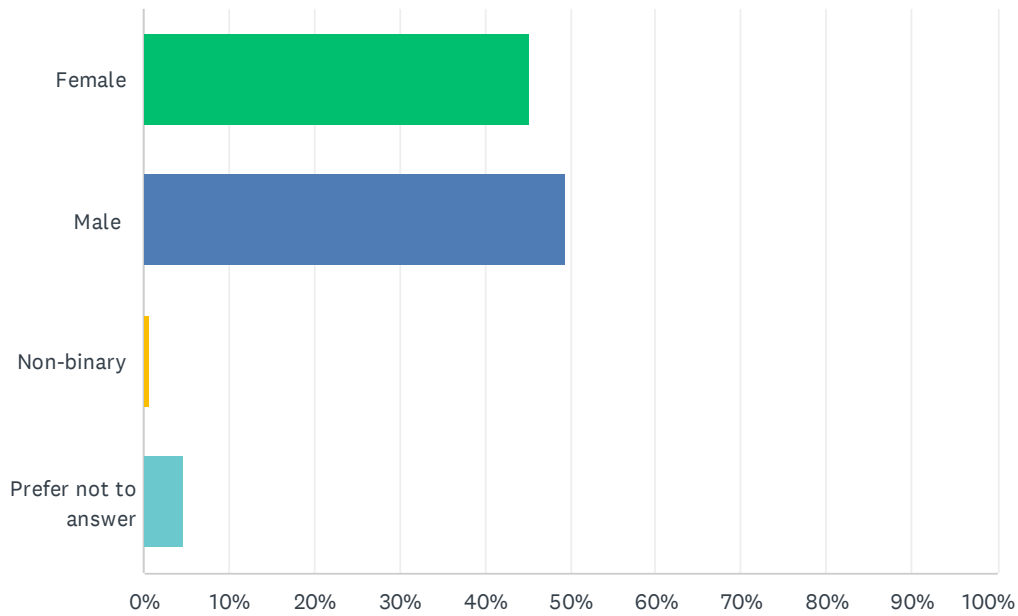
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under \$15,000	1.42%	4
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	6.76%	19
Between \$30,000 and \$49,999	7.83%	22
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	15.30%	43
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999	17.44%	49
Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	22.06%	62
Over \$150,000	9.61%	27
Prefer not to answer	19.57%	55
TOTAL		281

Q21 How would you describe your gender?

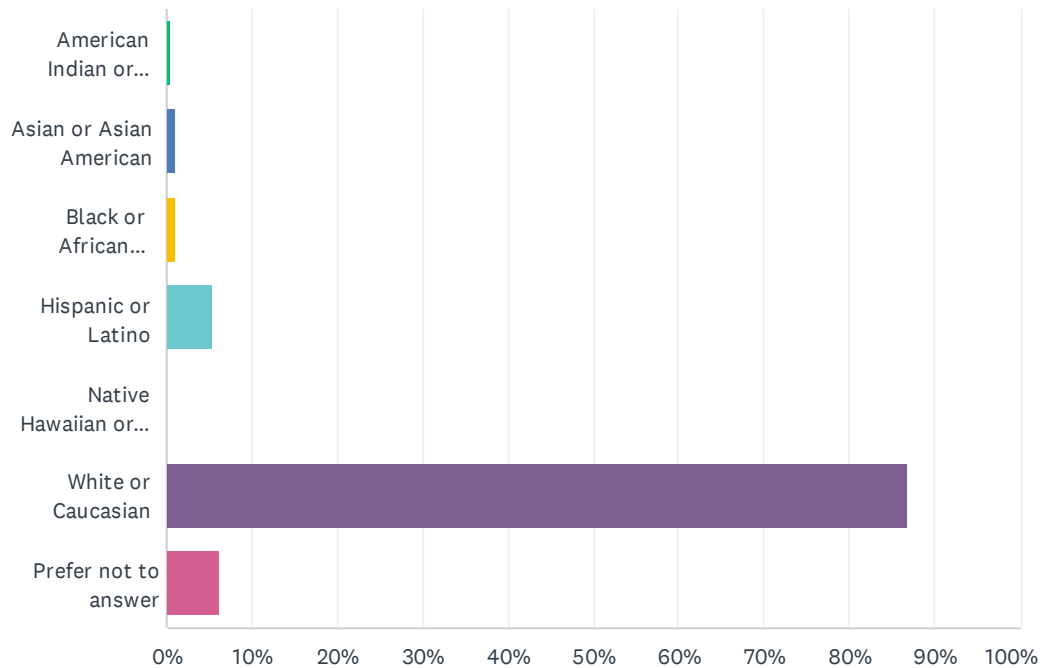
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	45.20%	127
Male	49.47%	139
Non-binary	0.71%	2
Prefer not to answer	4.63%	13
TOTAL		281

Q22 How would you describe your race? You may select more than one.

Answered: 279 Skipped: 100



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.36%	1
Asian or Asian American	1.08%	3
Black or African American	1.08%	3
Hispanic or Latino	5.38%	15
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
White or Caucasian	86.74%	242
Prefer not to answer	6.09%	17
Total Respondents: 279		

From: [Morganti, Chelsea](#)
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Hi Tom,

Please modify this language as you see fit. You can either copy me on the email or forward it after it's been sent, but we would like to have record of this going out to your municipalities for the process documentation folder. Thanks!

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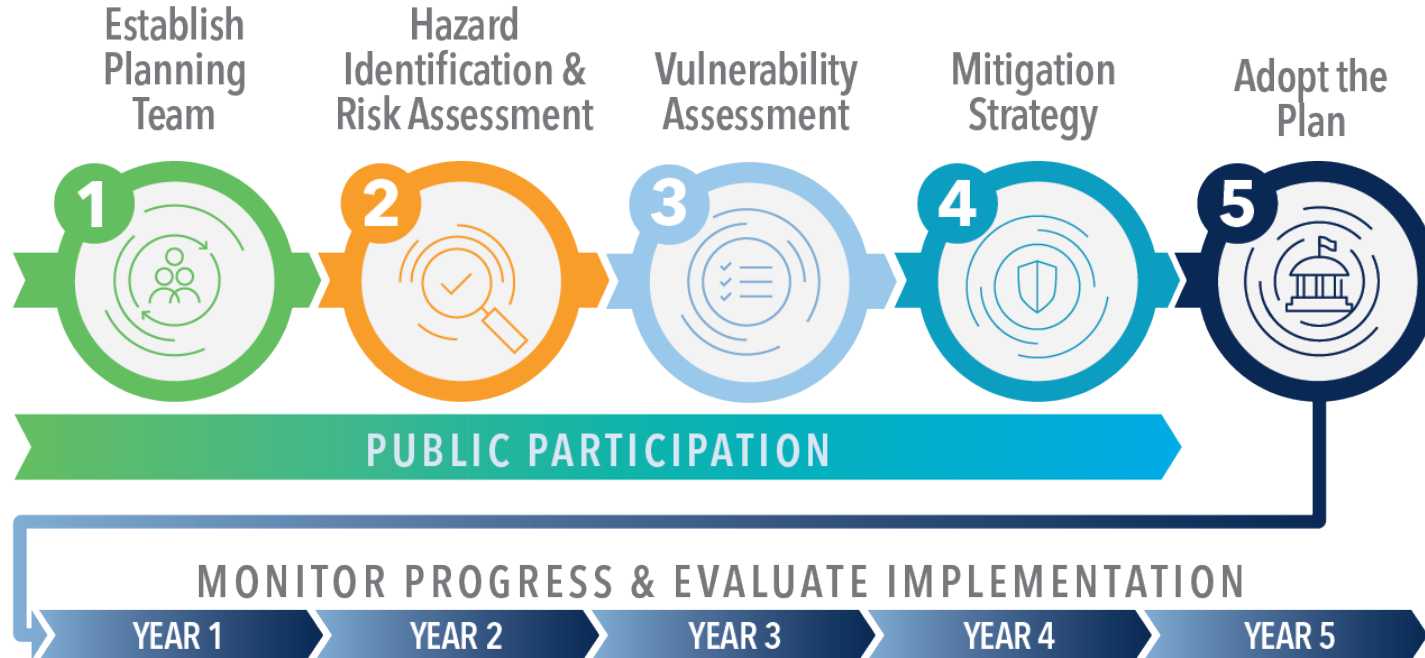


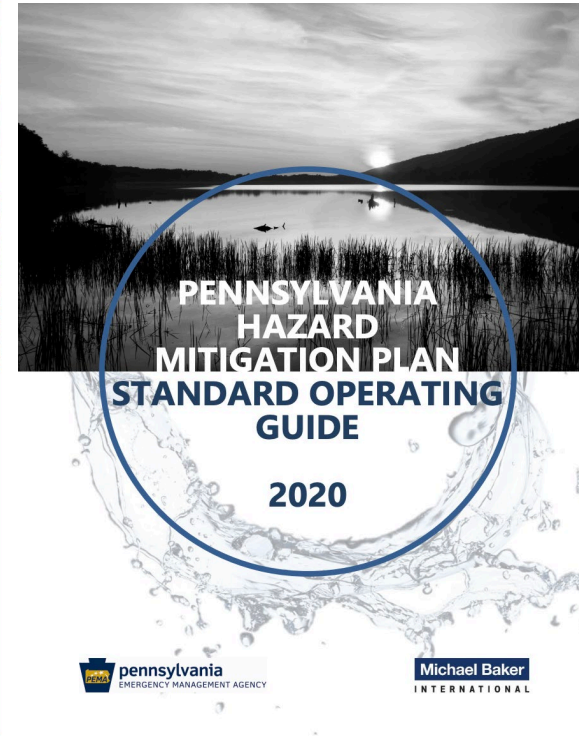
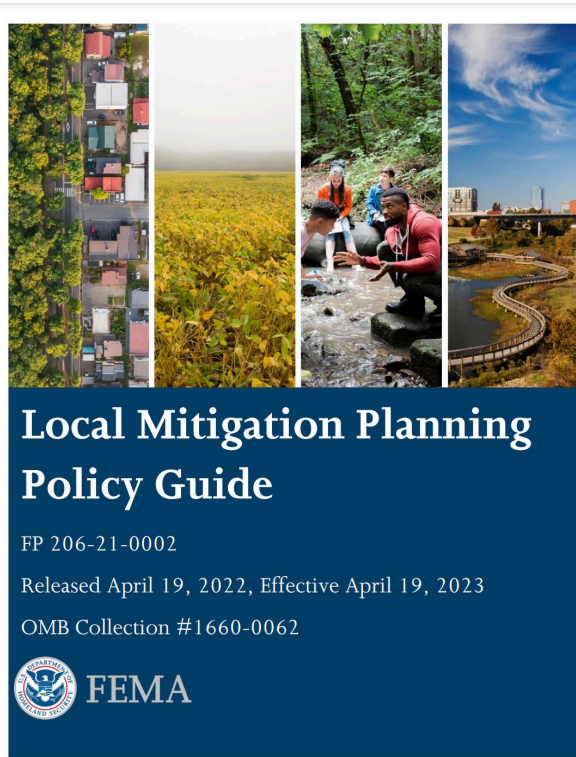
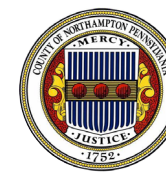


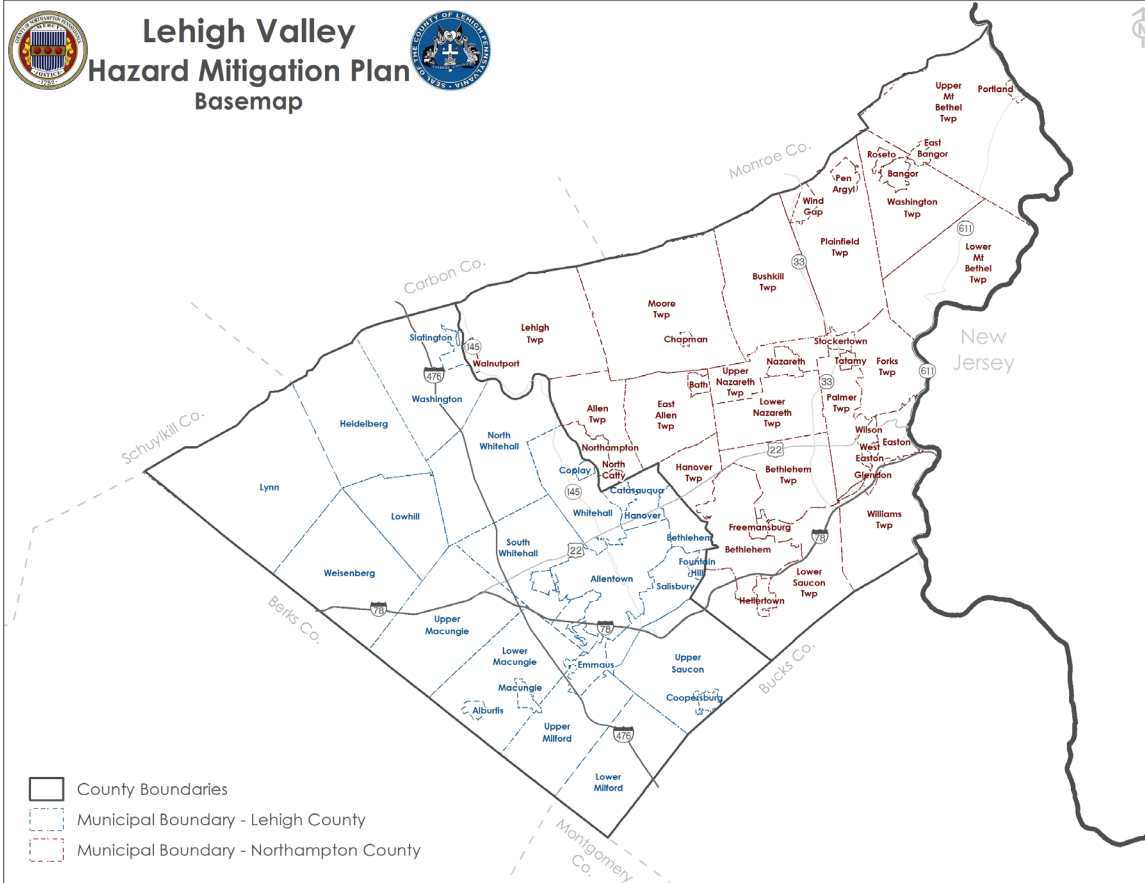
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Profiled Hazards

13 Natural Hazards and 13 Other Hazards



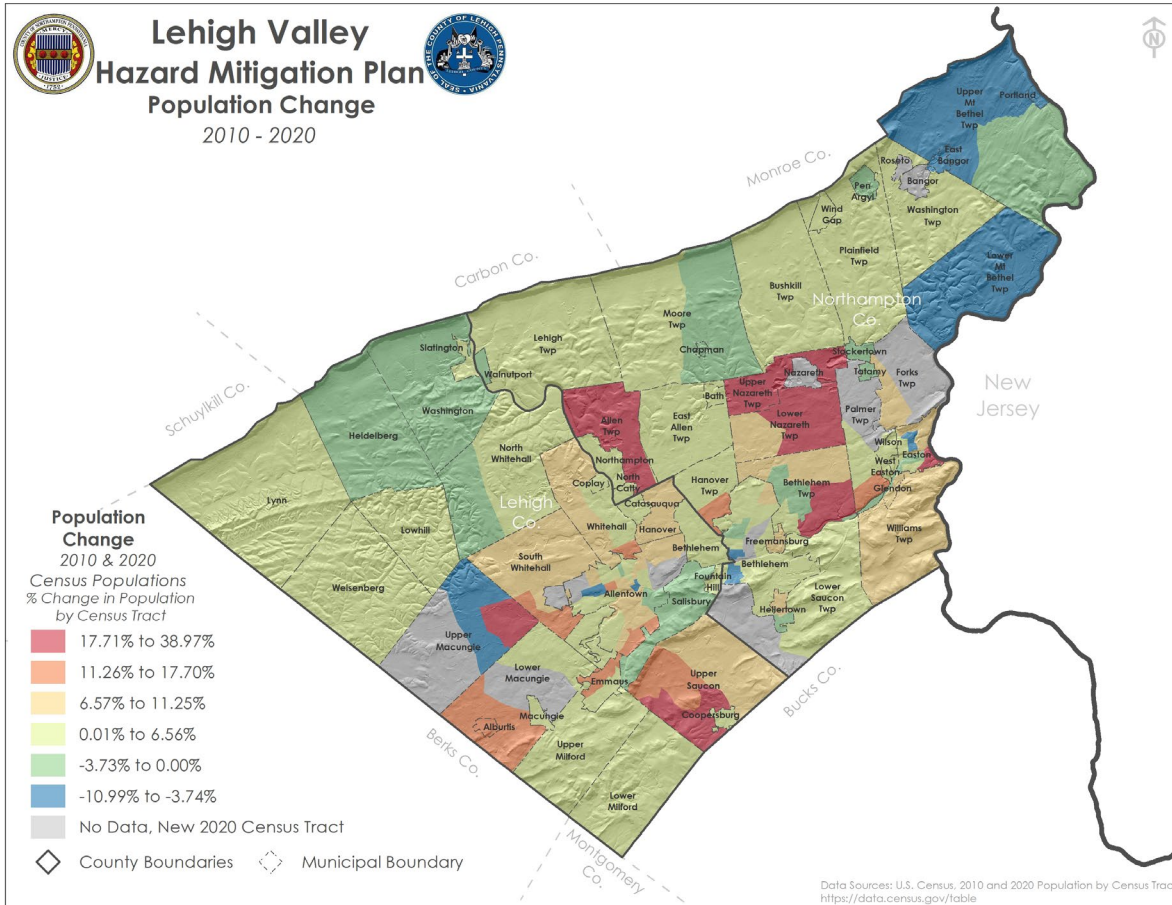
HUMAN-CAUSED HAZARDS

- Environmental Hazards / Hazardous Materials Release
- Utility Interruption
- Gas/Liquid Pipelines (NEW)
- Opioid Addiction
- Urban Fire/Explosion (NEW – added explosion)
- Transportation Accidents
- Building Collapse
- Civil Disturbance (formerly “Mass Gathering”)
- Dam Failure
- Levee Failure
- Terrorism
- Cyber-Terrorism (NEW)
- Nuclear Incidents

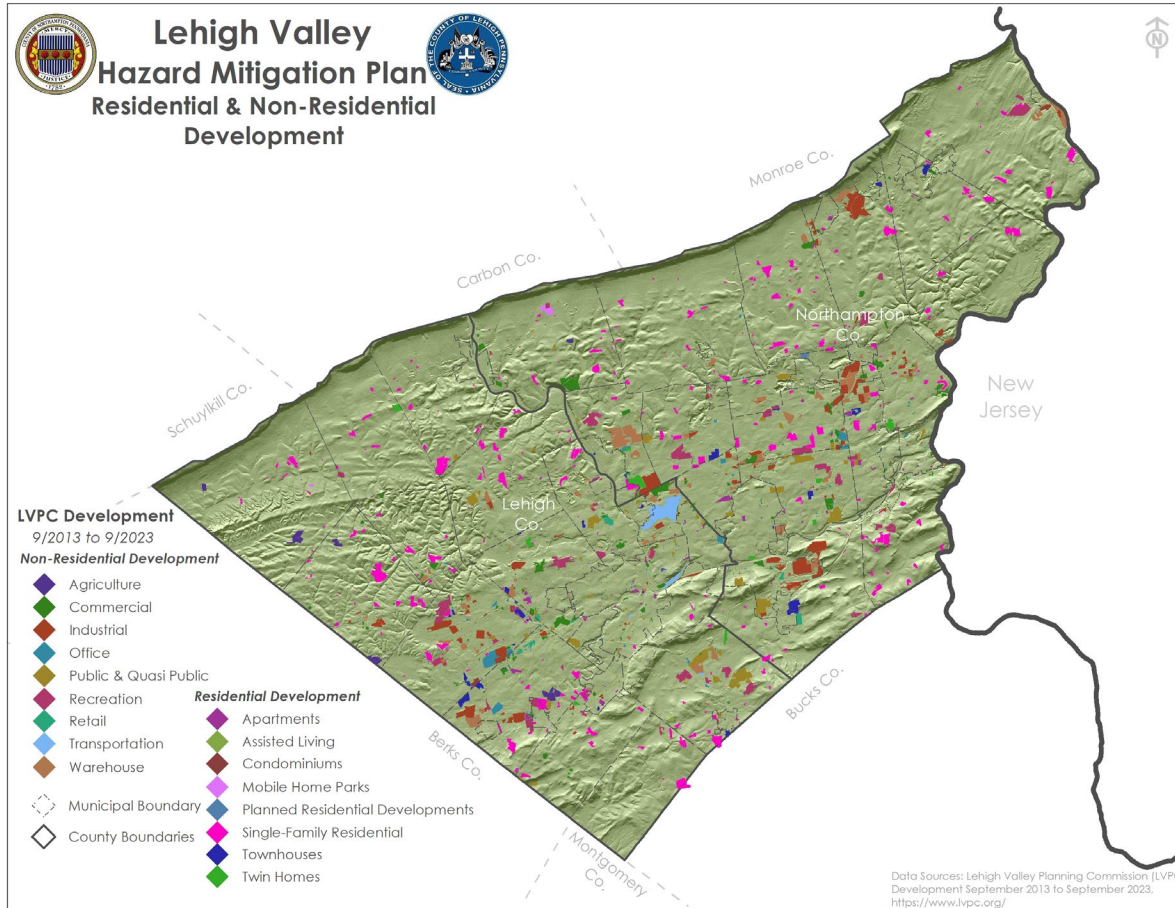
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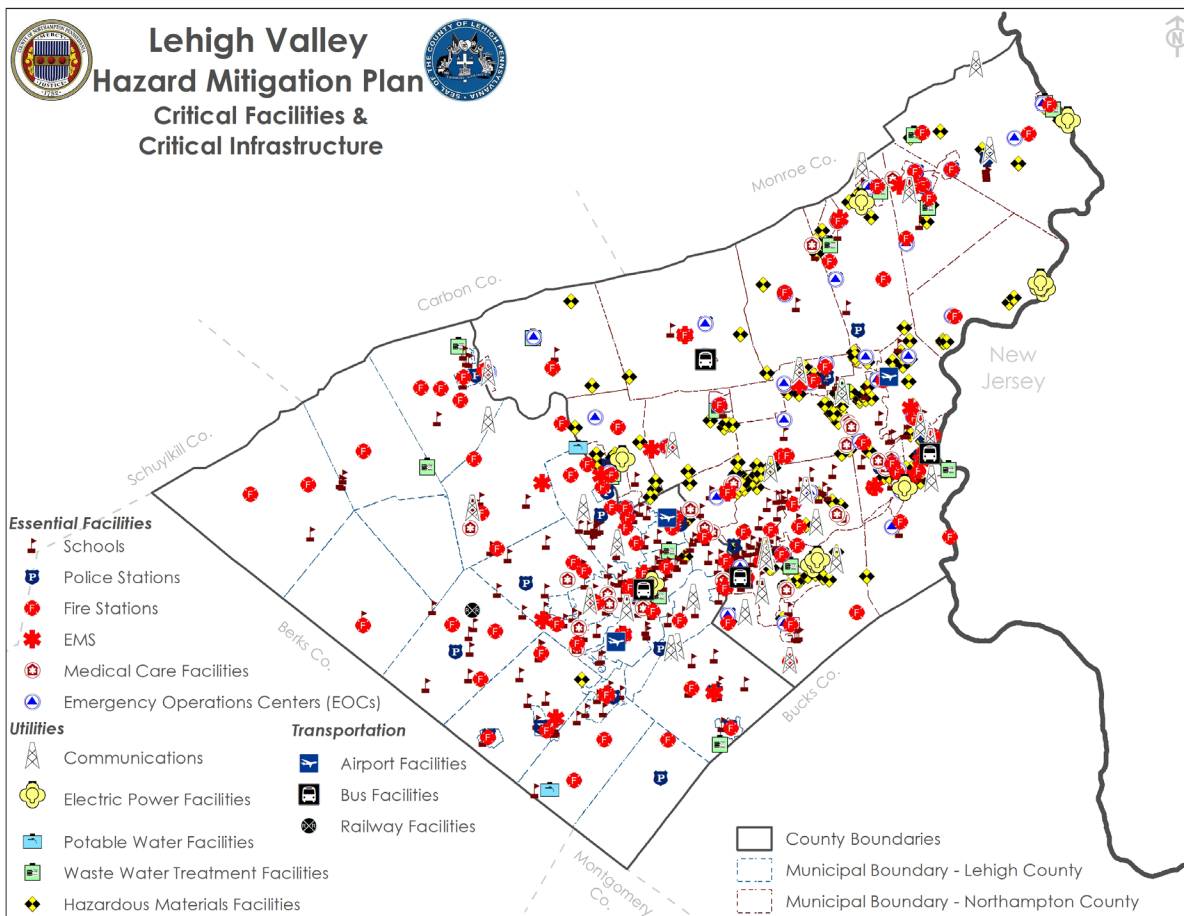
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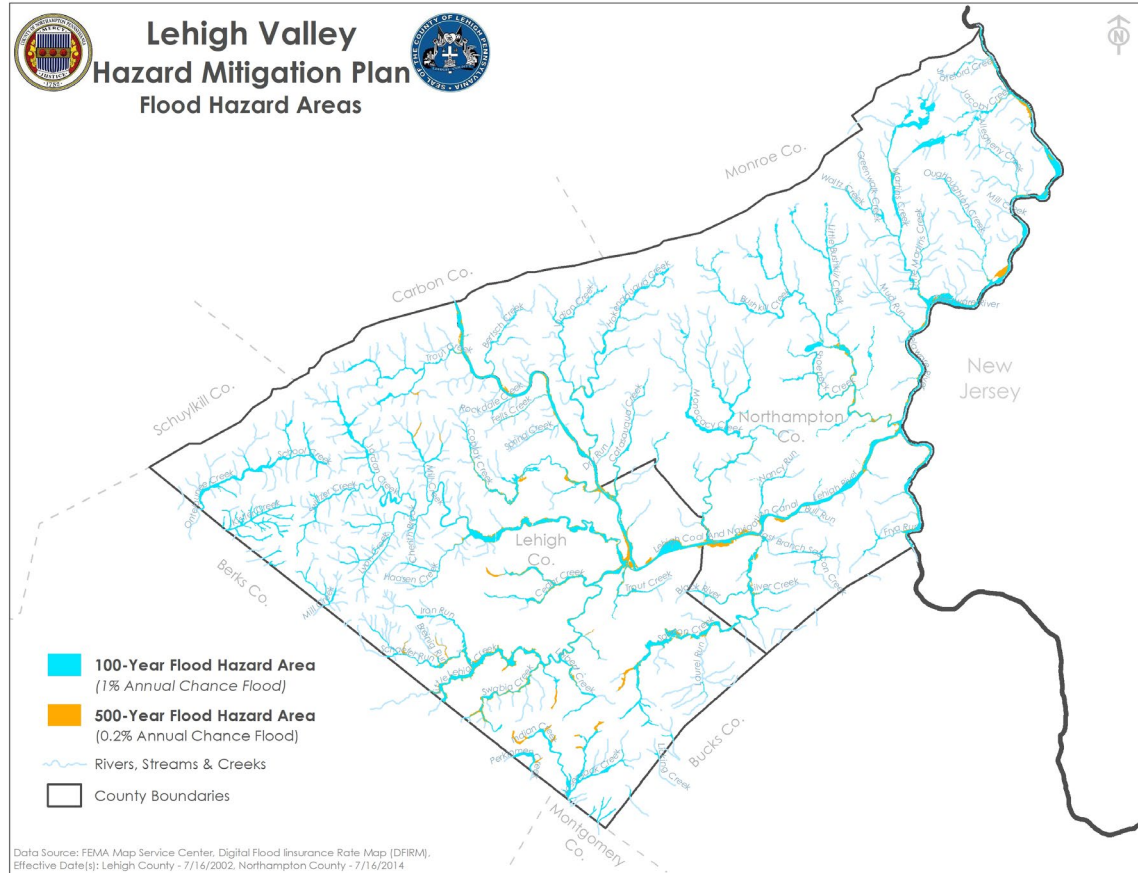


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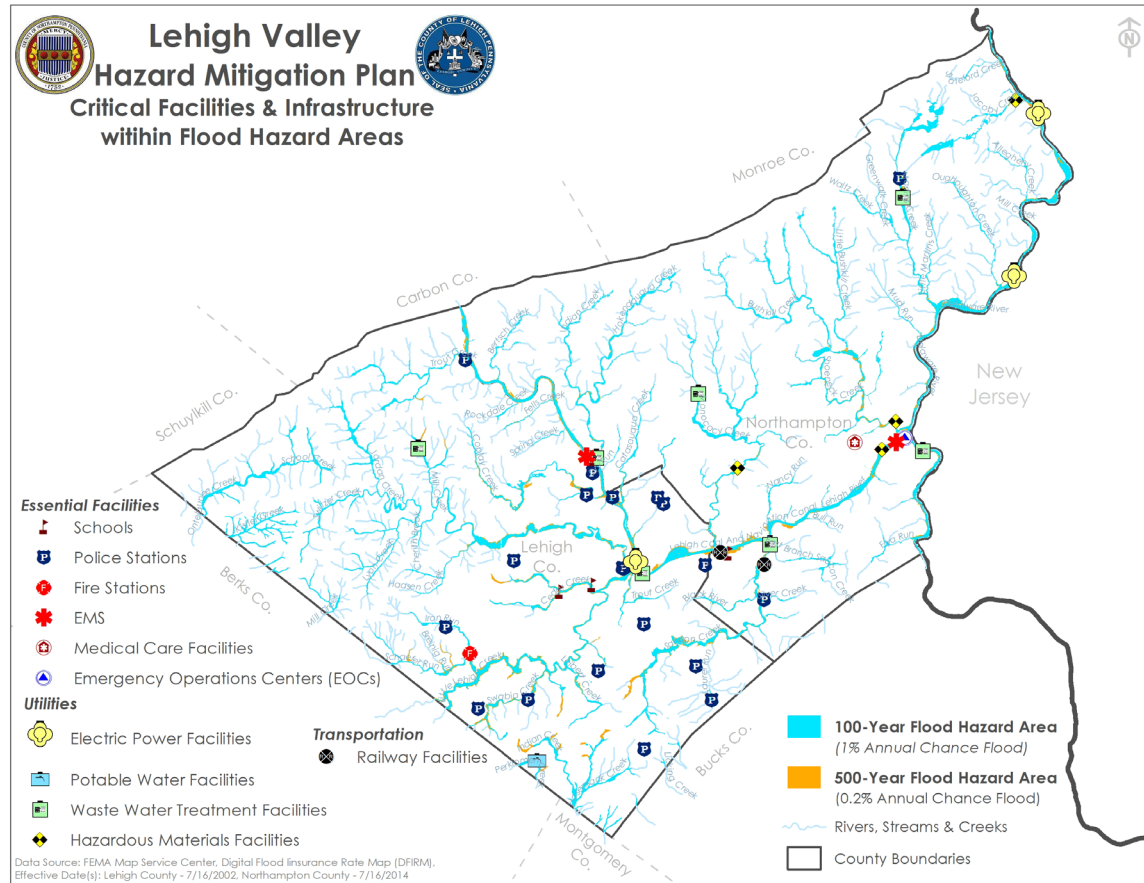
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Flood Hazard Areas



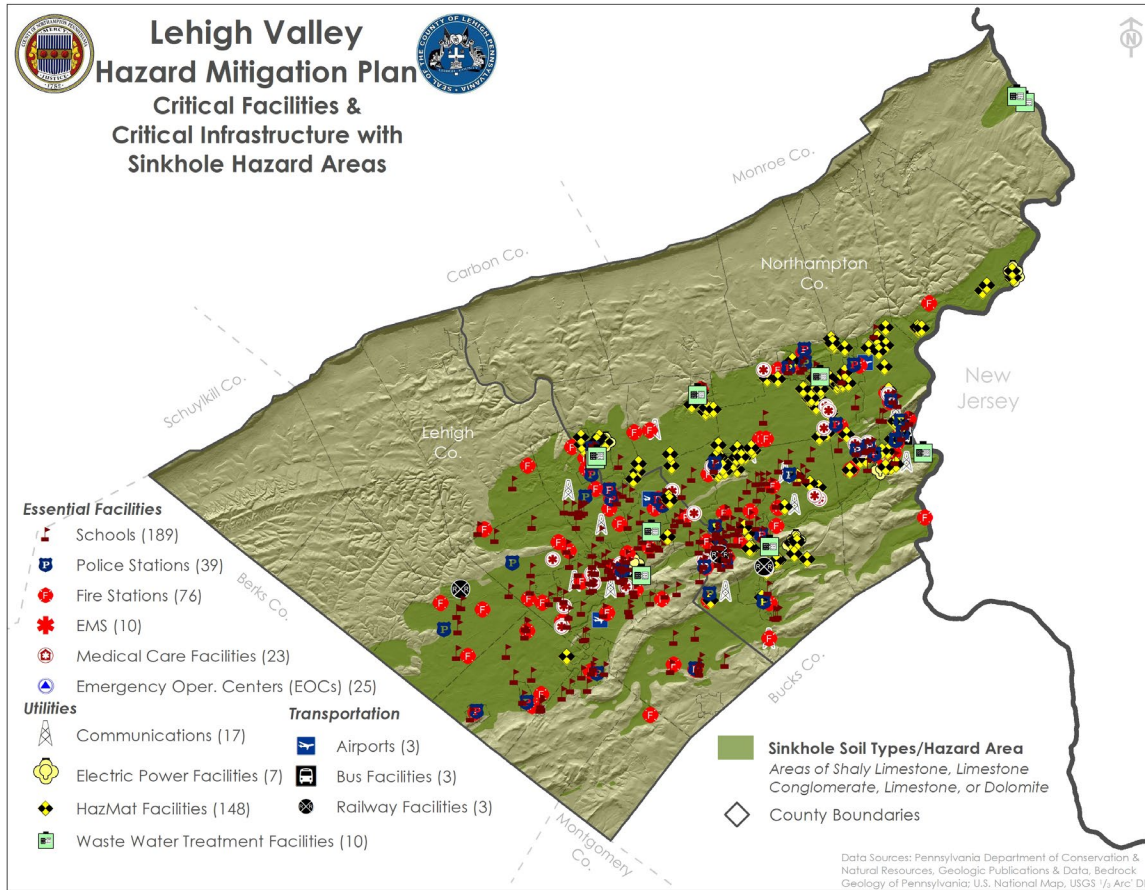
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Critical Facilities At Risk of Flooding



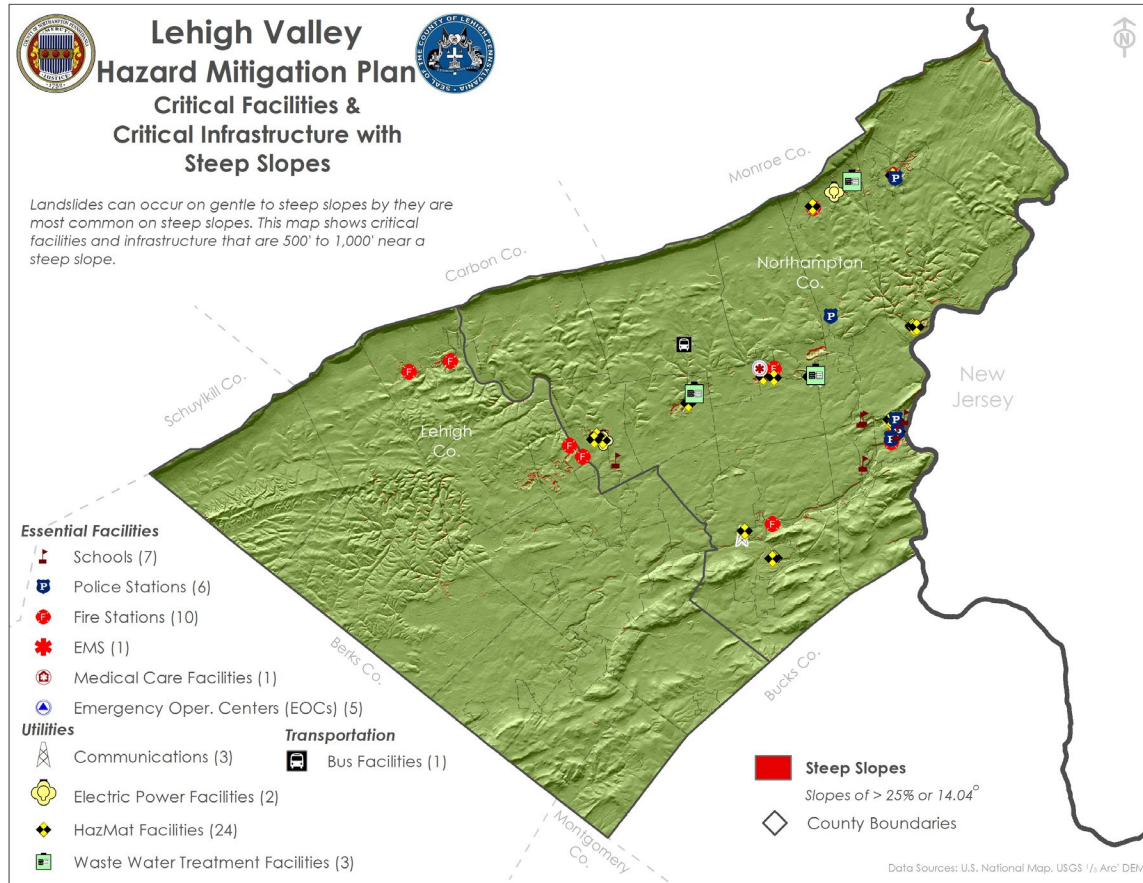
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Critical Facilities At Risk of Sinkholes



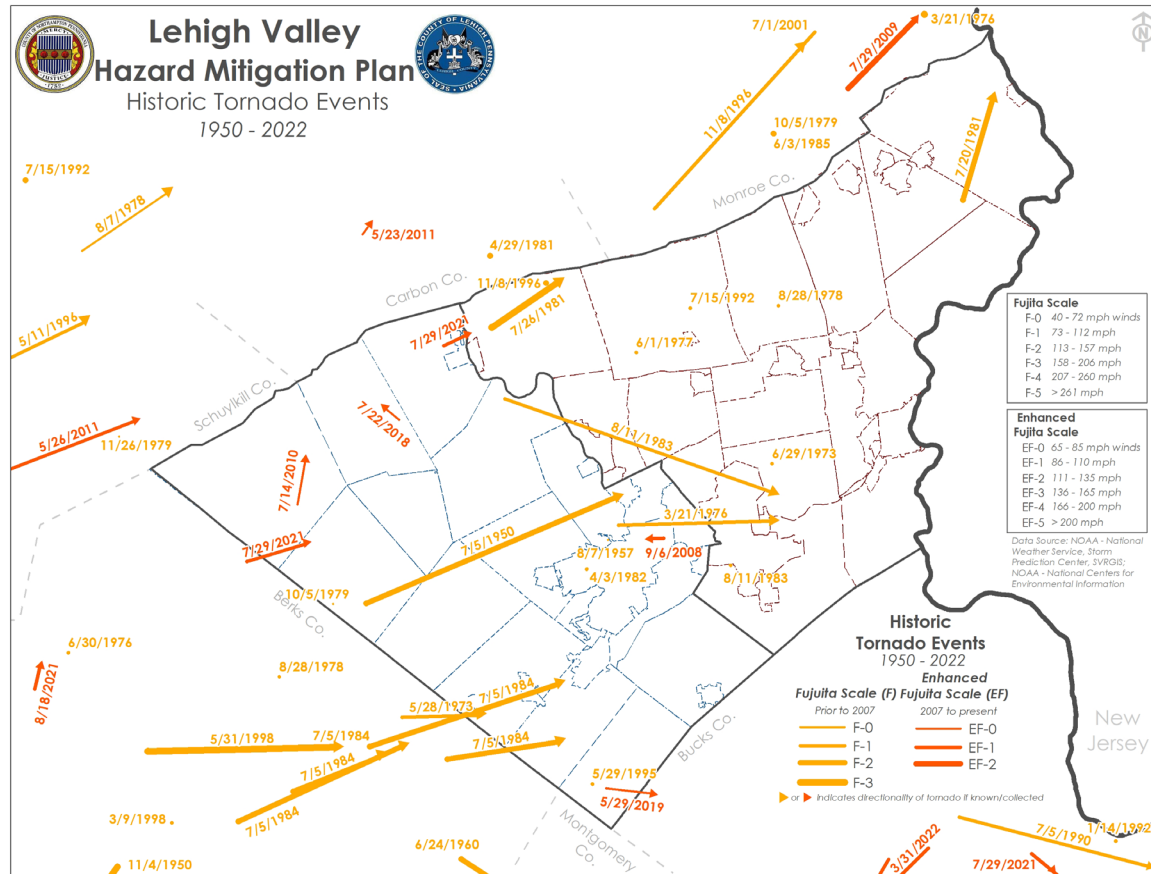
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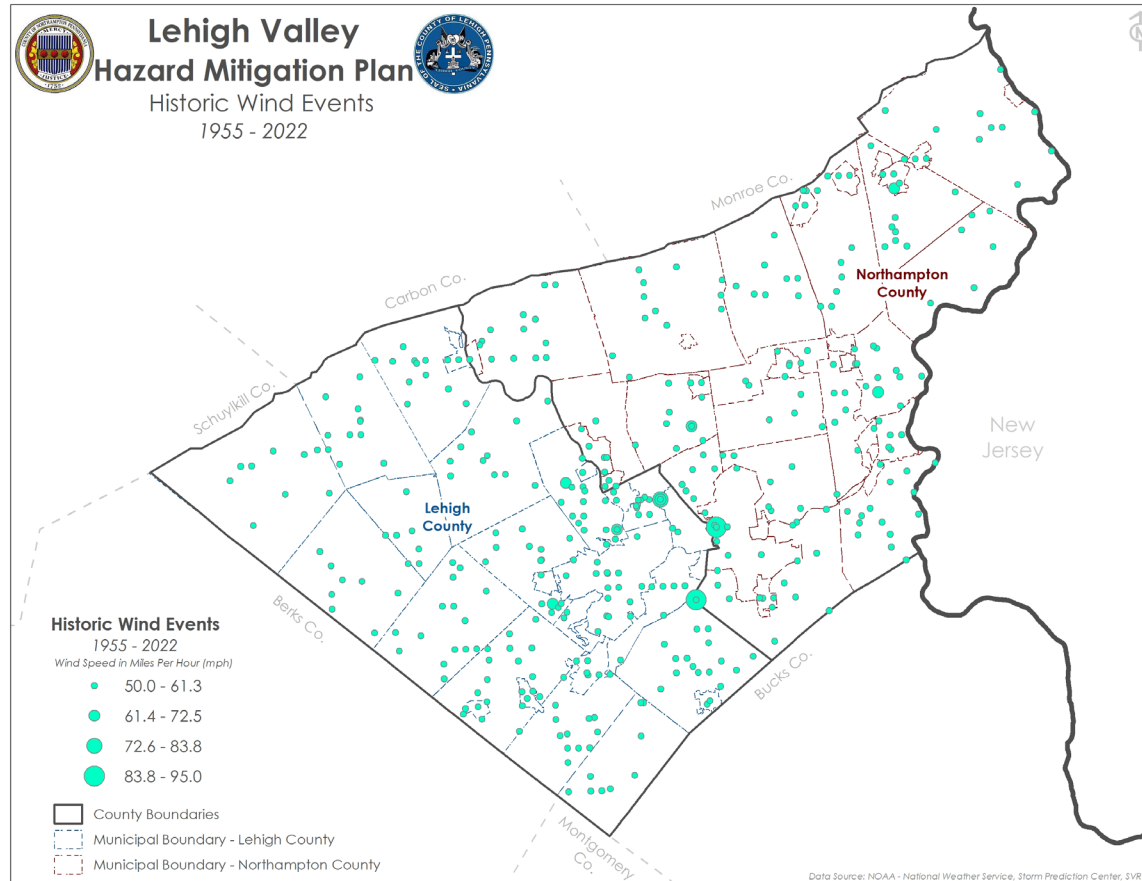
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Tornadoes



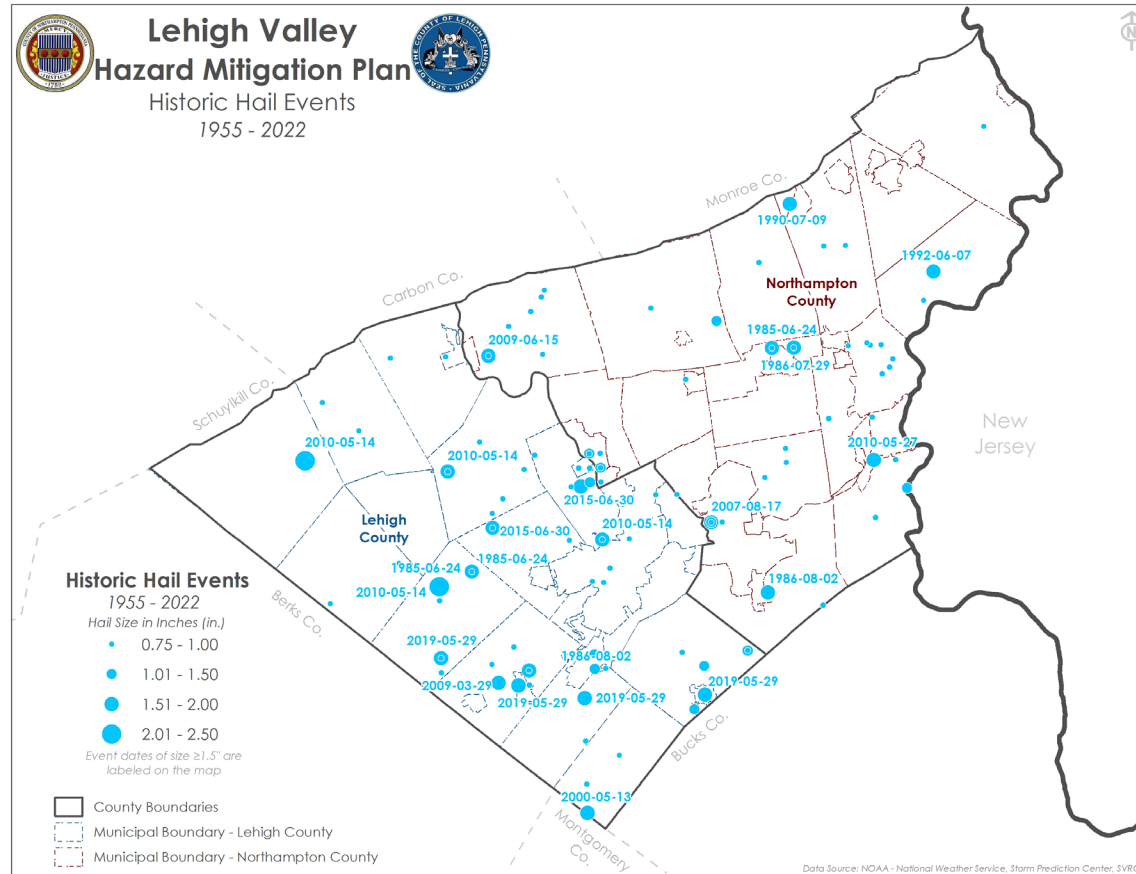
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Wind Events



Natural Hazards

Hail Events

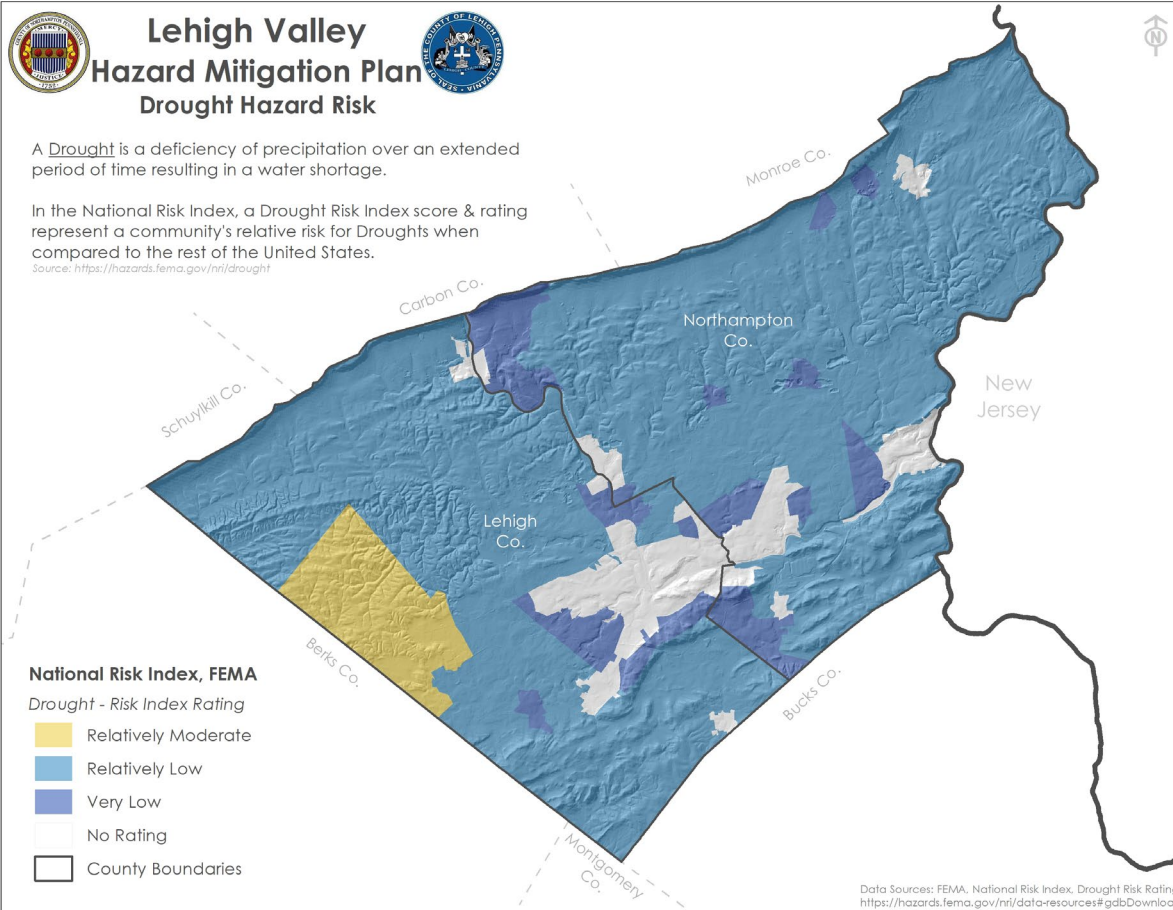


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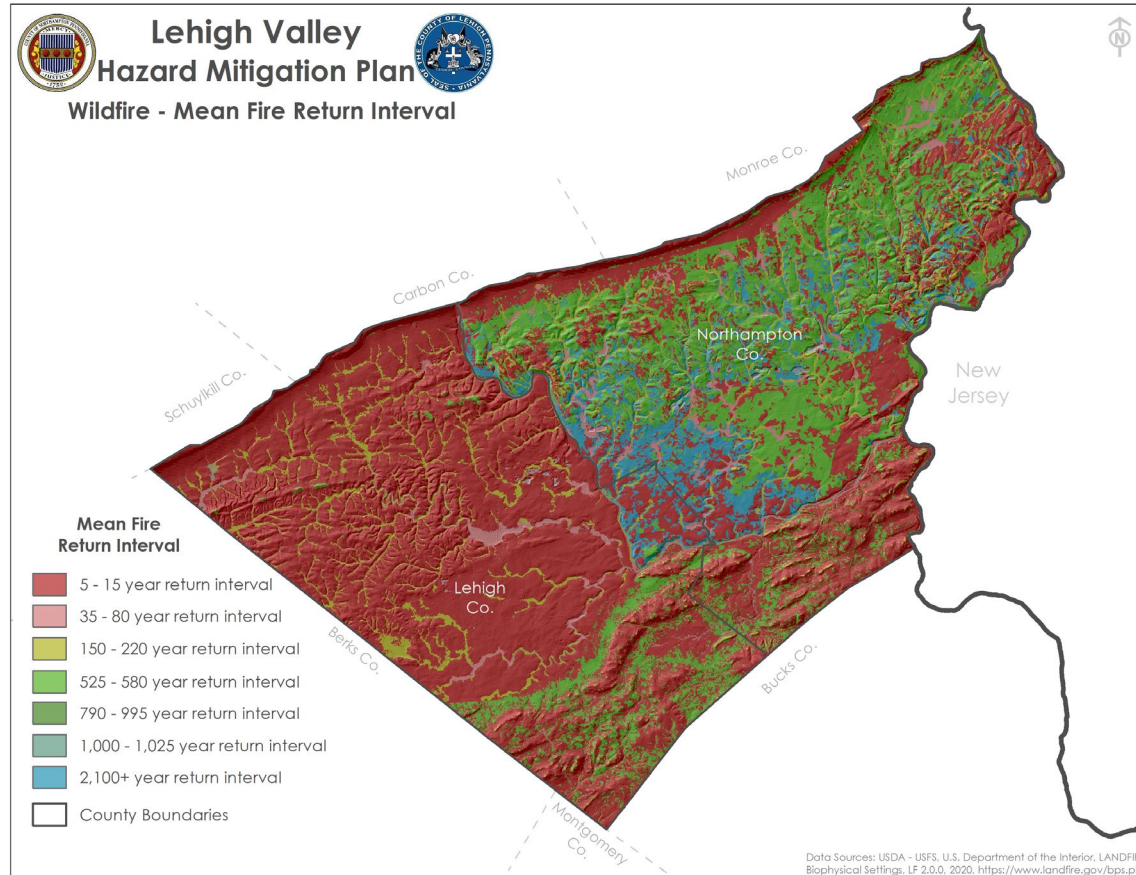
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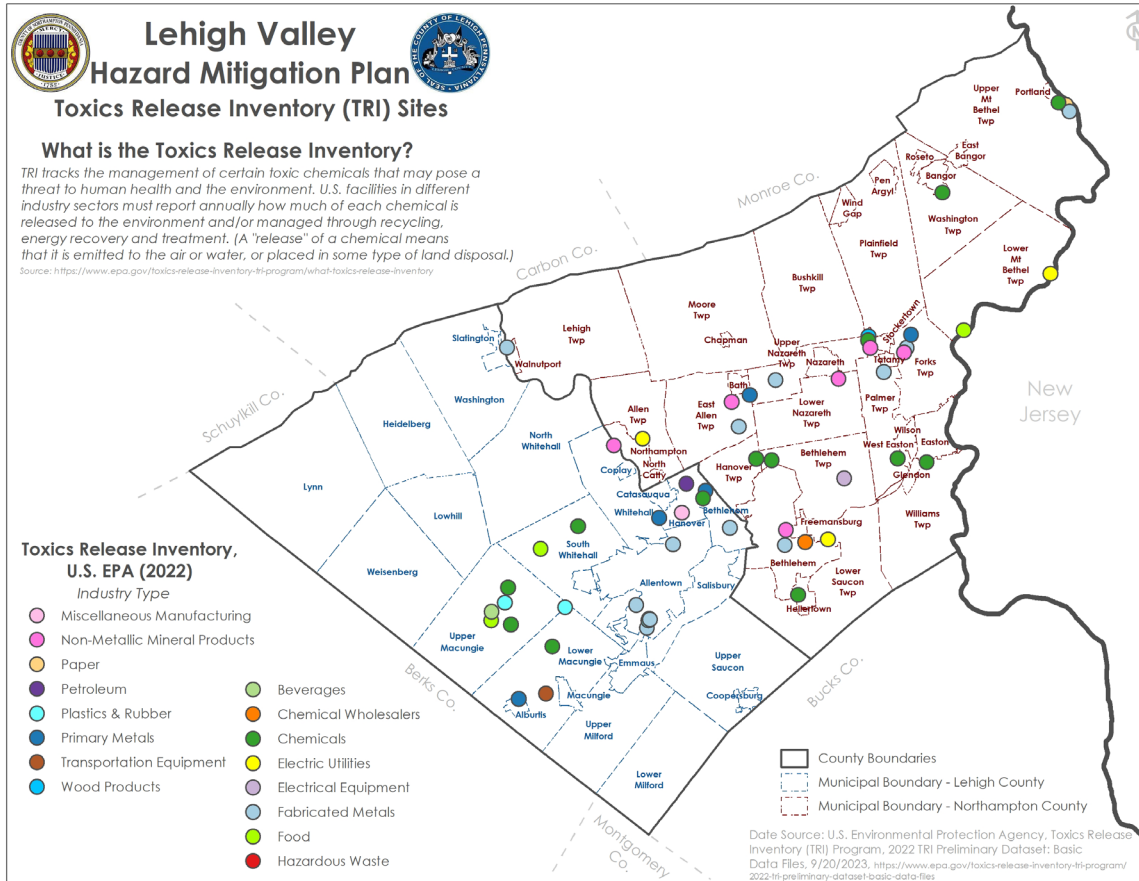
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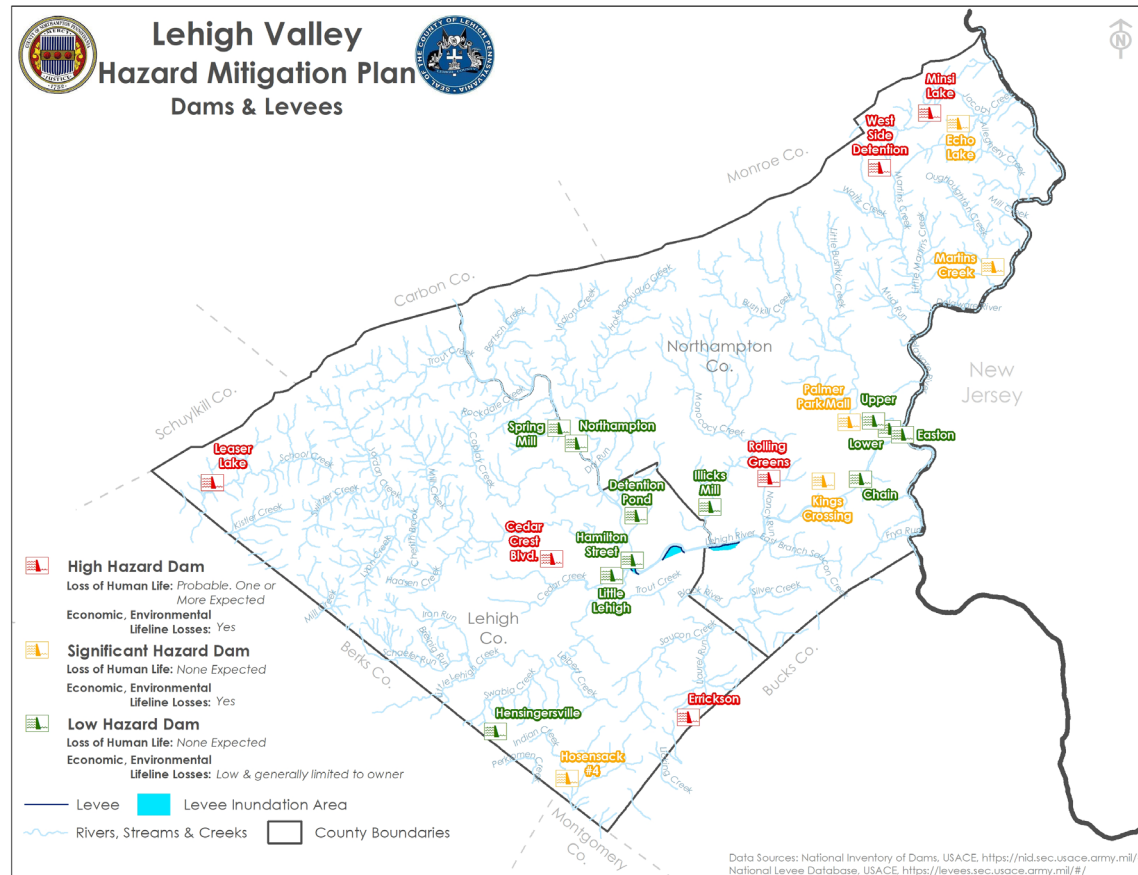
Human-Caused Hazards

Environmental Hazards / Hazardous Materials Release



Human-Caused Hazards

Dams and Levees





Natural and Human-Caused Hazards Since Last Plan

- Two Droughts
- Two Extreme Heat Events
- One Extreme Cold Event
- 12 Flash Floods
- 13 Hail Events
- Four major Lightning Events
- One Pandemic / Infectious Disease Events

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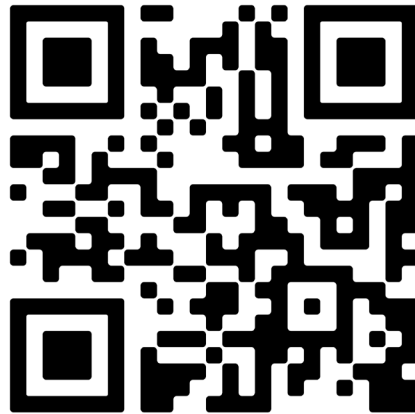


- The capabilities assessment has three components (as required by PEMA):
 - Inventory of a jurisdiction's existing planning and regulatory tools
 - Analysis of its capacity to use them effectively
 - Review and summary of how the plan will be integrated into other planning mechanisms

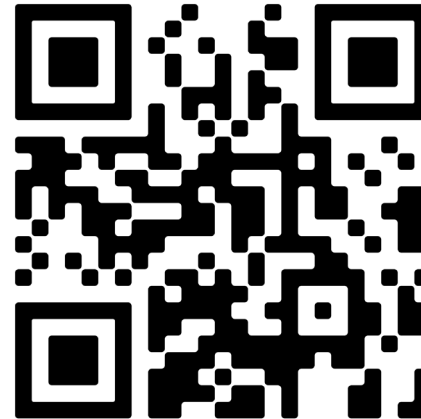


- Participating jurisdictions have been given two options for updating their capability assessment:
 1. Completing a "Capability Assessment Worksheet"
 2. Reviewing their previous Municipal Annex and validating that all the information it contains remains correct
- Many jurisdictions have not yet completed this step, which is required for plan participation!

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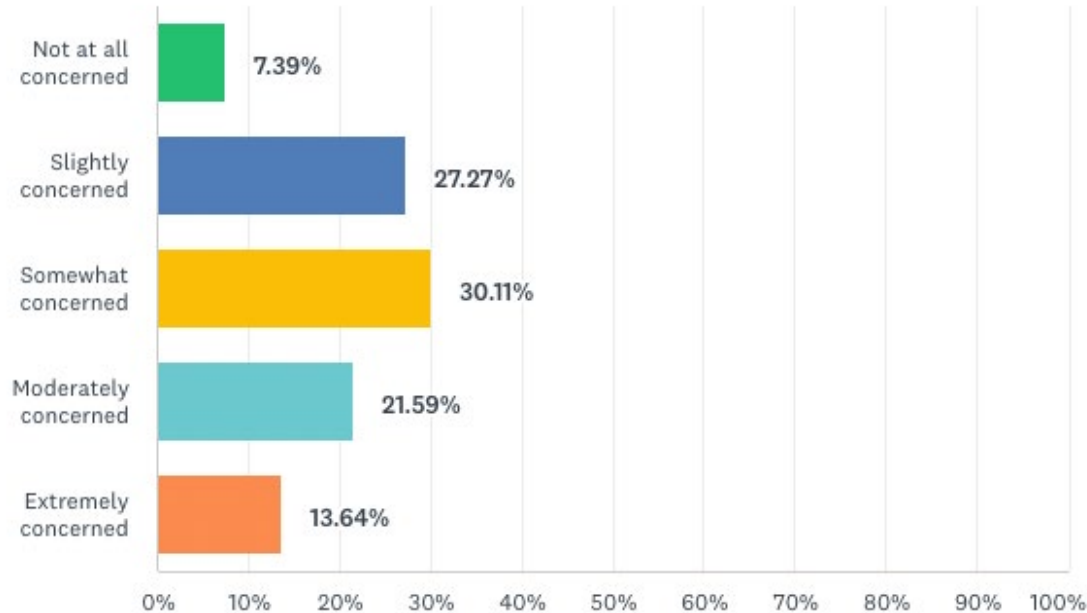


- The Public Participation Survey gathers diverse perspectives on hazards facing the Lehigh Valley
- Open to the public from late July to late September
- Received 379 responses
 - 284 in Northampton County
 - 93 in Lehigh County

Community Concerns



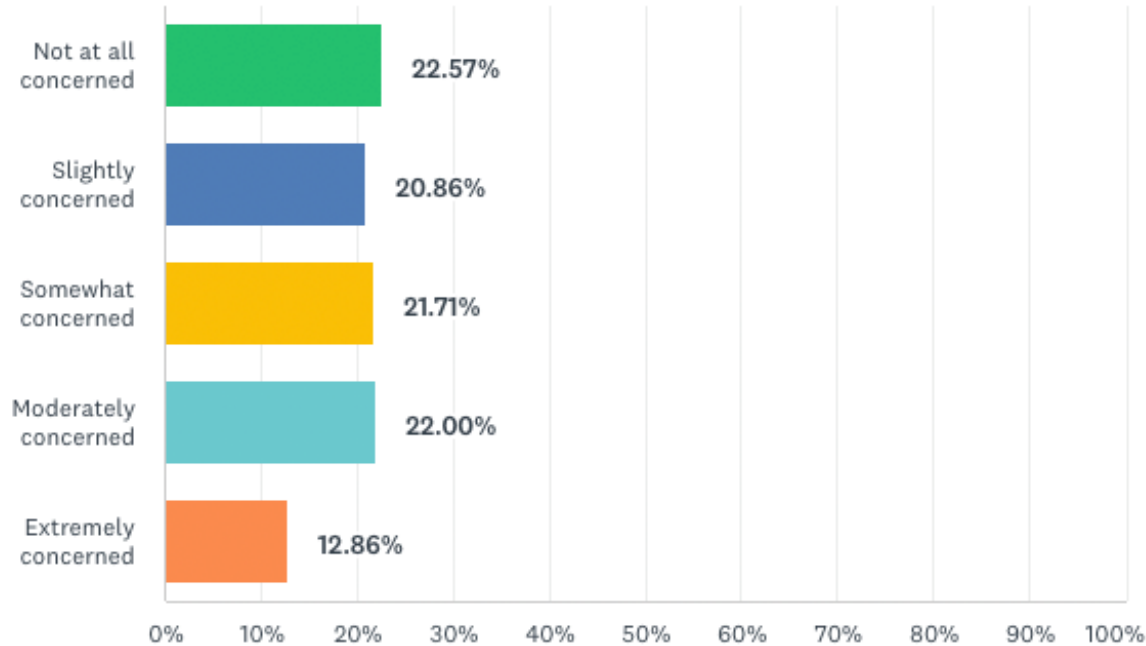
How concerned are you about your community being impacted by a natural disaster?



Community Concerns



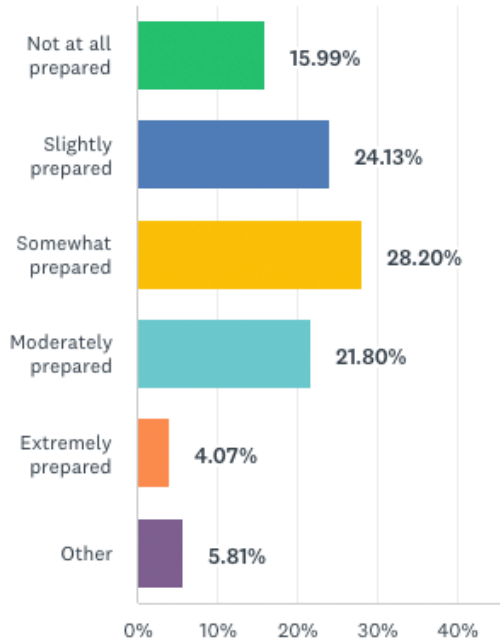
How concerned are you about natural hazard impacts from climate change within your community?



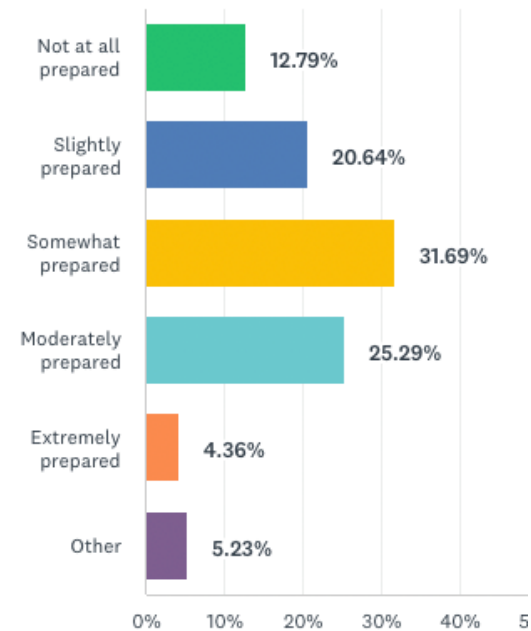
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How prepared do you think your **municipality** is for a natural disaster?



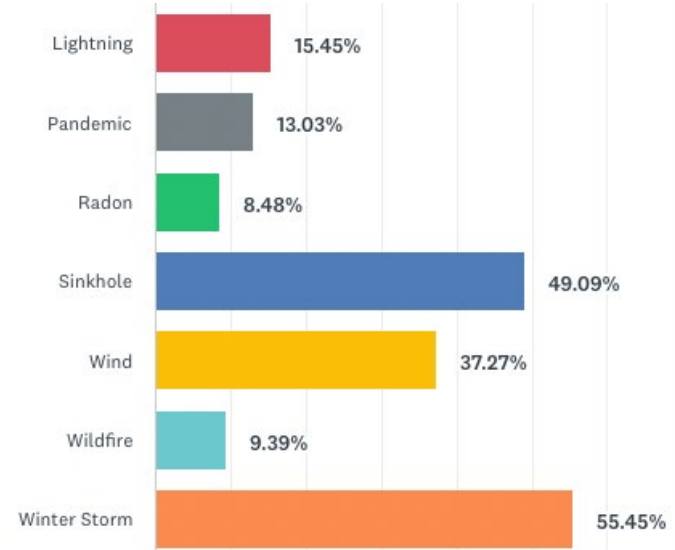
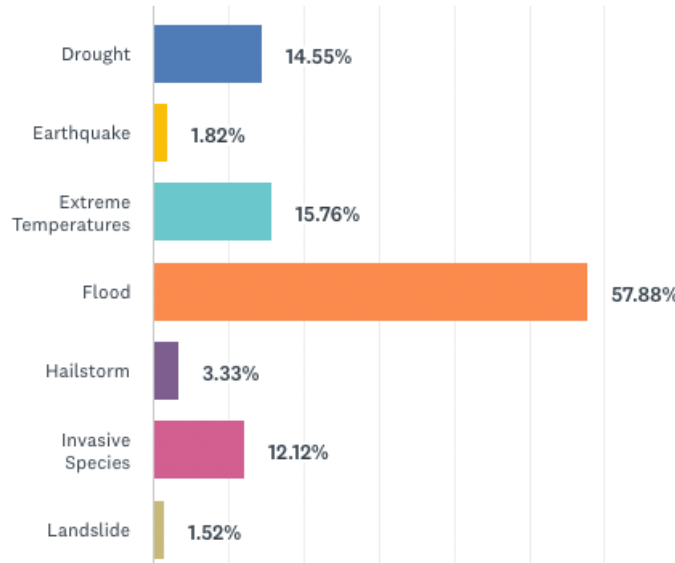
How prepared do you think your **county** is for a natural disaster?



Community Concerns



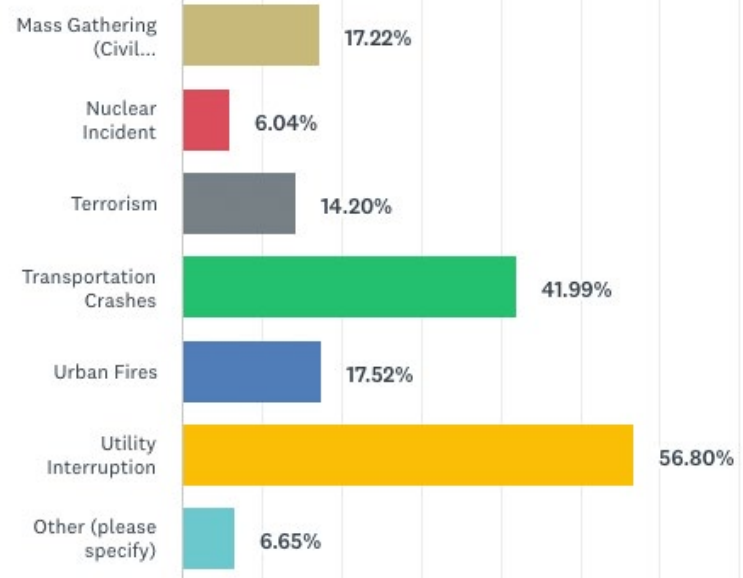
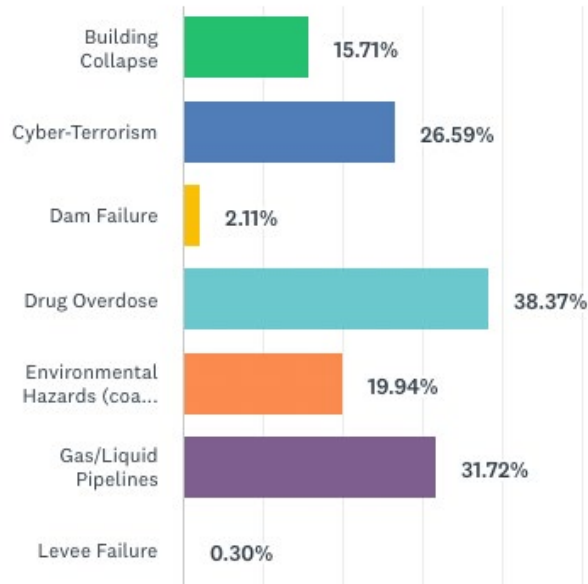
Please select the top 3 natural hazards that you think present the greatest threat to your community.



Community Concerns



Please select the top 3 human-caused hazards that you think present the greatest threat to your community.





Community Experiences and Actions

- 41.67% of respondents have taken action to make their home, business, or neighborhood more resilient to natural hazards.
- 46.88% of respondents would be interested in participating in residential mitigation activities, if offered.
- 72.82% of respondents indicated they would like to see mitigation programs offered by local government:
 - 52.17% would support tax breaks for residential mitigation
 - 36.96% would support building code improvements
 - 32.97% would support partially government-funded property retrofits



Write-In Comments

- "Form a citizen advisory committee in each municipality"
- "Availability of sandbags, last large rain flood event I tried to get some. not available in Northampton county."
- "I would like to see more oversight of building development: the impact of cutting down trees and green spaces; impact of more dwellings and business buildings to infrastructure and abilities to sustain services;"
- "Send out packets with info that could save lives and property. "How To:" etc with copies of each document available online. If we are all prepared, emergency responders don't have to save all of us"



Write-In Comments

- “More needs to be done around flood mitigation through the 2 counties. Developers are not putting much effort around this when developing new construction.”
- “We need more trees to lessen the impacts of climate change and make the air safer to breathe. Plant more trees around schools and municipalities. Increase the amount of trees and green space that warehouses need to provide.”
- **“Thank you for all you do to protect us.”**

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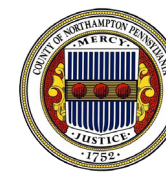


- The mitigation strategy serves as the long-term blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment.
- It includes the development of goals and prioritized hazard mitigation actions.
 - Goals: long-term policy statements and global visions that support the mitigation strategy
 - Actions: specific projects or steps to be taken to achieve those goals



How does the mitigation strategy get implemented?

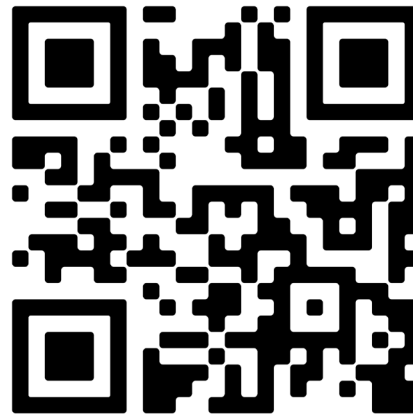
- When mitigation funding is available, the strategy serves as a guide for how to use that funding effectively
- Each 5-year plan update includes a review of the status of the actions from the previous plan.
- We may choose to keep the same actions, add additional actions, and/or remove actions that have been completed, de-prioritized, or found to be infeasible.



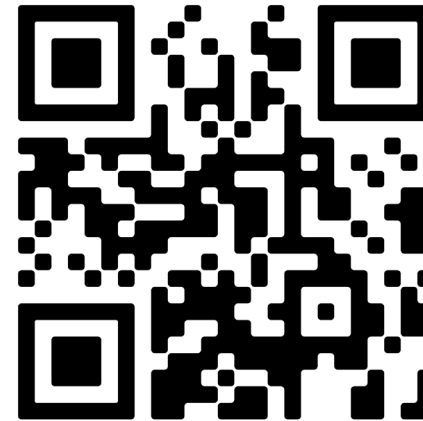
Review of Previous Actions

- The 2018 plan identified 1,161 mitigation actions
- These actions were grouped into 28 regional action categories
- Actions are prioritized at the regional action category level
- i.e. If the "Retrofit Structures in Flood-Prone Areas" category is ranked as "High" for the region, then a municipality's "Retrofit City Hall Against Flooding" action would be ranked "High" as well.

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What progress has been made towards actions identified in the previous plan?



Prioritizing Mitigation Actions

- Actions are prioritized at the regional action category level
- Actions are prioritized based on the PEMA Multi-Objective Mitigation Action Plan Prioritization Criteria:
 - Effectiveness (20%)
 - Efficiency (30%)
 - Multi-Hazard Mitigation (20%)
 - Addresses High Risk Hazard (15%)
 - Addresses Critical Communications/Critical Infrastructure (15%)

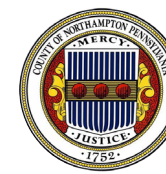


What changes would you recommend, if any, to the prioritization factor scores from the previous plan?



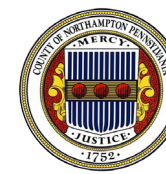
Prioritizing Mitigation Actions

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Regional Action Number	Action Description	Effectiveness	Efficiency	Multi-Hazard Mitigation	Addresses High Risk Hazard	Addresses Critical Communications/ Critical Infrastructure	Total Score/Priority
1	Retrofit structures in flood-prone areas, with repetitive and severe repetitive loss properties as a priority	3	3	1	3	2	2.5
2	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	3	3	3	3	2	2.9
3	Maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, including enforcement of floodplain management requirements, floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach	3	3	1	3	3	2.6
4	Conduct and facilitate community and public outreach for residents and businesses to promote and effect hazard risk reduction	3	2	3	3	2	2.6
5	Begin and/or continue the process to adopt higher regulation of floodplains and carbonate bedrock areas	3	3	2	3	2	2.7



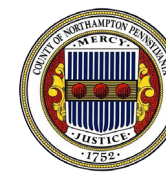
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6	Determine if CAV or CAC visit is needed and schedule	2	2	1	3	1	1.8
7	Have designated Floodplain Administrator certified and/or pursue continuing education training	2	3	1	3	1	2.1
8	Participate in the Community Rating System	3	3	1	3	2	2.5
9	Obtain/archive elevation certificates for National Flood Insurance Program compliance	1	2	1	3	1	1.6
10	Continue to support implementation, monitoring, maintenance and updating of the plan	3	2	3	3	2	2.6



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11	Develop/enhance Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans	2	2	3	3	2	2.4
12	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations	1	2	3	3	2	2.2
13	Improve post-disaster capabilities, including processing FEMA/PEMA paperwork and qualified damage assessment personnel	1	1	3	1	1	1.4
14	Work with regional agencies to develop damage assessment capabilities through training programs, certification of qualified individuals such as floodplain managers	1	2	3	3	1	2.0
15	General storm drainage/flooding projects	3	2	1	3	1	2.0



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16	Specific storm drainage/flooding projects (non-critical facilities)	3	2	1	3	3	2.0
17	Critical facilities - storm drainage/flooding projects or relocation	3	3	1	3	3	2.6
18	Critical facilities - back up power projects	3	3	3	3	3	3.0
19	Critical facilities - other projects	3	3	3	3	3	3.0
20	Emergency notifications/communication/traffic control	3	2	3	3	3	2.7



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21	Stream or floodplain restoration/ stabilization projects	3	2	1	2	1	1.9
22	Work to minimize tree/electric line conflicts	3	3	2	3	3	2.8
23	Geotechnical/sinkhole evaluation (adopt construction standards, remediation)	3	3	3	2	2	2.7
24	Hazardous materials inventory/emergency planning, education, certification	3	3	1	3	2	2.5
25	Dam/levee projects	3	2	2	2	3	2.4



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26	Specific bridge replacement or retrofits	2	2	1	3	3	2.1
27	Wildfire mitigation	3	2	1	2	1	1.9
28	Integrate hazard mitigation into local plans and ordinances	3	3	3	3	1	2.7



In preparation for our next meeting, consider:

- What actions should be carried forward into the new plan?
- Are there any new mitigation actions your community wishes to propose for the updated plan?

What projects would you like to see implemented in your community over the next 5 years?

QUESTIONS & NEXT STEPS





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Thank you for your participation!

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Cc: tanyahook; Kevin Krotzer; Nicole Burton; Thomas Guth; Norris, Katie; Duffy, Mark W
Subject: HMP Worksheet Participation and Next Meeting

Good afternoon Lehigh Valley Planning Team!
I am emailing you today for two reasons:

- 1) As you know, each jurisdiction must attend at least 1 meeting and complete **at least one worksheet** to meet the minimum participation requirements. Here is your opportunity! Please complete the survey at this link that **will count** as one of your worksheet participation events: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/96GYHQY>
- 2) You will shortly receive several meeting invitations. These are our last meetings before we release the draft plan for your review. The first invitation is our mandatory team meeting on the Mitigation Strategy. This meeting is being offered in hybrid format. You may **attend in-person or virtually**:
What: Lehigh Valley Mitigation Strategy Meeting
When: January 18, 2024, from 9am - 10am ET
Where: Cetronia Ambulance Corps, 4300 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104 or online via the Teams link in the invitation.
- 3) You will also receive 4 additional invitations for in-person workshop opportunities to review your Mitigation Actions, provide updates, and discuss adding new actions. **Please plan to attend at least one**. These sessions will be held in both Northampton and Lehigh between January 18th and 19th. (dates and times were selected based on room availability).

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your County point of contact.
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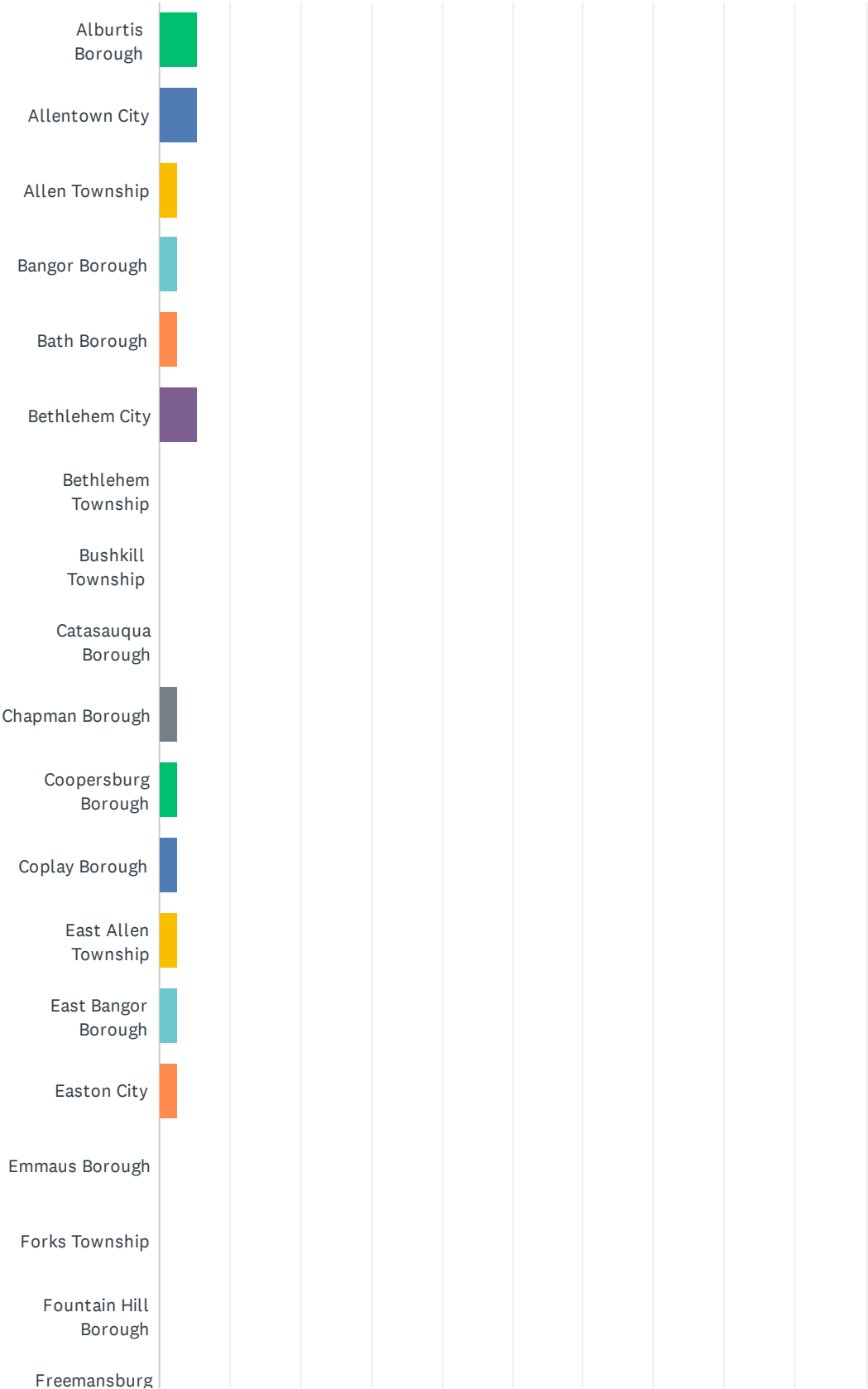
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Q1 Which community are you representing?

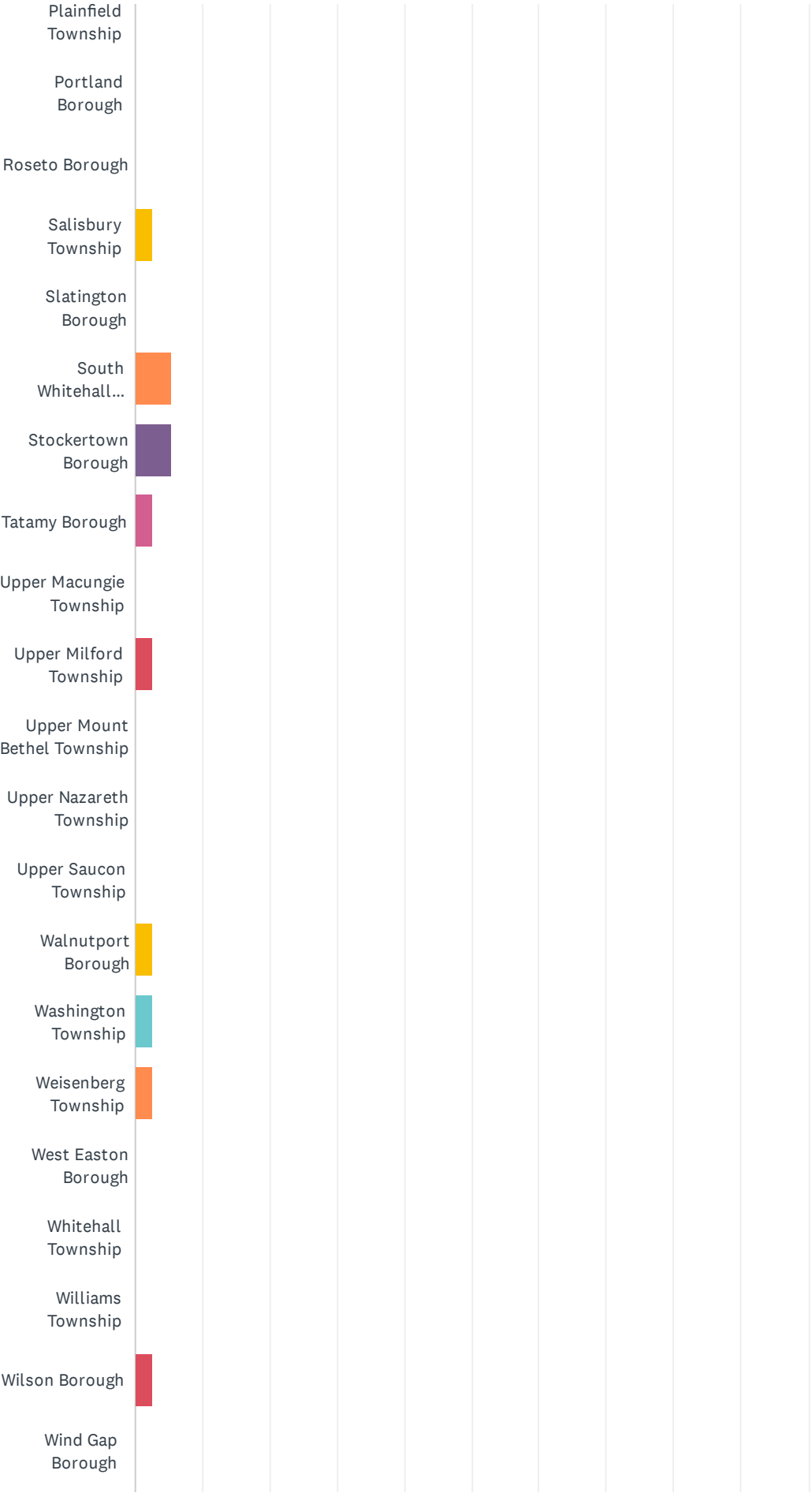
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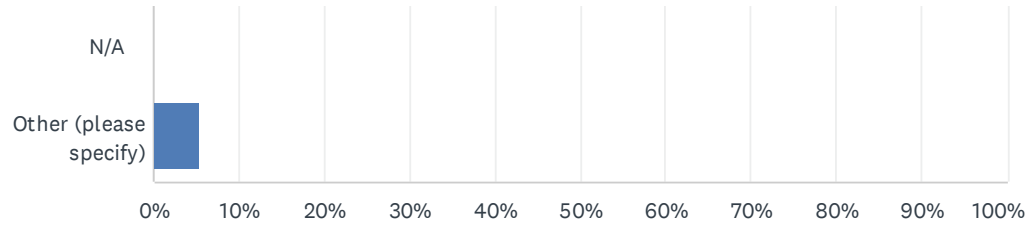
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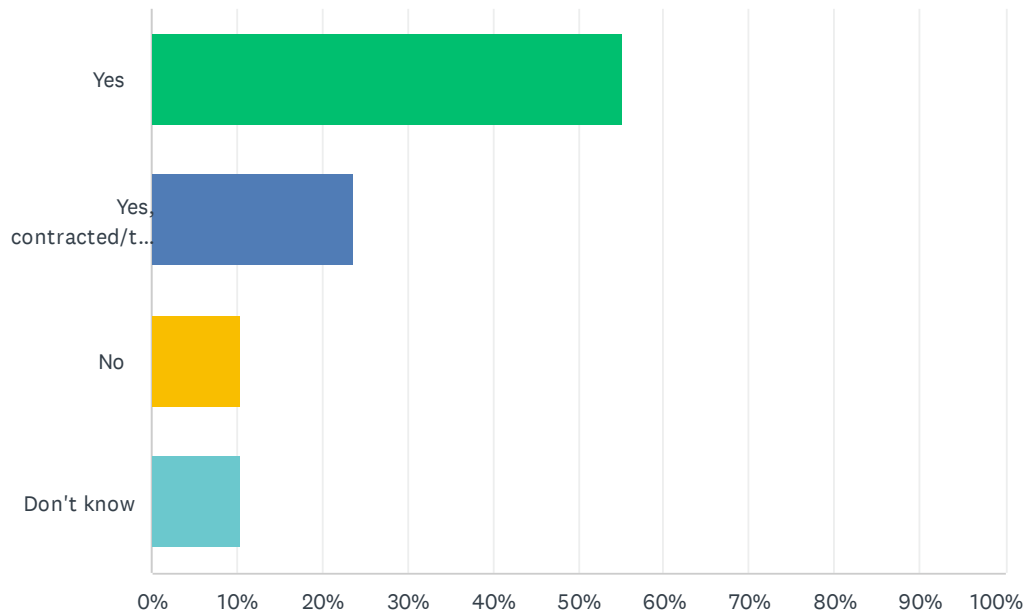
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Alburtis Borough	5.26%	2
Allentown City	5.26%	2
Allen Township	2.63%	1
Bangor Borough	2.63%	1
Bath Borough	2.63%	1
Bethlehem City	5.26%	2
Bethlehem Township	0.00%	0
Bushkill Township	0.00%	0
Catasauqua Borough	0.00%	0
Chapman Borough	2.63%	1
Coopersburg Borough	2.63%	1
Coplay Borough	2.63%	1
East Allen Township	2.63%	1
East Bangor Borough	2.63%	1
Easton City	2.63%	1
Emmaus Borough	0.00%	0
Forks Township	0.00%	0
Fountain Hill Borough	0.00%	0
Freemansburg Borough	0.00%	0
Glendon Borough	0.00%	0
Hanover Township	2.63%	1
Heidelberg Township	0.00%	0
Hellertown Borough	0.00%	0
Lehigh Township	0.00%	0
Lower Macungie Township	0.00%	0
Lower Milford Township	0.00%	0
Lower Mount Bethel Township	2.63%	1
Lower Nazareth Township	2.63%	1
Lower Saucon Township	0.00%	0
Lowhill Township	2.63%	1
Lynn Township	2.63%	1
Macungie Borough	0.00%	0

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Moore Township	0.00%	0
Nazareth Borough	2.63%	1
Northampton Borough	0.00%	0
North Catasauqua Borough	2.63%	1
North Whitehall Township	0.00%	0
Palmer Township	2.63%	1
Pen Argyl Borough	5.26%	2
Plainfield Township	0.00%	0
Portland Borough	0.00%	0
Roseto Borough	0.00%	0
Salisbury Township	2.63%	1
Slatington Borough	0.00%	0
South Whitehall Township	5.26%	2
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Walnutport Borough	2.63%	1
Washington Township	2.63%	1
Weisenberg Township	2.63%	1
West Easton Borough	0.00%	0
Whitehall Township	0.00%	0
Williams Township	0.00%	0
Wilson Borough	2.63%	1
Wind Gap Borough	0.00%	0
N/A	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	5.26%	2
TOTAL		38

Q2 Does your municipality have a floodplain administrator?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.26%	21
Yes, contracted/third party	23.68%	9
No	10.53%	4
Don't know	10.53%	4
TOTAL		38

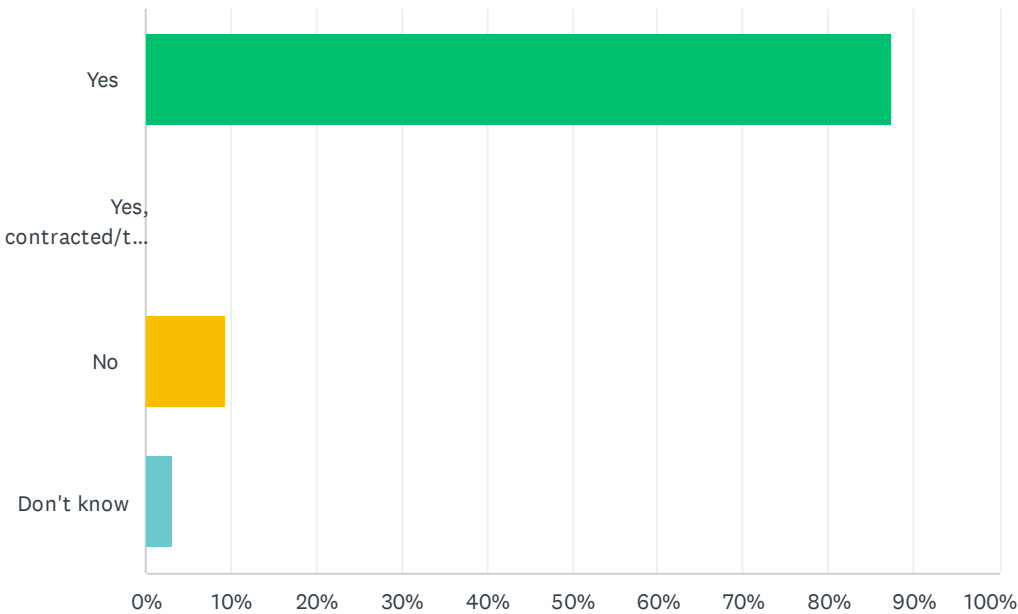
Q3 Floodplain administrator contact

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	95.65%	22
Email	91.30%	21
Phone number	95.65%	22
Company name (if third party)	52.17%	12

Q4 Does your municipality have a public works director?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	87.50%	28
Yes, contracted/third party	0.00%	0
No	9.38%	3
Don't know	3.13%	1
TOTAL		32

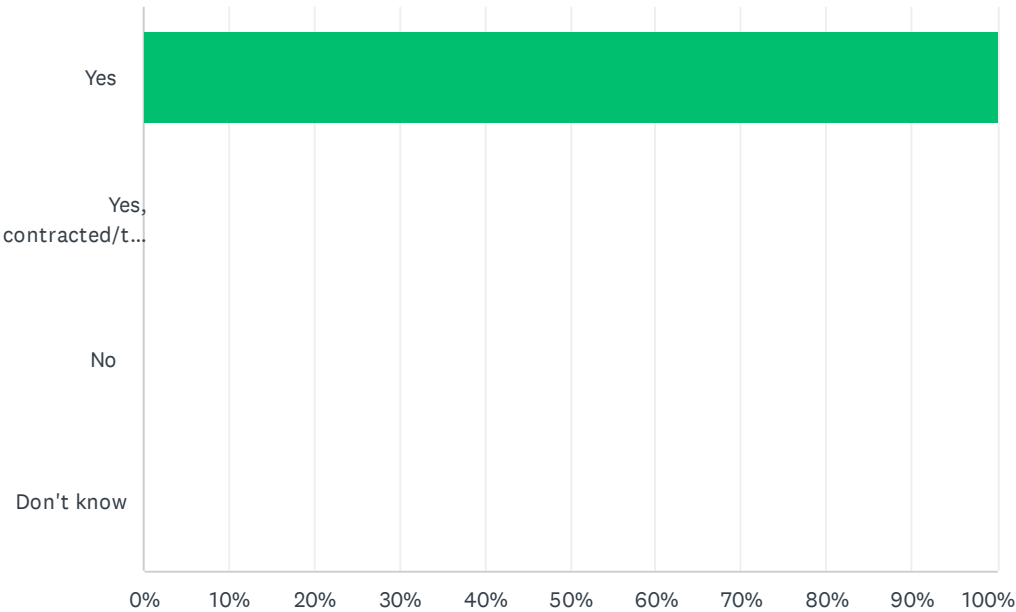
Q5 Public works contact

Answered: 25 Skipped: 14

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	25
Email	88.00%	22
Phone number	100.00%	25
Company name (if third party)	16.00%	4

Q6 Does your municipality have an emergency management coordinator?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	31
Yes, contracted/third party	0.00%	0
No	0.00%	0
Don't know	0.00%	0
TOTAL		31

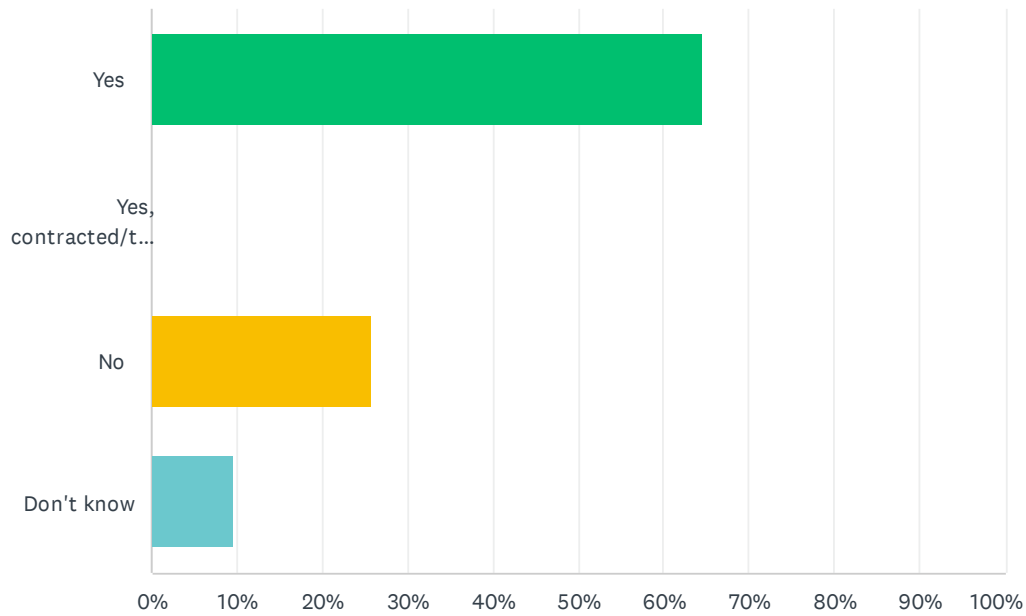
Q7 Emergency management contact

Answered: 28 Skipped: 11

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	28
Email	89.29%	25
Phone number	96.43%	27
Company name (if third party)	14.29%	4

Q8 Does your municipality have a planning staff/planning coordinator?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.52%	20
Yes, contracted/third party	0.00%	0
No	25.81%	8
Don't know	9.68%	3
TOTAL		31

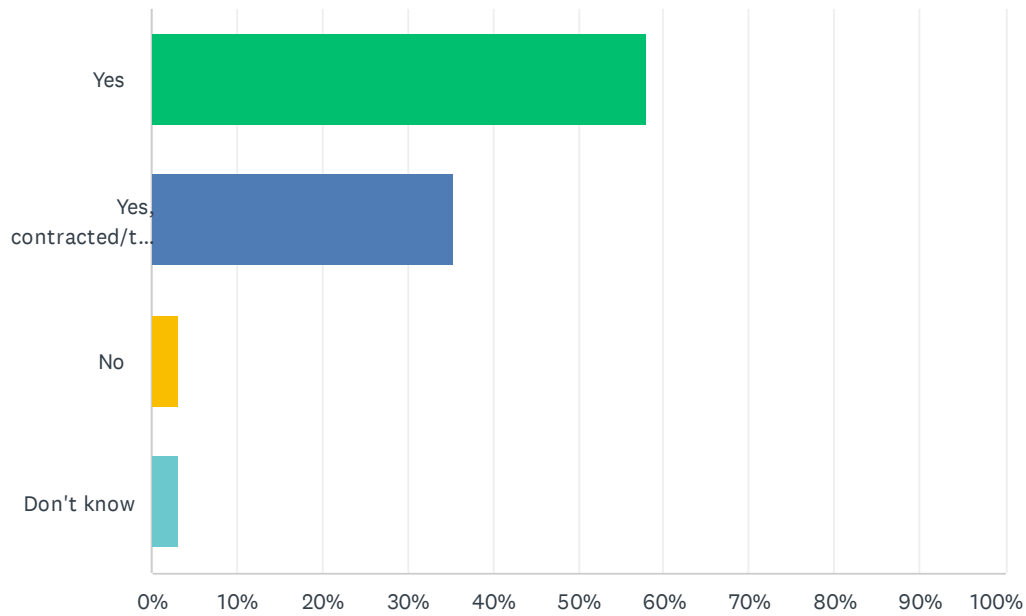
Q9 Planning staff/director contact

Answered: 17 Skipped: 22

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	17
Email	76.47%	13
Phone number	82.35%	14
Company name (if third party)	11.76%	2

Q10 Does your municipality have an engineer?

Answered: 31 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	58.06%	18
Yes, contracted/third party	35.48%	11
No	3.23%	1
Don't know	3.23%	1
TOTAL		31

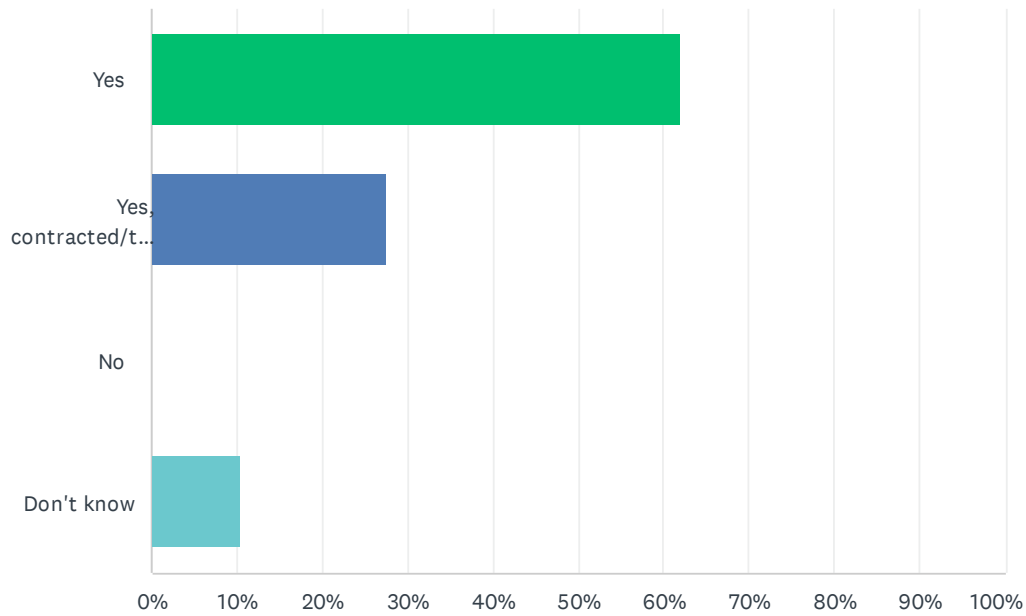
Q11 Engineering contact

Answered: 25 Skipped: 14

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	25
Email	80.00%	20
Phone number	92.00%	23
Company name (if third party)	64.00%	16

Q12 Does your municipality have a code official?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.07%	18
Yes, contracted/third party	27.59%	8
No	0.00%	0
Don't know	10.34%	3
TOTAL		29

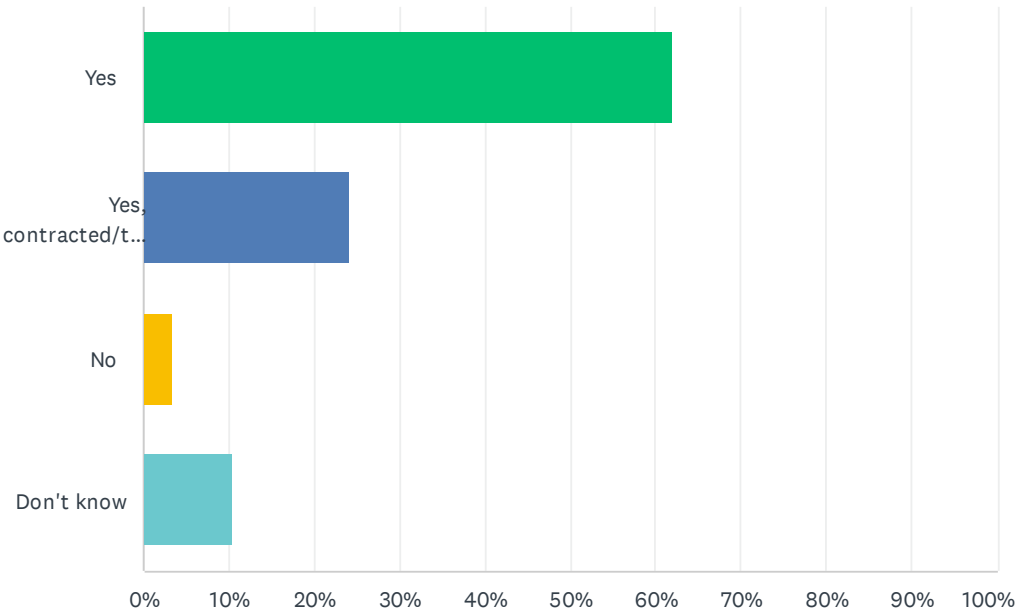
Q13 Municipal code contact

Answered: 24 Skipped: 15

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	95.83%	23
Email	75.00%	18
Phone number	87.50%	21
Company name (if third party)	50.00%	12

Q14 Does your municipality have a zoning officer?

Answered: 29 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.07%	18
Yes, contracted/third party	24.14%	7
No	3.45%	1
Don't know	10.34%	3
TOTAL		29

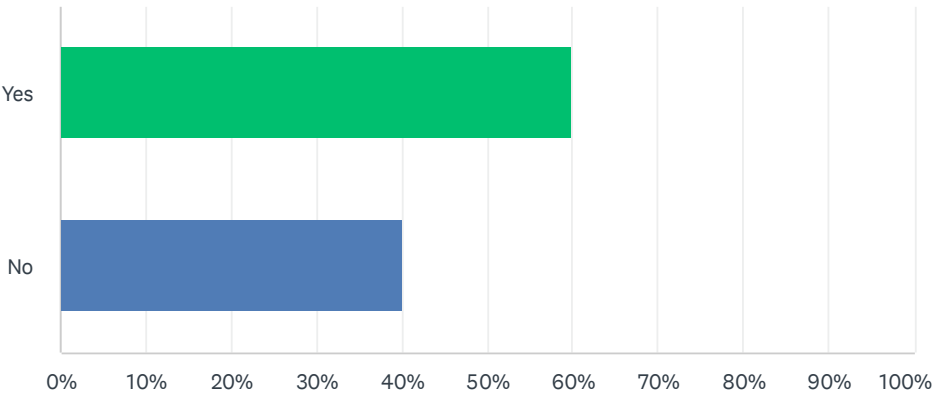
Q15 Zoning contact

Answered: 23 Skipped: 16

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	23
Email	73.91%	17
Phone number	86.96%	20
Company name (if third party)	43.48%	10

Q16 Does your municipality have a municipal manager?

Answered: 30 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.00%	18
No	40.00%	12
TOTAL		30

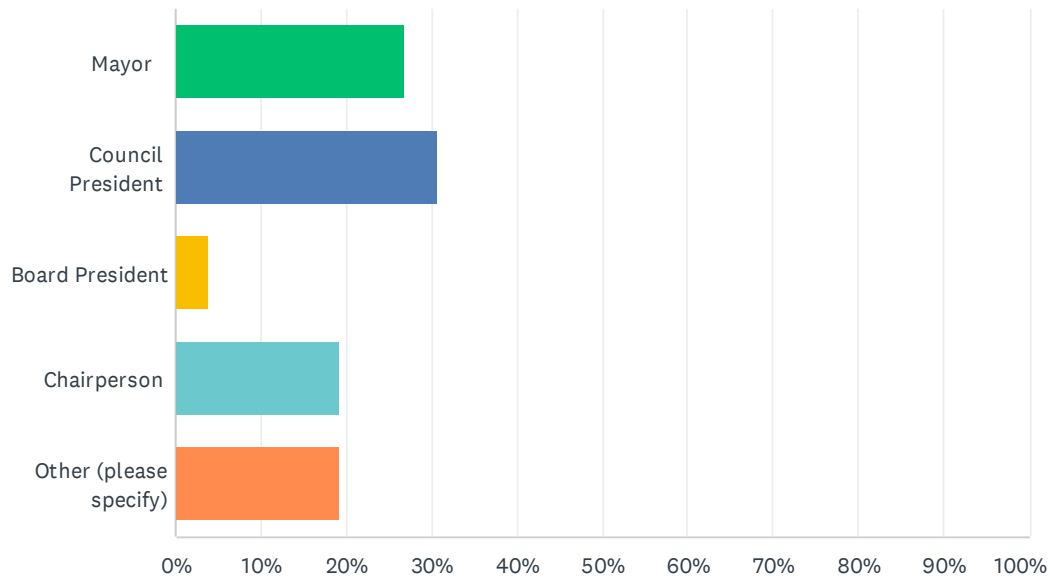
Q17 Municipal manager contact

Answered: 15 Skipped: 24

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	15
Email	100.00%	15
Phone number	93.33%	14

Q18 Which of the following best describes your head municipal official?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mayor	26.92%	7
Council President	30.77%	8
Board President	3.85%	1
Chairperson	19.23%	5
Other (please specify)	19.23%	5
TOTAL		26

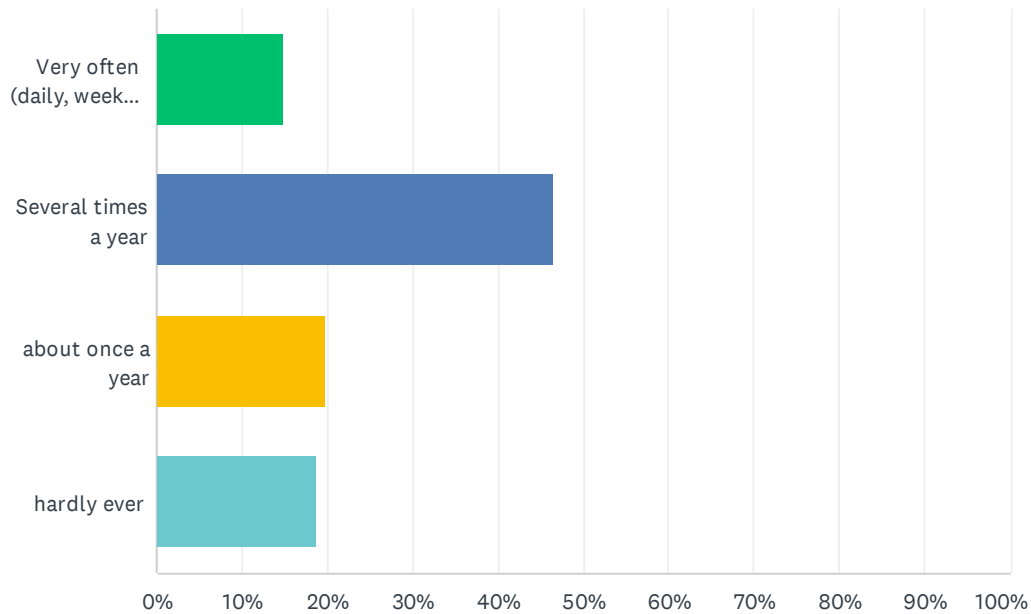
Q19 Head municipal contact

Answered: 26 Skipped: 13

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	26
Email	88.46%	23
Phone	88.46%	23

Q1 How often do you think or worry about natural disasters?

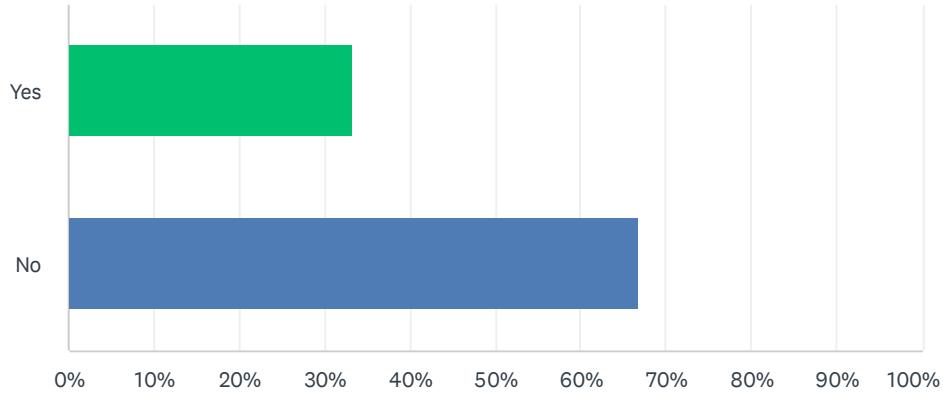
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very often (daily, weekly, or monthly)	15.00%	60
Several times a year	46.50%	186
about once a year	19.75%	79
hardly ever	18.75%	75
TOTAL		400

Q2 If an emergency evacuation notice was issued for your area, would you know where to go?

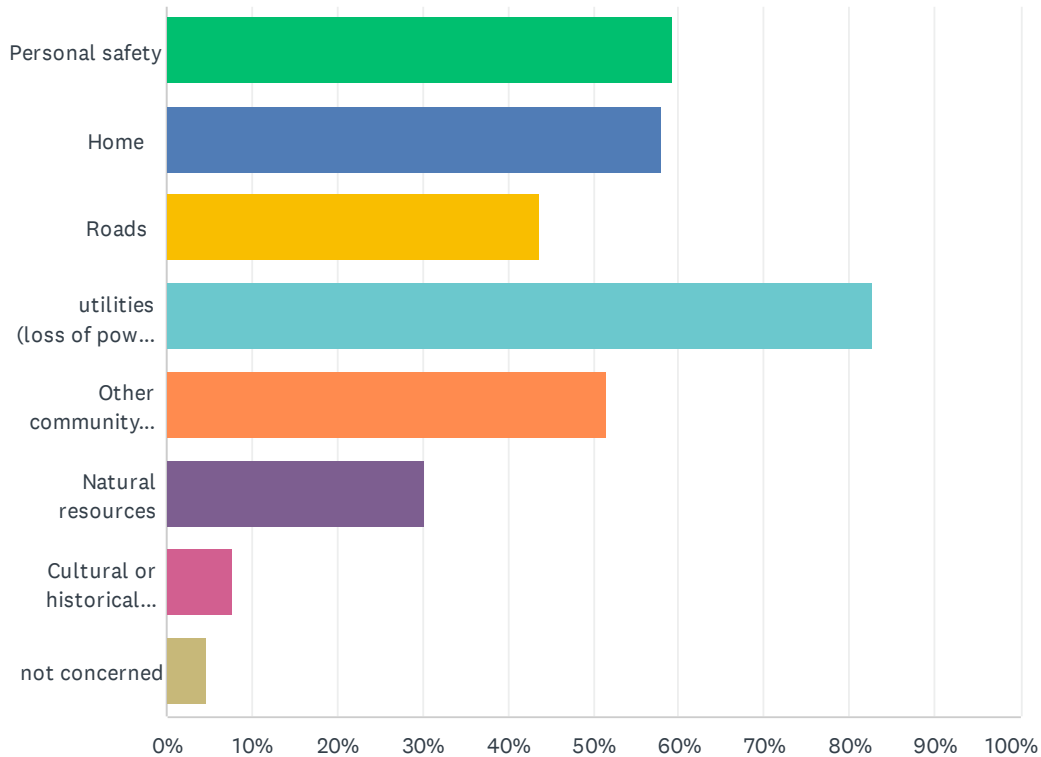
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	33.25%	132
No	66.75%	265
TOTAL		397

Q3 When considering extreme temperatures, are you concerned about damages or impacts to your:

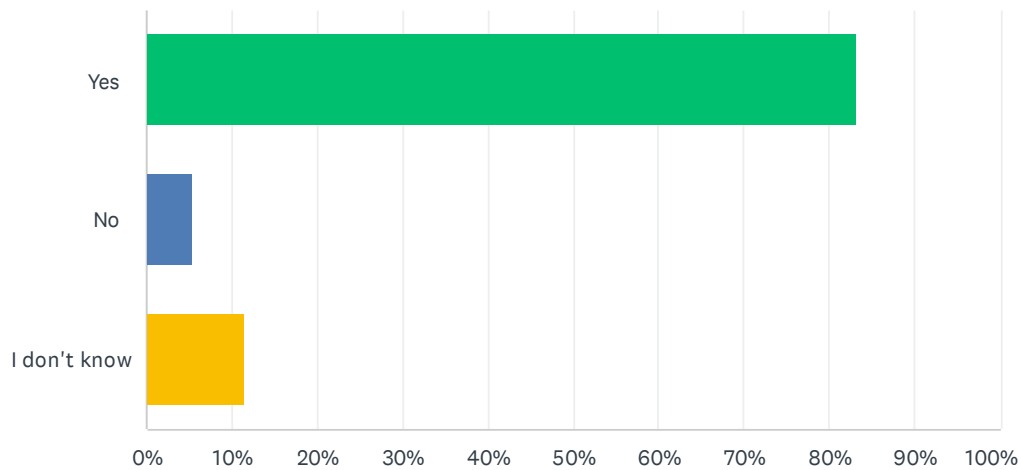
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	59.25%	237
Home	58.00%	232
Roads	43.75%	175
utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc.)	82.75%	331
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc.)	51.50%	206
Natural resources	30.25%	121
Cultural or historical locations	7.75%	31
not concerned	4.75%	19
Total Respondents: 400		

Q4 Heat islands are urbanized areas that experience higher temperatures than outlying areas. Structures such as buildings, roads, and other infrastructure absorb and re-emit the sun's heat more than natural landscapes such as forests and water bodies. Utilizing native vegetation, instead of foreign grasses, can also decrease water utilization and support pollinator populations. Would you support the integration of more native vegetation in your area to decrease heat island impacts?

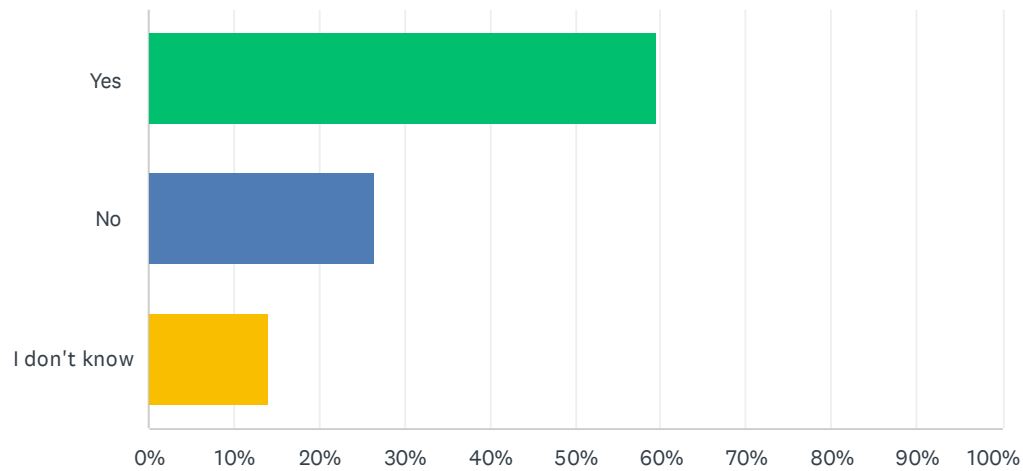
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.15%	301
No	5.25%	19
I don't know	11.60%	42
TOTAL		362

Q5 Would you be interested in information on native vegetation, rain gardens, or other methods you could implement at your home to decrease heat island impacts?

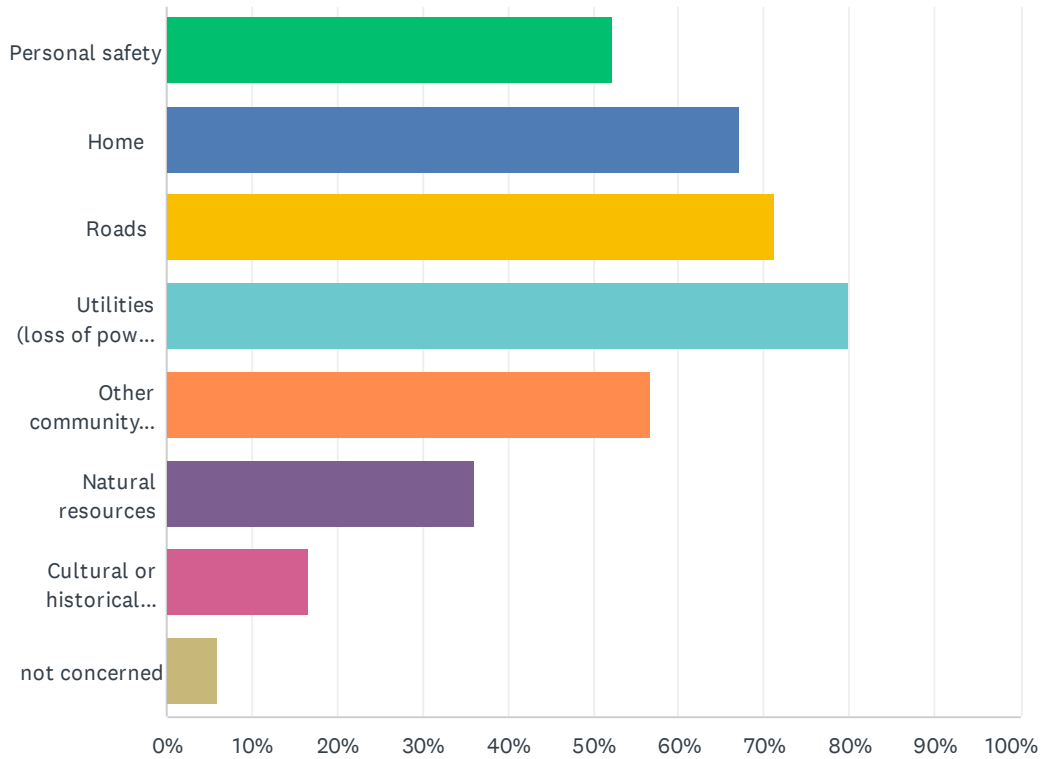
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	59.39%	215
No	26.52%	96
I don't know	14.09%	51
TOTAL		362

Q6 When considering floods, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

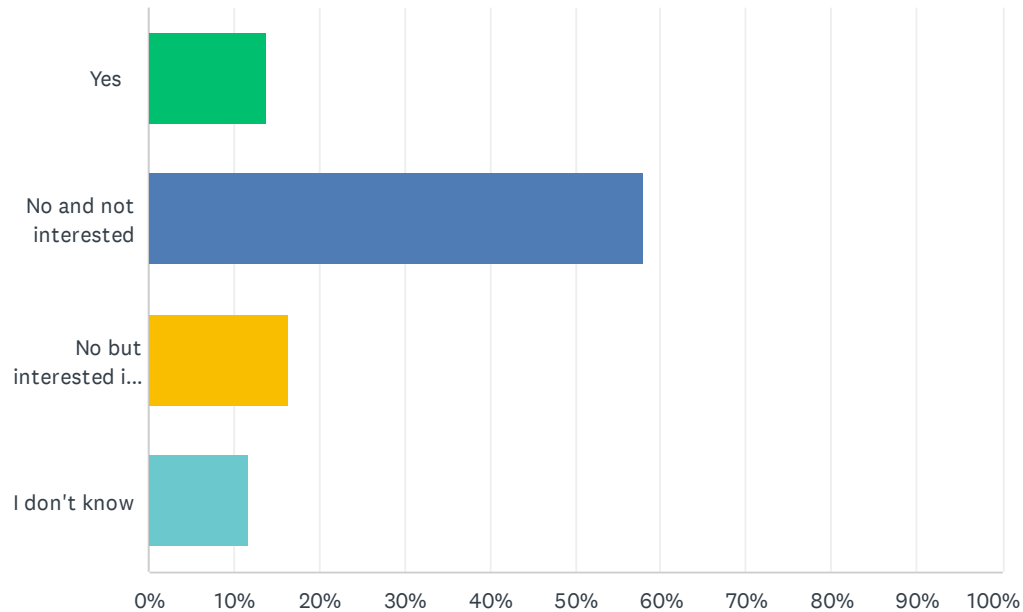
Answered: 383 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	52.22%	200
Home	67.10%	257
Roads	71.28%	273
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc.)	79.90%	306
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc.)	56.66%	217
Natural resources	36.03%	138
Cultural or historical locations	16.71%	64
not concerned	6.01%	23
Total Respondents: 383		

Q7 Flood insurance can be purchased by any homeowner, even if it is not required by your mortgage lender. Flood insurance rates for homeowners outside of the Special Flood Hazard area are typically cheaper than homes in the floodplain. Do you have flood insurance?

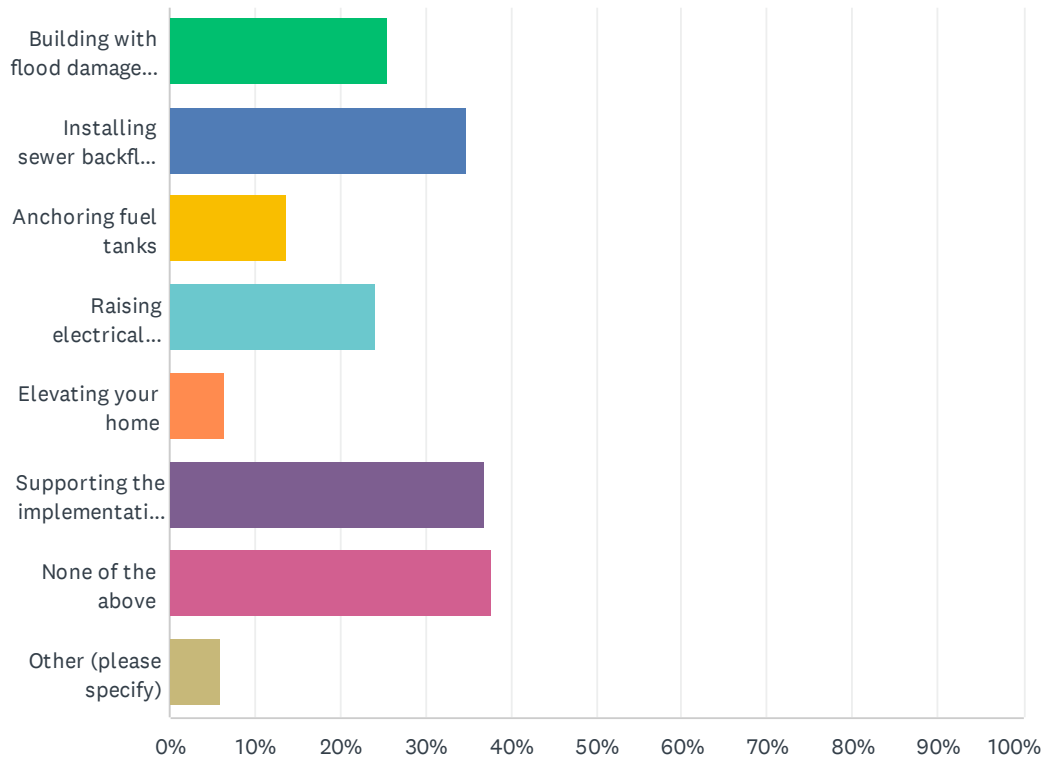
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	13.81%	46
No and not interested	57.96%	193
No but interested in it	16.52%	55
I don't know	11.71%	39
TOTAL		333

Q8 If a program was offered, would you be interested in participating in any of the following flood mitigation activities? Activities could be funded through low interest loans or participation in a grant program:

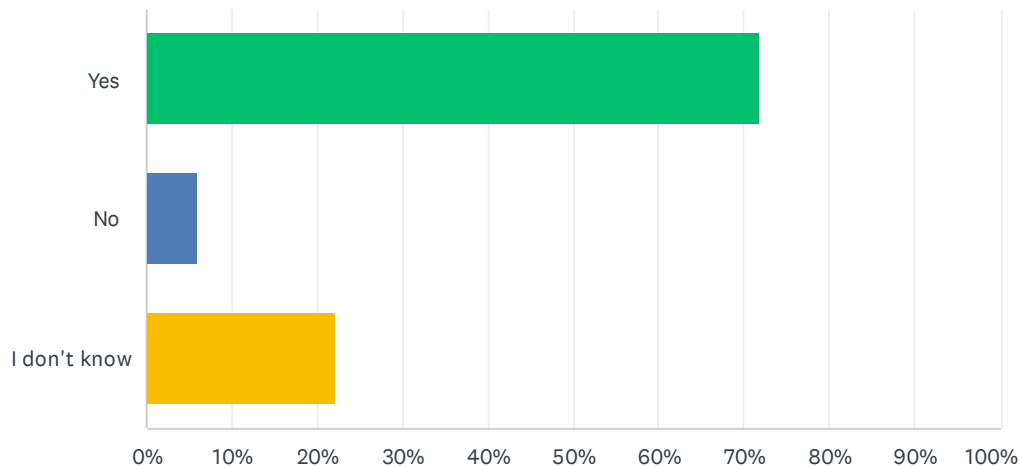
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Building with flood damage resistant materials	25.68%	85
Installing sewer backflow valves	34.74%	115
Anchoring fuel tanks	13.60%	45
Raising electrical system components	24.17%	80
Elevating your home	6.34%	21
Supporting the implementation of higher building code standards, particularly where they could lead to flood insurance discounts	36.86%	122
None of the above	37.76%	125
Other (please specify)	6.04%	20
Total Respondents: 331		

Q9 "Daylighting" is when a buried watercourse, typically flowing through culverts under concrete or roadways, is opened and restored to more natural conditions. The purpose of returning to riparian environment of a stream, wash, or river to a more natural state is to reduce runoff, create habitat for species, and/or improve an area's aesthetics. Is this a project you would support in your community?

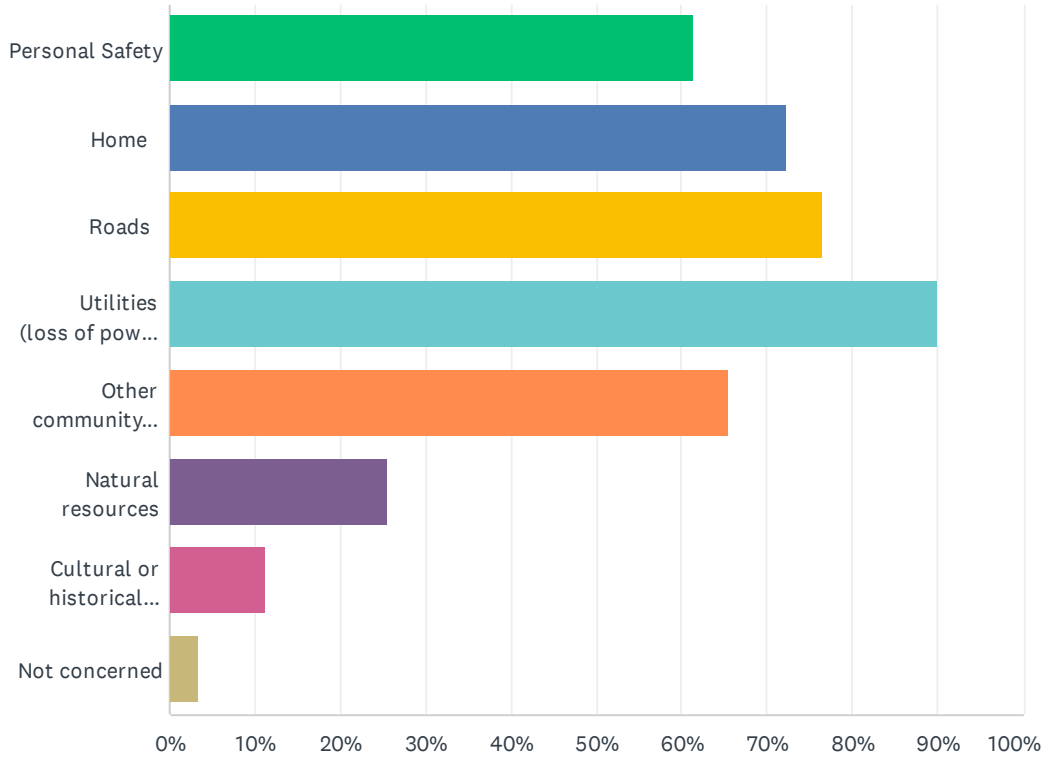
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.86%	240
No	5.99%	20
I don't know	22.16%	74
TOTAL		334

Q10 When considering winter storms, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

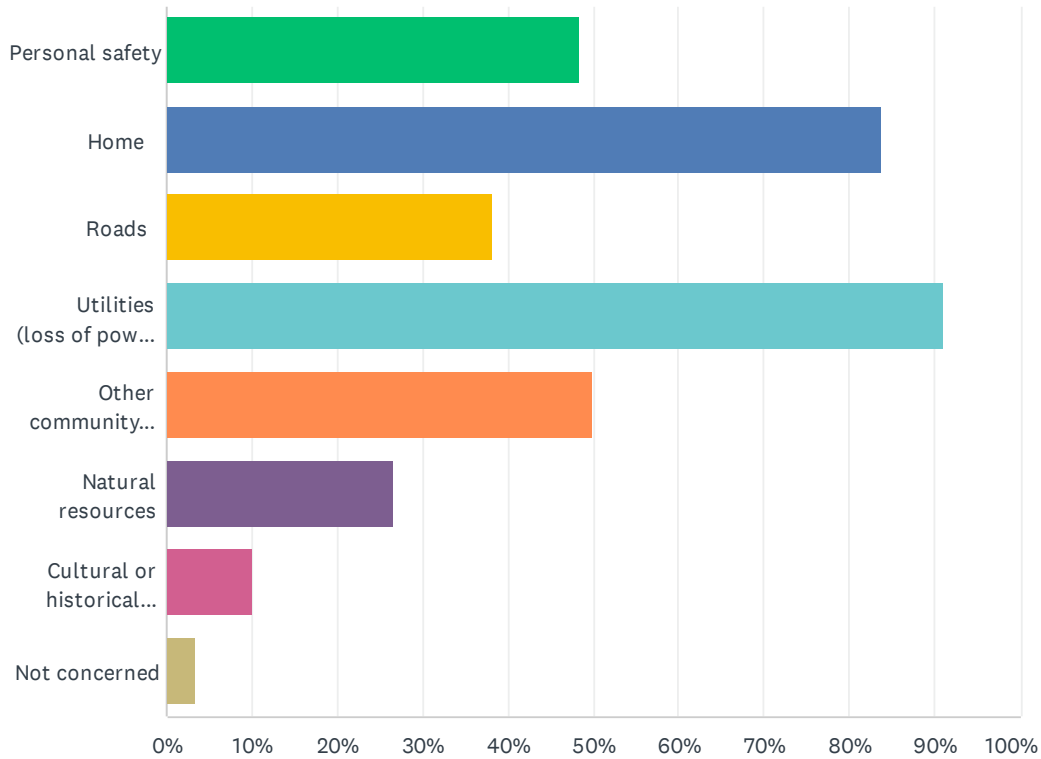
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal Safety	61.34%	219
Home	72.27%	258
Roads	76.47%	273
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	89.92%	321
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc.)	65.55%	234
Natural resources	25.49%	91
Cultural or historical locations	11.20%	40
Not concerned	3.36%	12
Total Respondents: 357		

Q11 When considering wind, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

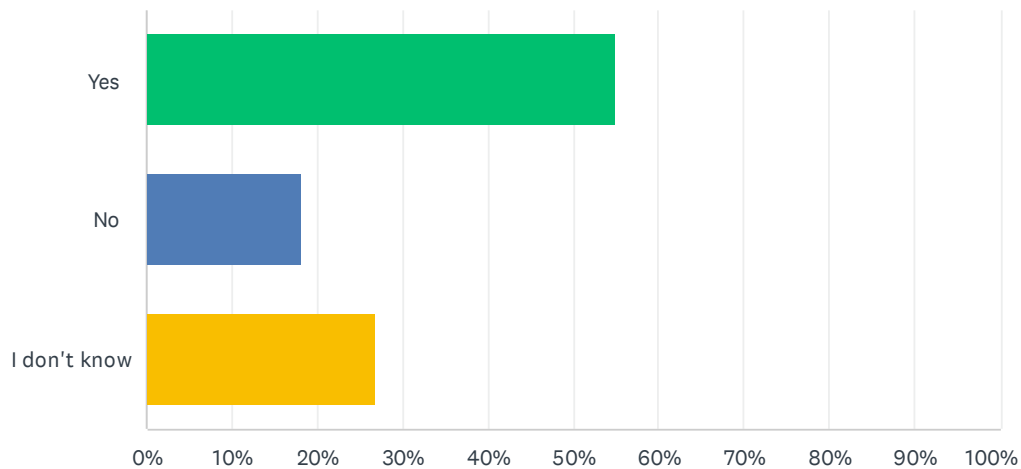
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	48.46%	173
Home	83.75%	299
Roads	38.10%	136
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	91.04%	325
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	49.86%	178
Natural resources	26.61%	95
Cultural or historical locations	10.08%	36
Not concerned	3.36%	12
Total Respondents: 357		

Q12 A hurricane strap is a connector, usually made of galvanized or stainless steel, that is used to strengthen wood framed roofs and homes. They create a load path between the roof and the foundation, allowing the force of strong winds to be shared throughout the structure rather than only the roof during weather events like tropical storms, tornadoes, high wind, and winter storms. Each strap costs less than \$2.00 and would need to be installed according to code at regular intervals through the home's frame. If property tax breaks were offered, would you be interested in this type of home retrofit?

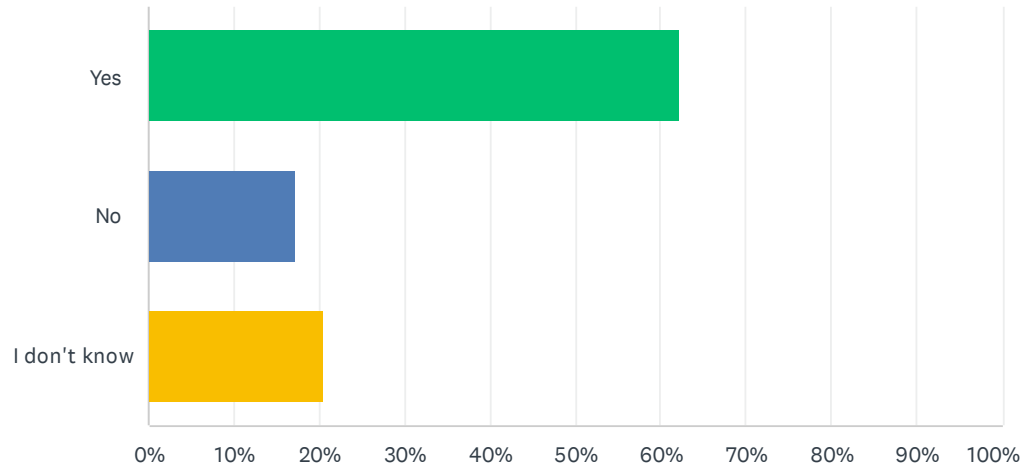
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.05%	180
No	18.04%	59
I don't know	26.91%	88
TOTAL		327

Q13 Would you support the implementation of higher local building codes to require hurricanes straps in new construction or permitted retrofits?

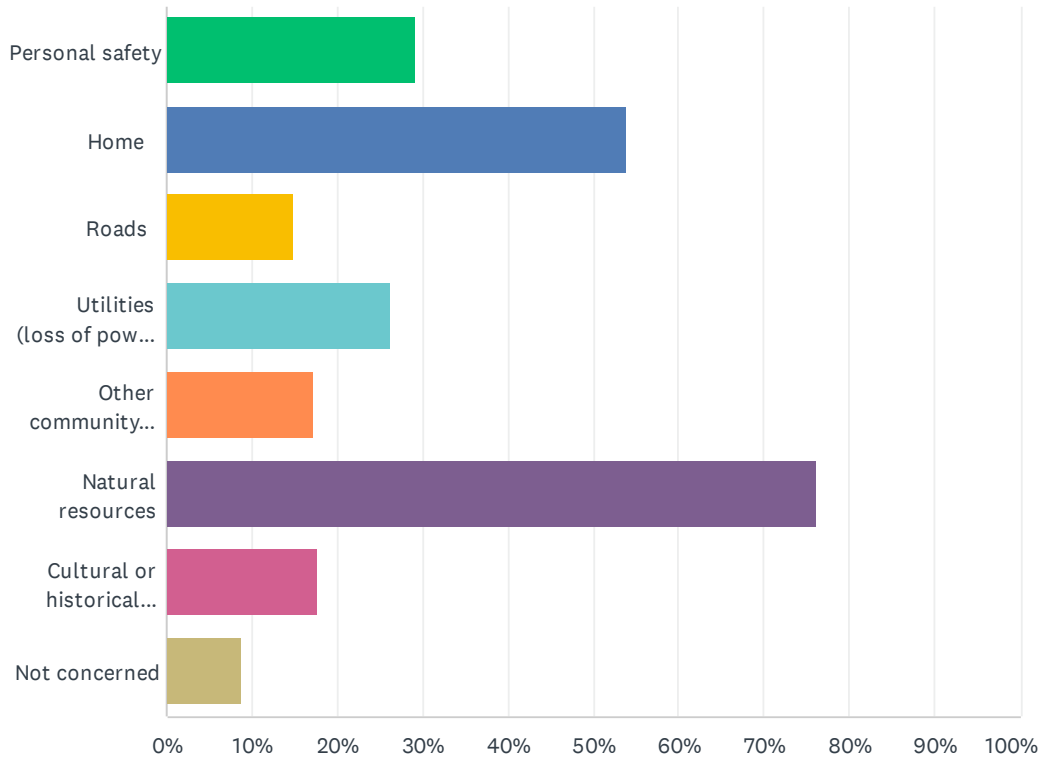
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	62.27%	203
No	17.18%	56
I don't know	20.55%	67
TOTAL		326

Q14 When considering invasive species, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

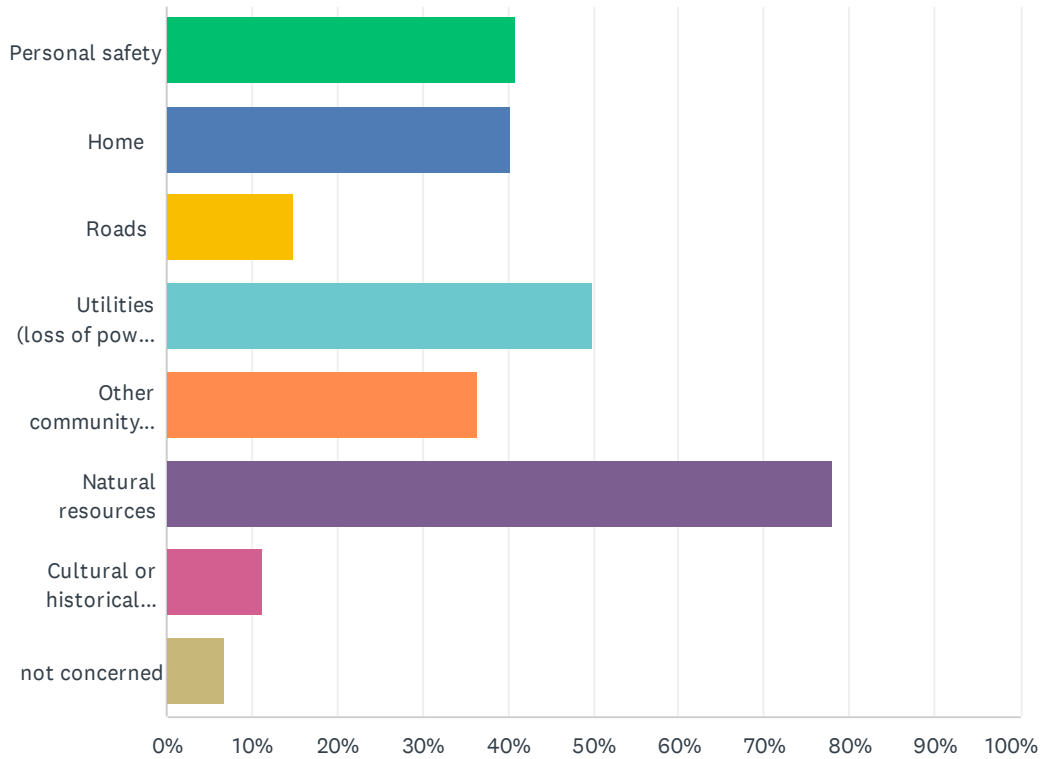
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	29.25%	98
Home	54.03%	181
Roads	14.93%	50
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	26.27%	88
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	17.31%	58
Natural resources	76.12%	255
Cultural or historical locations	17.61%	59
Not concerned	8.66%	29
Total Respondents: 335		

Q15 When considering drought in your community, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

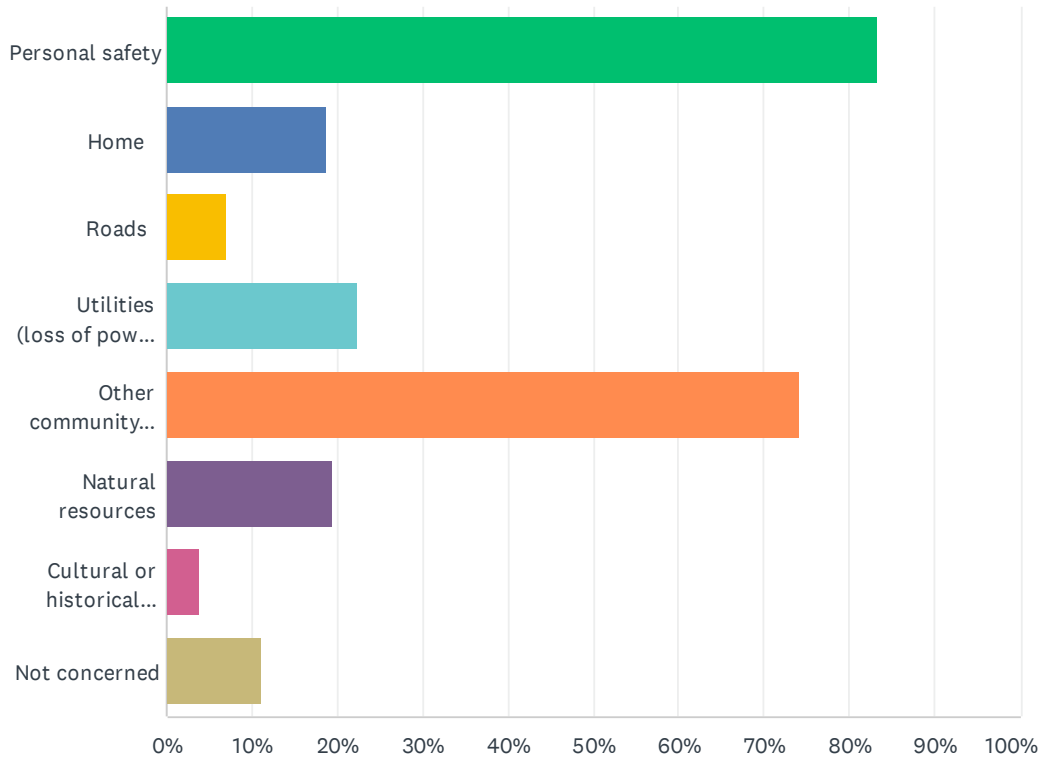
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	40.95%	138
Home	40.36%	136
Roads	14.84%	50
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	49.85%	168
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	36.50%	123
Natural resources	78.04%	263
Cultural or historical locations	11.28%	38
not concerned	6.82%	23
Total Respondents: 337		

Q16 When considering pandemics, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

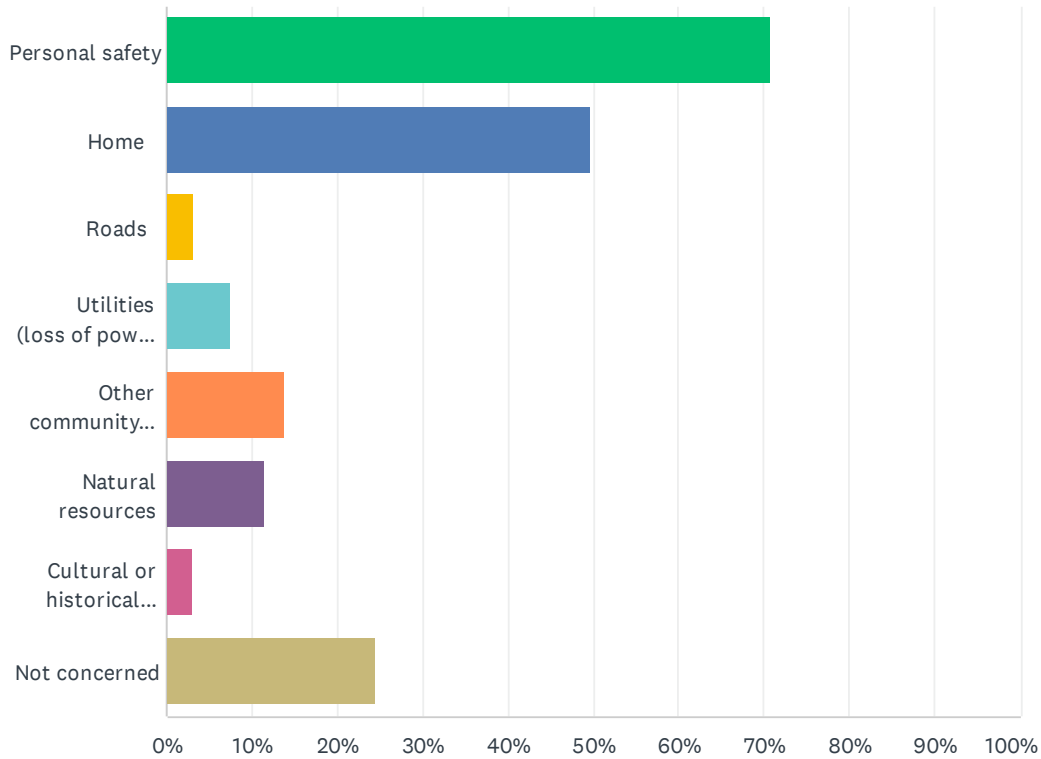
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	83.33%	280
Home	18.75%	63
Roads	7.14%	24
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	22.32%	75
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	74.11%	249
Natural resources	19.35%	65
Cultural or historical locations	3.87%	13
Not concerned	11.01%	37
Total Respondents: 336		

Q17 When considering radon, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

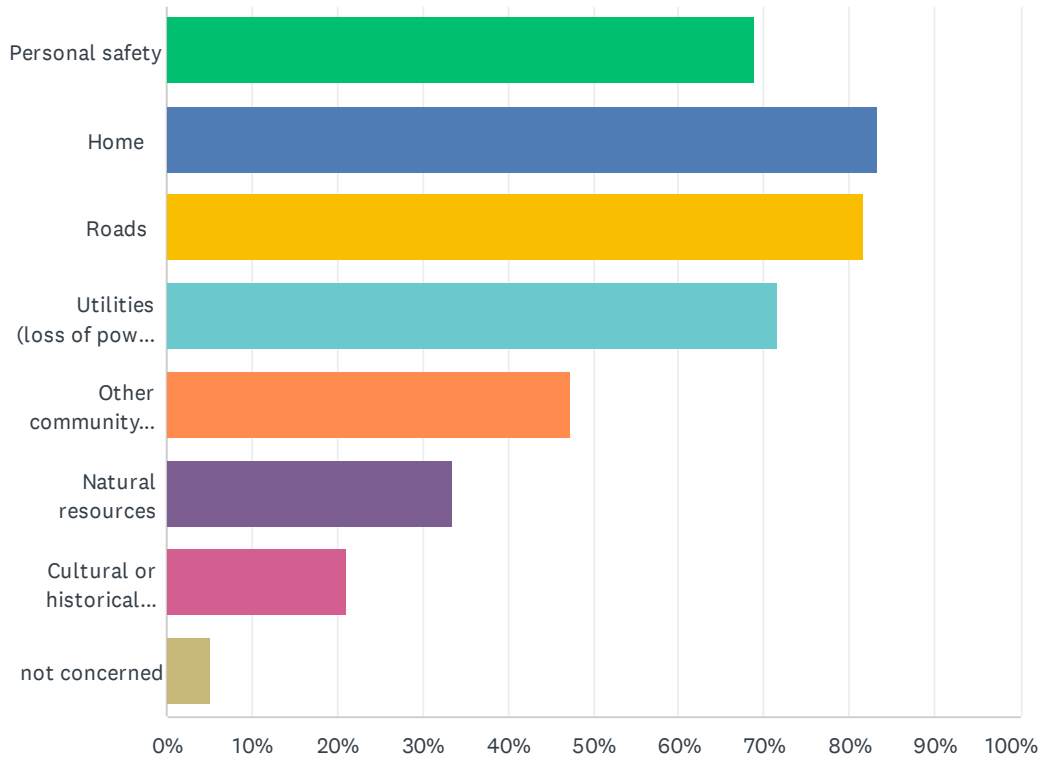
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	70.71%	239
Home	49.70%	168
Roads	3.25%	11
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	7.40%	25
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	13.91%	47
Natural resources	11.54%	39
Cultural or historical locations	2.96%	10
Not concerned	24.56%	83
Total Respondents: 338		

Q18 When considering sinkholes, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

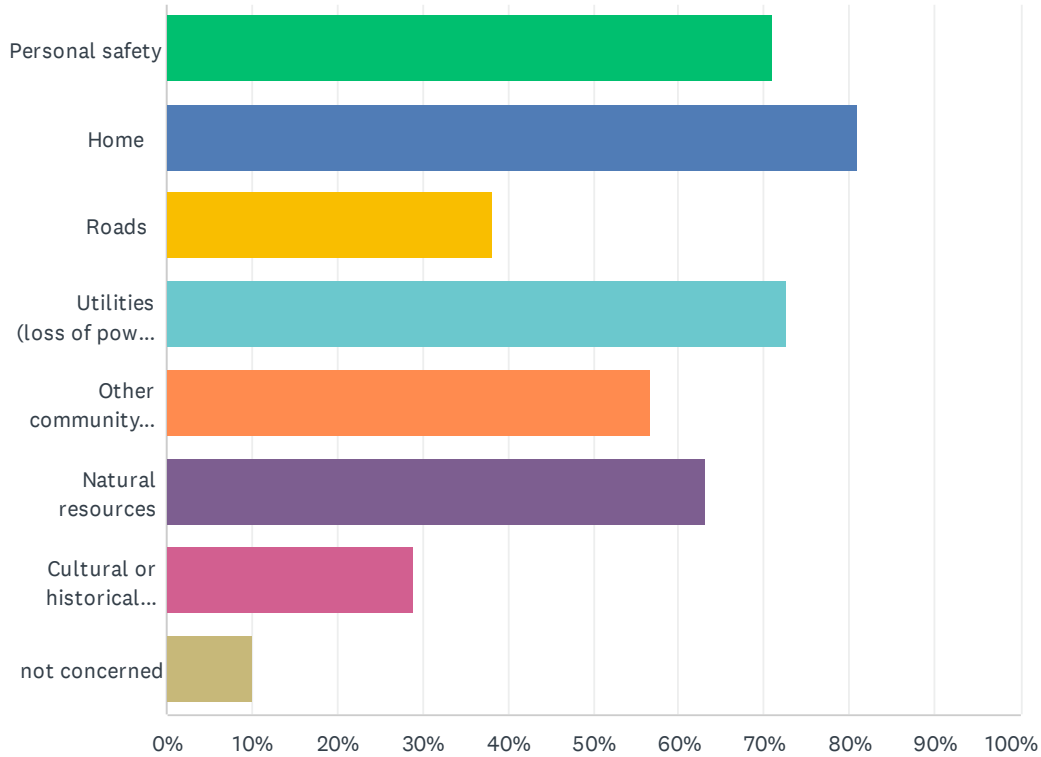
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	68.93%	233
Home	83.43%	282
Roads	81.66%	276
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc.)	71.60%	242
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc.)	47.34%	160
Natural resources	33.43%	113
Cultural or historical locations	21.01%	71
not concerned	5.03%	17
Total Respondents: 338		

Q19 When considering wildfire, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your

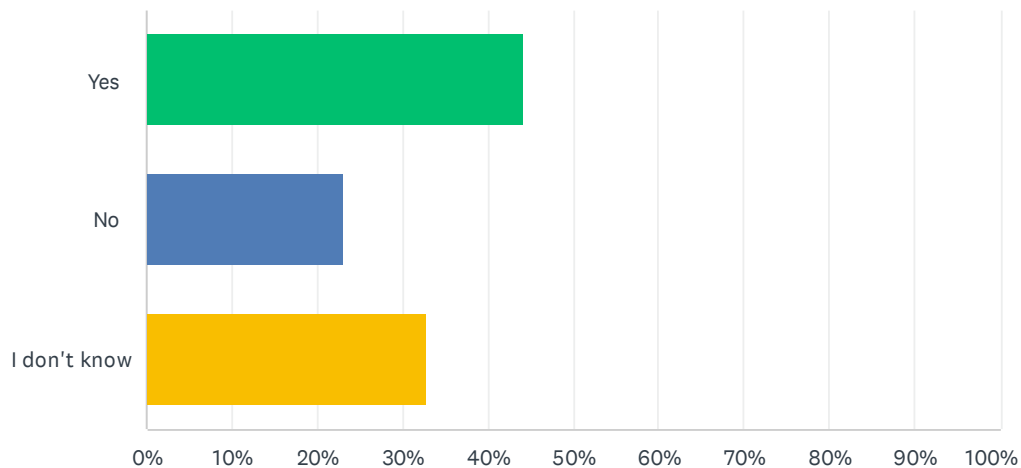
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	71.01%	240
Home	81.07%	274
Roads	38.17%	129
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc.)	72.78%	246
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc.)	56.80%	192
Natural resources	63.02%	213
Cultural or historical locations	28.99%	98
not concerned	10.06%	34
Total Respondents: 338		

Q20 "Defensible Space" is a buffer between a building and the surrounding wildland area. It is designed to reduce the likelihood of direct contact between a wildfire and a home, or a structure fire and surrounding vegetation. Would you be interested in participating in a residential defensible space program?

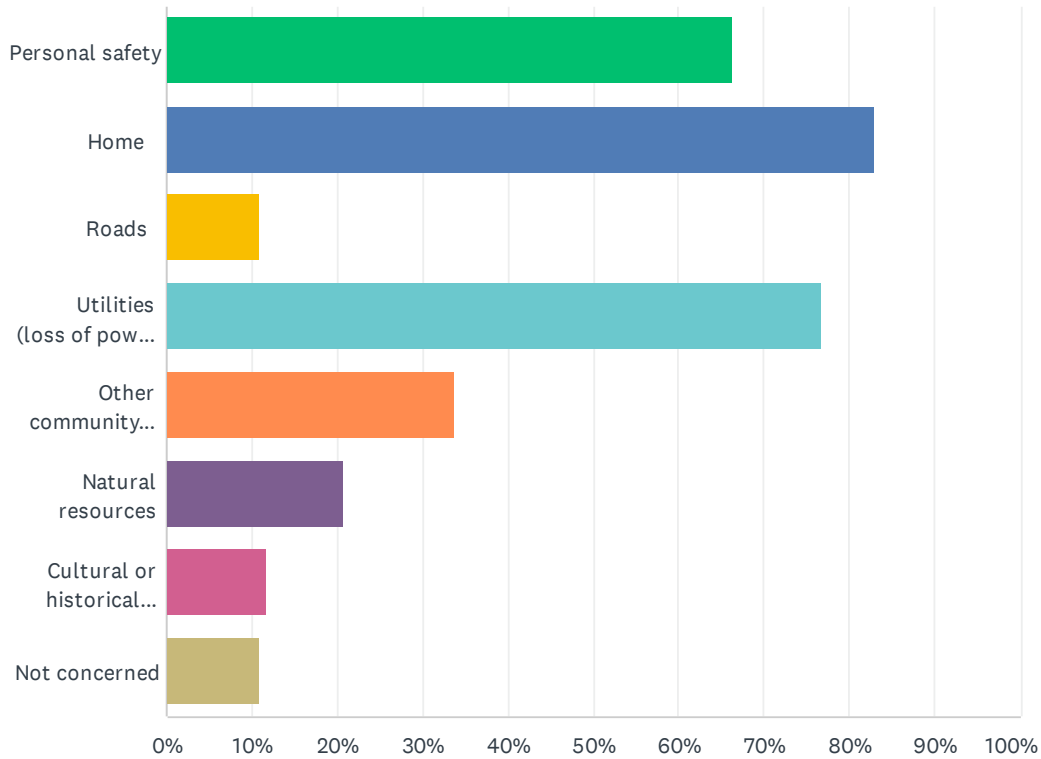
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.17%	125
No	22.97%	65
I don't know	32.86%	93
TOTAL		283

Q21 When considering lightning, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

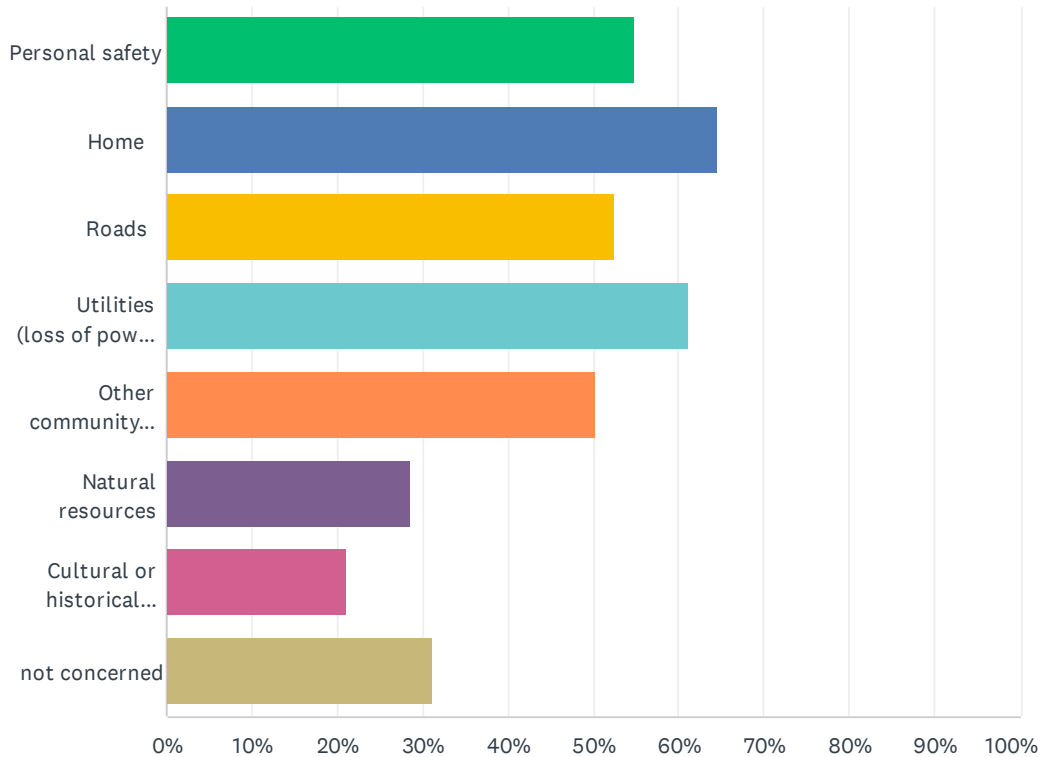
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	66.35%	209
Home	82.86%	261
Roads	10.79%	34
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	76.83%	242
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	33.65%	106
Natural resources	20.63%	65
Cultural or historical locations	11.75%	37
Not concerned	10.79%	34
Total Respondents: 315		

Q22 When considering earthquakes, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

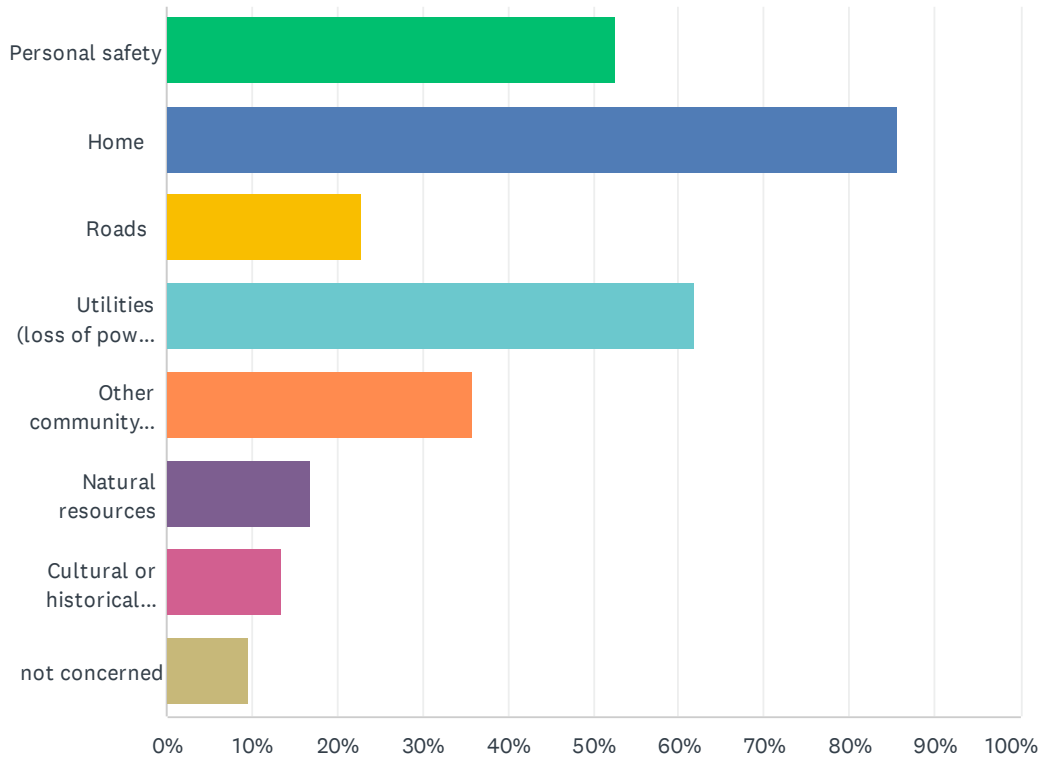
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	54.78%	172
Home	64.65%	203
Roads	52.55%	165
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc.)	61.15%	192
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc.)	50.32%	158
Natural resources	28.66%	90
Cultural or historical locations	21.02%	66
not concerned	31.21%	98
Total Respondents: 314		

Q23 When considering hailstorms, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

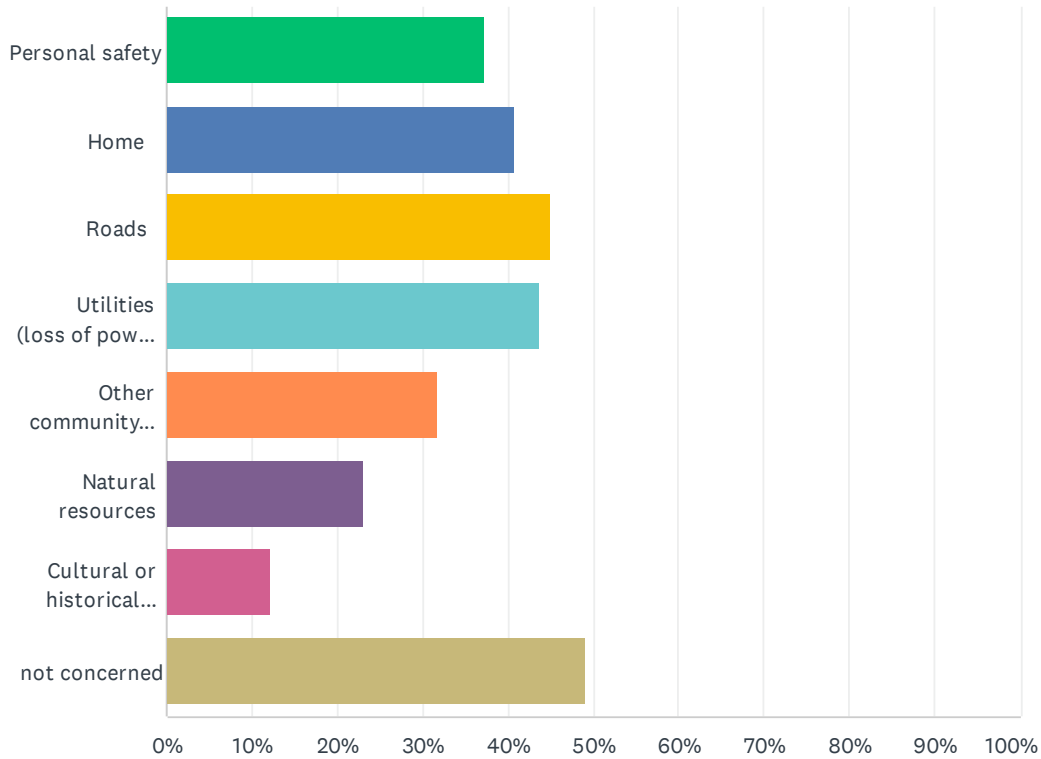
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	52.70%	166
Home	85.71%	270
Roads	22.86%	72
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	61.90%	195
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	35.87%	113
Natural resources	16.83%	53
Cultural or historical locations	13.33%	42
not concerned	9.52%	30
Total Respondents: 315		

Q24 When considering landslides, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

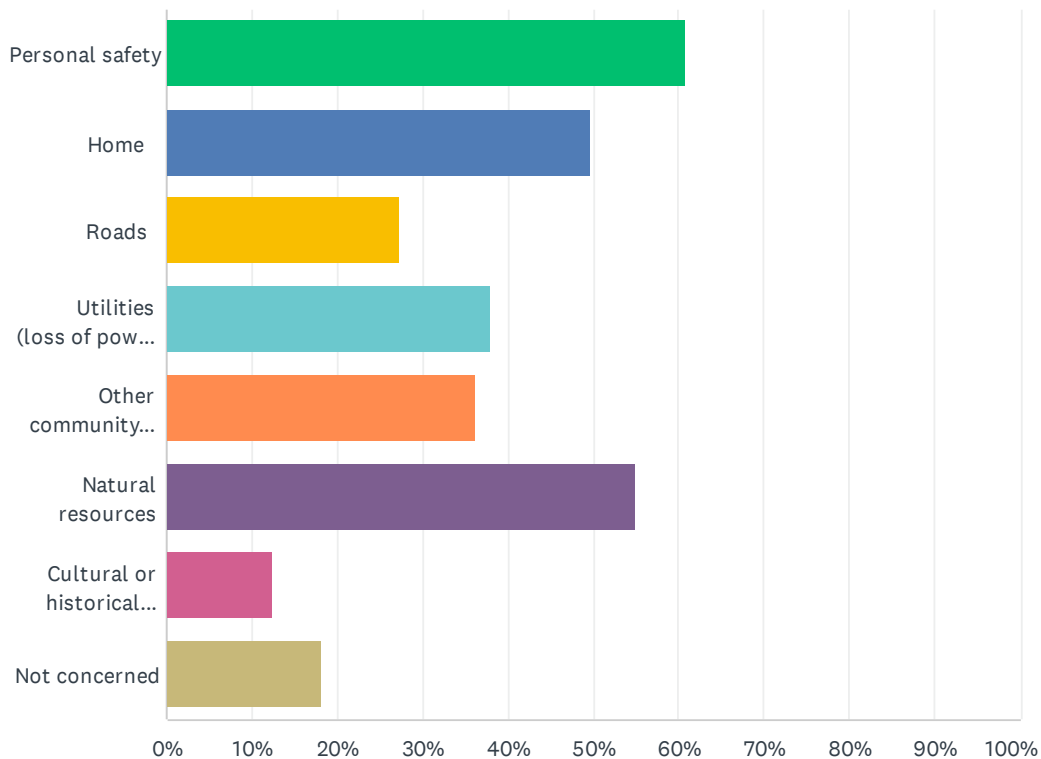
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	37.26%	117
Home	40.76%	128
Roads	44.90%	141
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc.)	43.63%	137
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc.)	31.85%	100
Natural resources	22.93%	72
Cultural or historical locations	12.10%	38
not concerned	49.04%	154
Total Respondents: 314		

Q25 When considering environmental hazards (mining, hazardous materials, conventional and unconventional wells, etc) are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

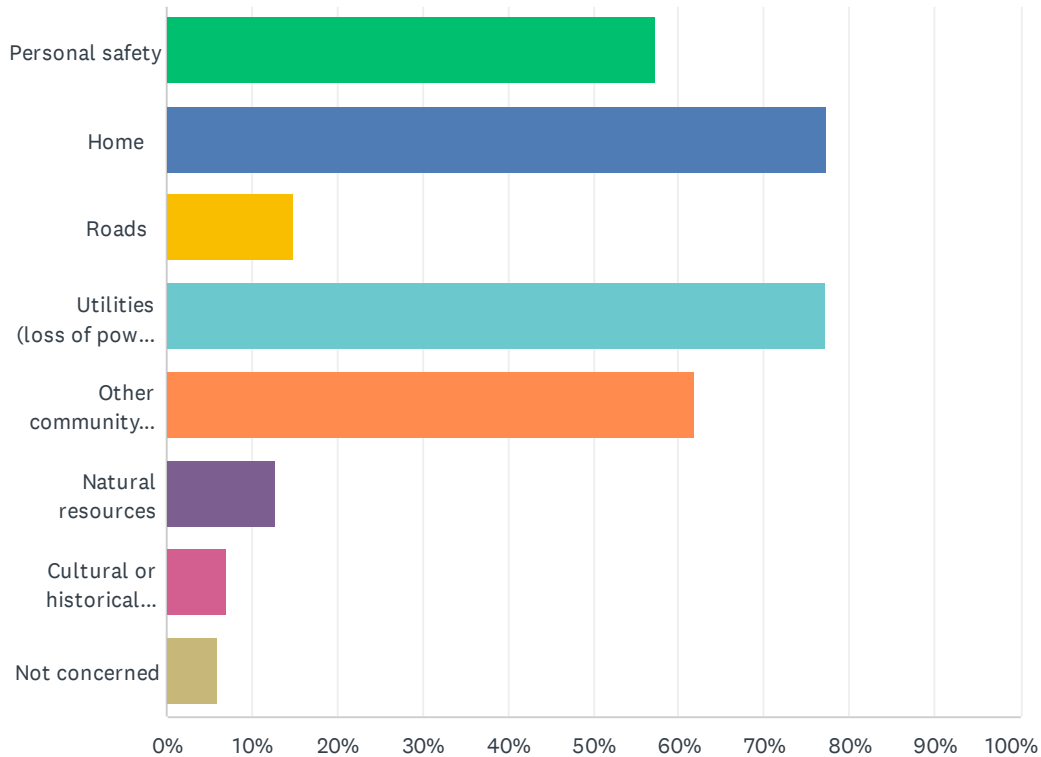
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	60.83%	191
Home	49.68%	156
Roads	27.39%	86
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	37.90%	119
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	36.31%	114
Natural resources	55.10%	173
Cultural or historical locations	12.42%	39
Not concerned	18.15%	57
Total Respondents: 314		

Q26 When considering utility interruptions, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

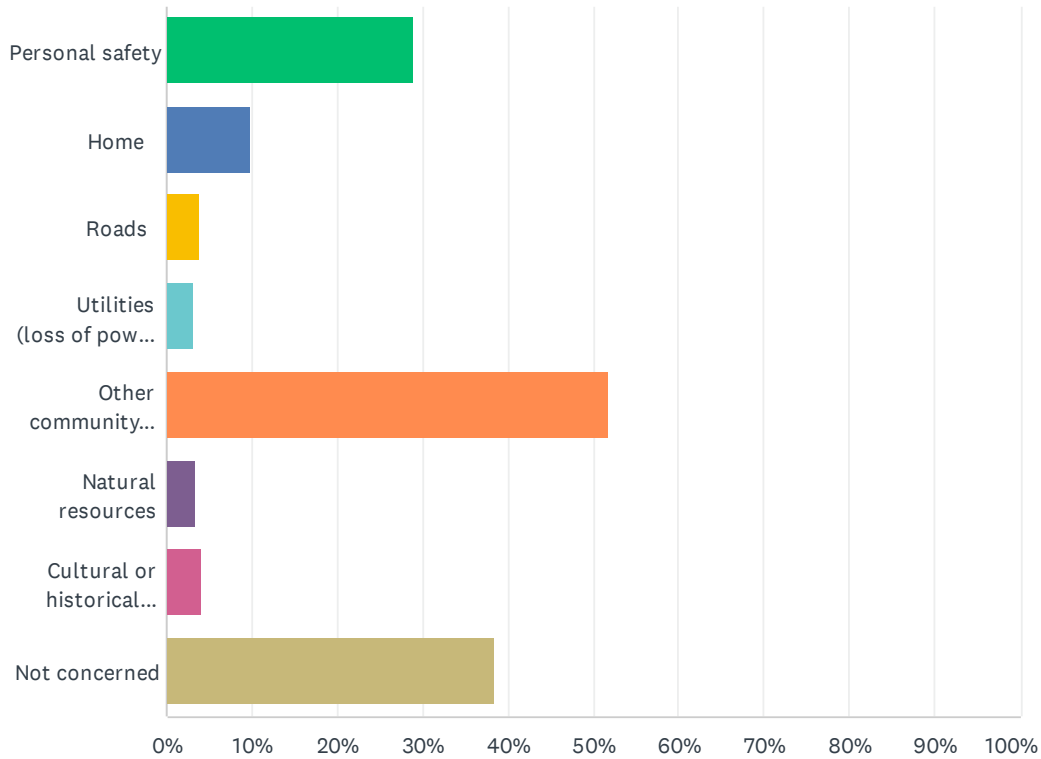
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	57.46%	181
Home	77.46%	244
Roads	14.92%	47
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	77.14%	243
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	61.90%	195
Natural resources	12.70%	40
Cultural or historical locations	6.98%	22
Not concerned	6.03%	19
Total Respondents: 315		

Q27 When considering drug overdoses, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

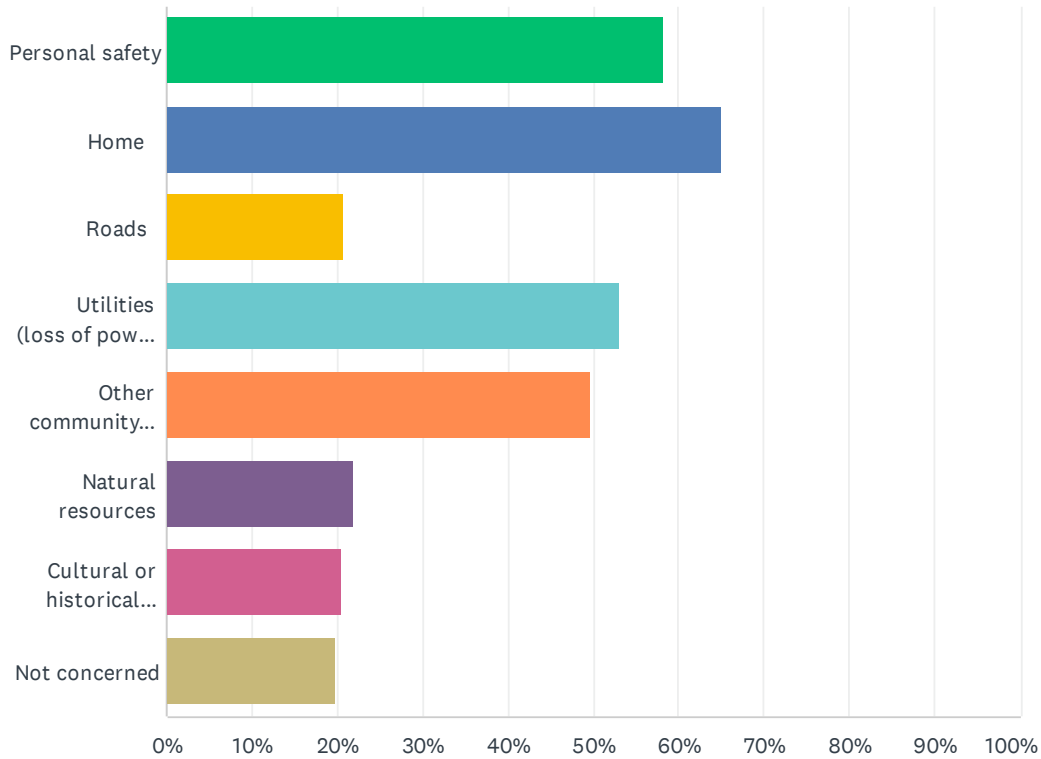
Answered: 313 Skipped: 88



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	29.07%	91
Home	9.90%	31
Roads	3.83%	12
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	3.19%	10
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	51.76%	162
Natural resources	3.51%	11
Cultural or historical locations	4.15%	13
Not concerned	38.34%	120
Total Respondents: 313		

Q28 When considering urban fires, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

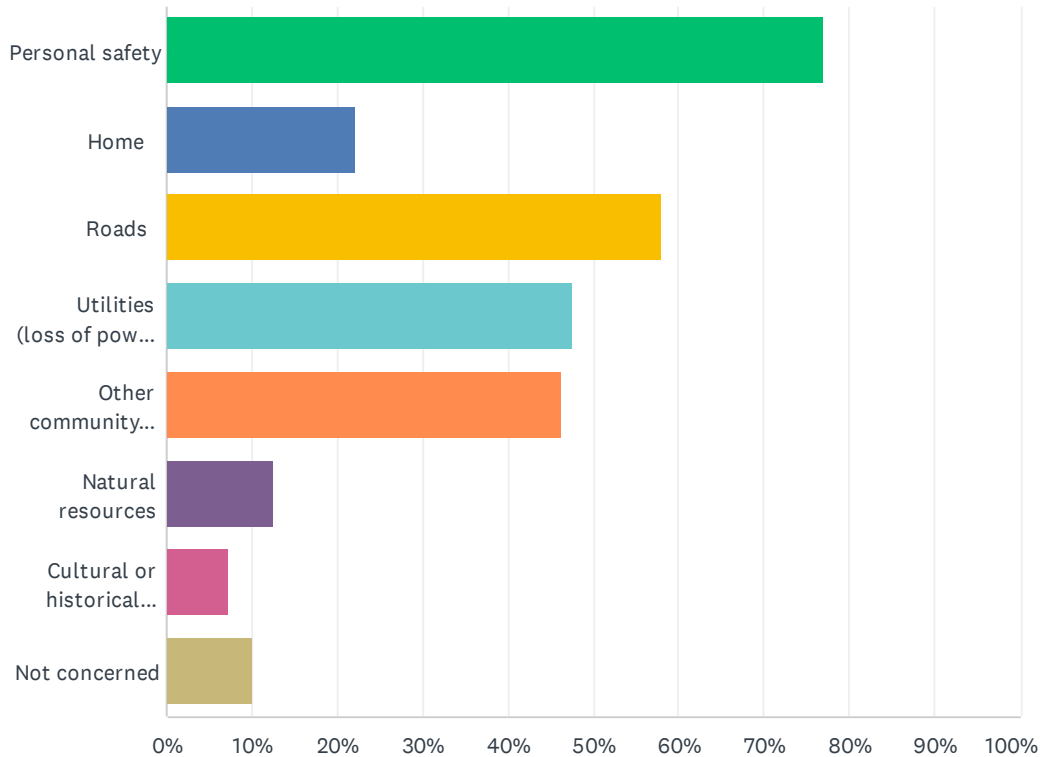
Answered: 314 Skipped: 87



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	58.28%	183
Home	64.97%	204
Roads	20.70%	65
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	53.18%	167
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	49.68%	156
Natural resources	21.97%	69
Cultural or historical locations	20.38%	64
Not concerned	19.75%	62
Total Respondents: 314		

Q29 When considering transportation crashes, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

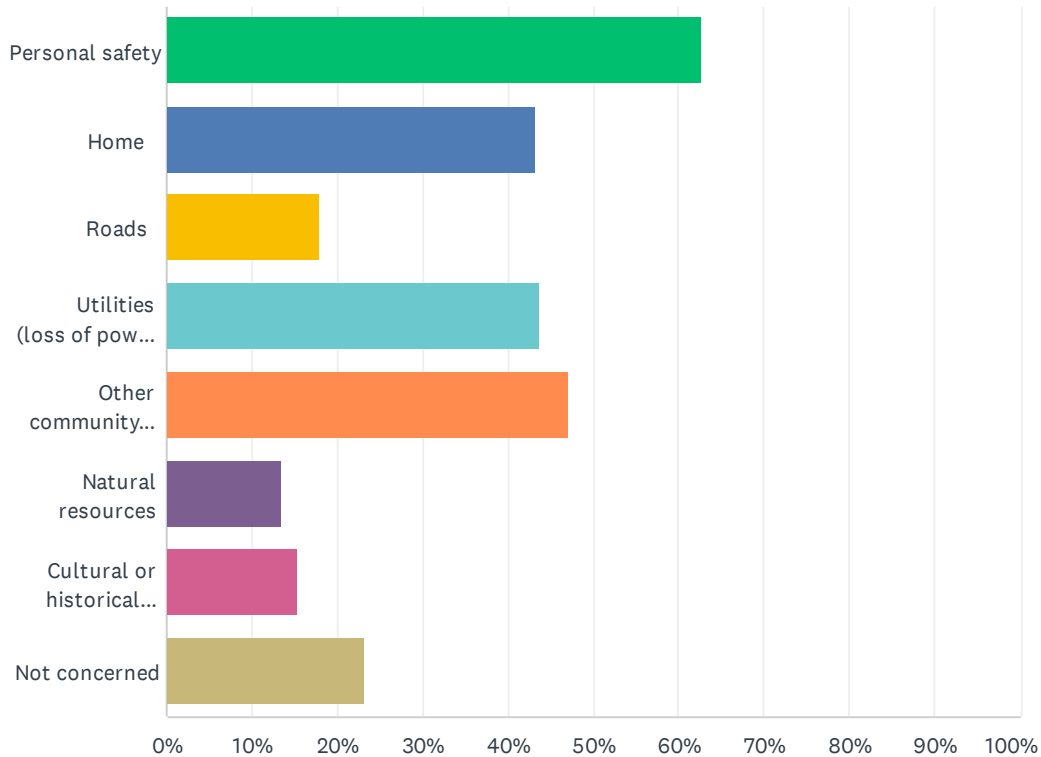
Answered: 316 Skipped: 85



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	76.90%	243
Home	22.15%	70
Roads	57.91%	183
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	47.47%	150
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	46.20%	146
Natural resources	12.66%	40
Cultural or historical locations	7.28%	23
Not concerned	10.13%	32
Total Respondents: 316		

Q30 When considering building collapse, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

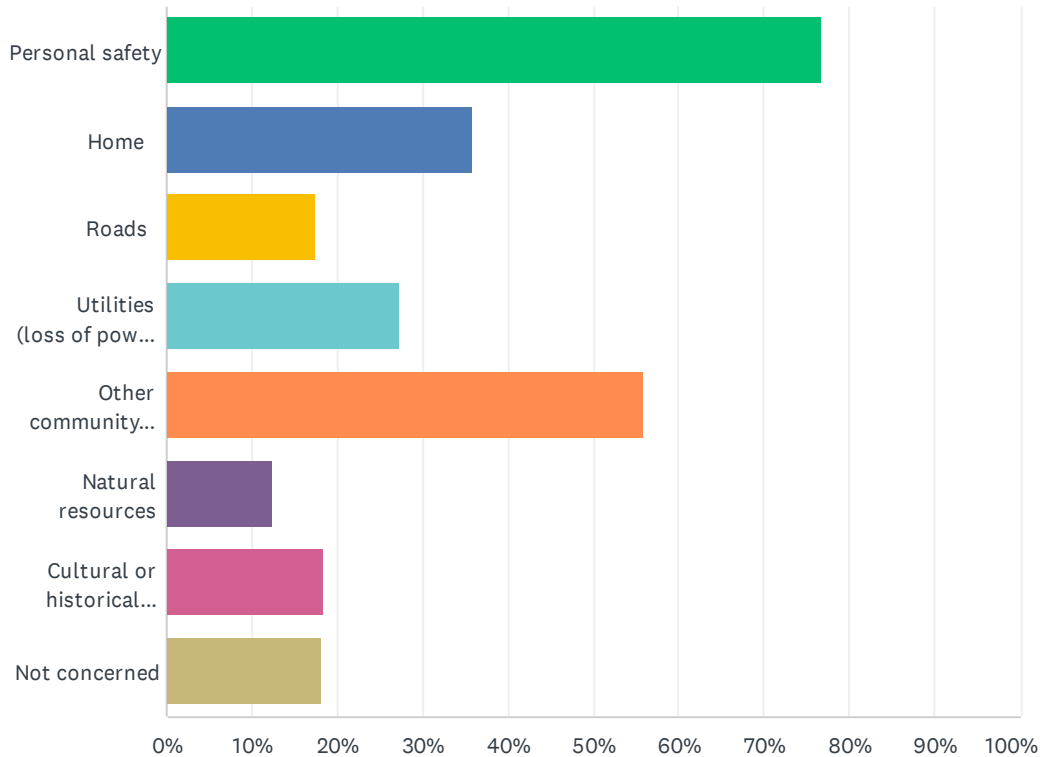
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	62.74%	197
Home	43.31%	136
Roads	17.83%	56
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	43.63%	137
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	47.13%	148
Natural resources	13.38%	42
Cultural or historical locations	15.29%	48
Not concerned	23.25%	73
Total Respondents: 314		

Q31 When considering mass gatherings (civil disturbances), are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

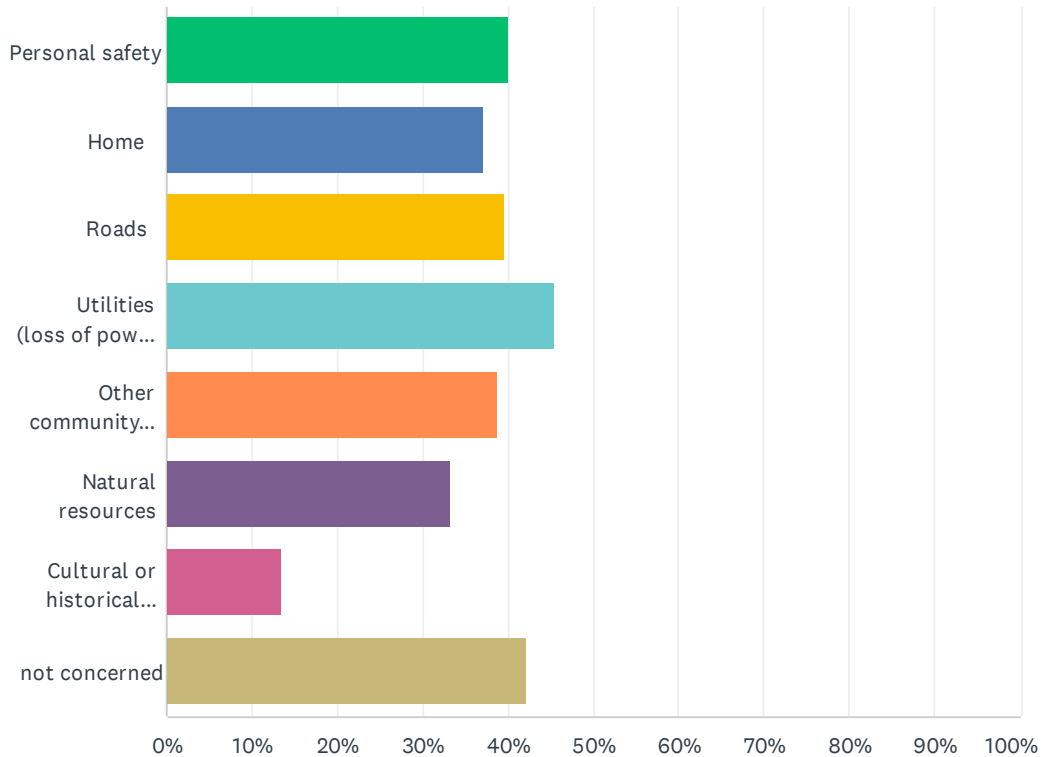
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	76.83%	242
Home	35.87%	113
Roads	17.46%	55
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	27.30%	86
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	55.87%	176
Natural resources	12.38%	39
Cultural or historical locations	18.41%	58
Not concerned	18.10%	57
Total Respondents: 315		

Q32 When considering dam and levee failure, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

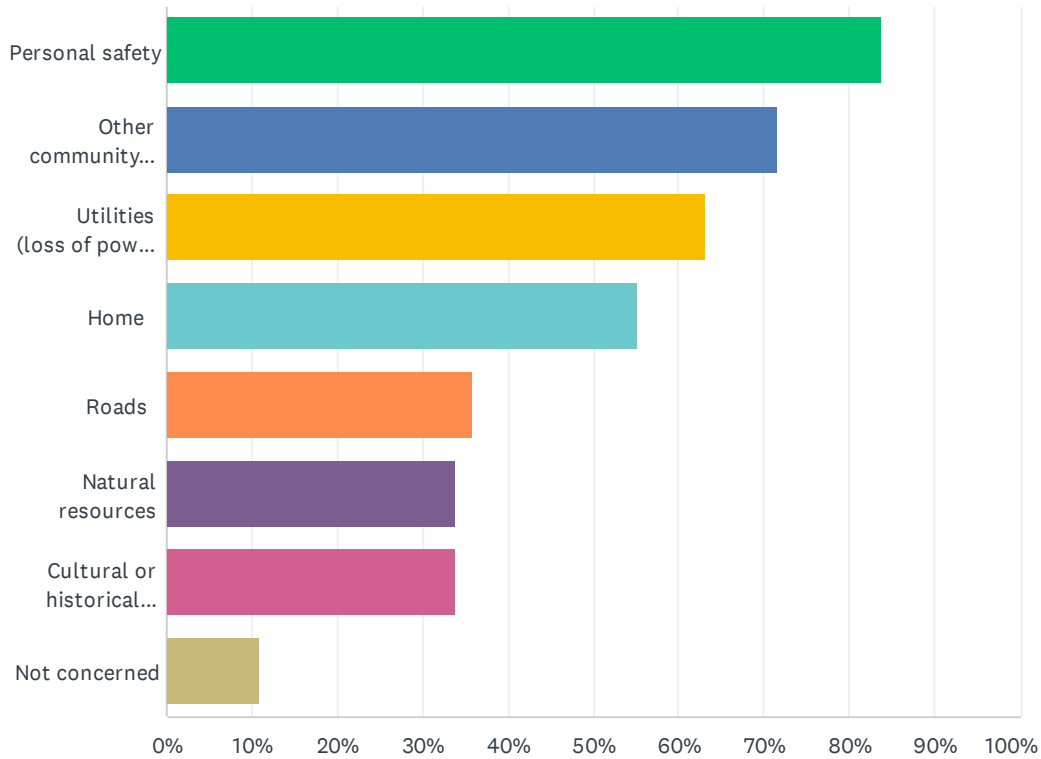
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	40.00%	126
Home	37.14%	117
Roads	39.68%	125
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc.)	45.40%	143
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc.)	38.73%	122
Natural resources	33.33%	105
Cultural or historical locations	13.33%	42
not concerned	42.22%	133
Total Respondents: 315		

Q33 When considering terrorism, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

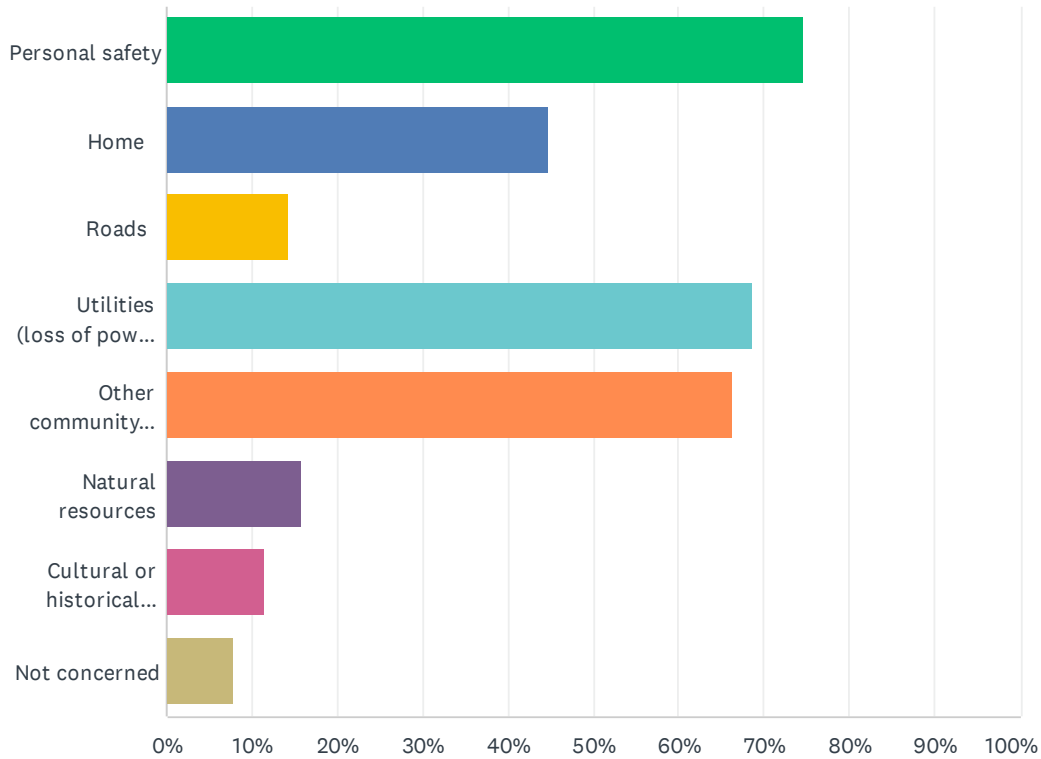
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	83.81%	264
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	71.75%	226
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	63.17%	199
Home	55.24%	174
Roads	35.87%	113
Natural resources	33.97%	107
Cultural or historical locations	33.97%	107
Not concerned	10.79%	34
Total Respondents: 315		

Q34 When considering cyber-terrorism, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

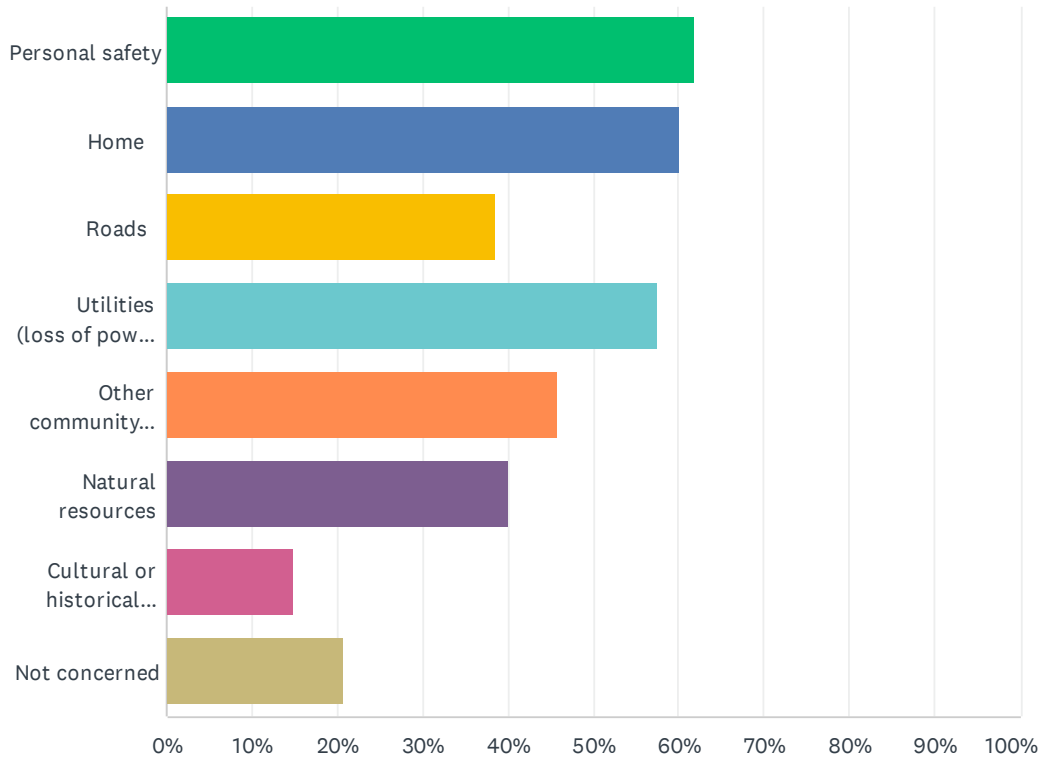
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	74.60%	235
Home	44.76%	141
Roads	14.29%	45
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	68.57%	216
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	66.35%	209
Natural resources	15.87%	50
Cultural or historical locations	11.43%	36
Not concerned	7.94%	25
Total Respondents: 315		

Q35 When considering gas/liquid pipelines, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

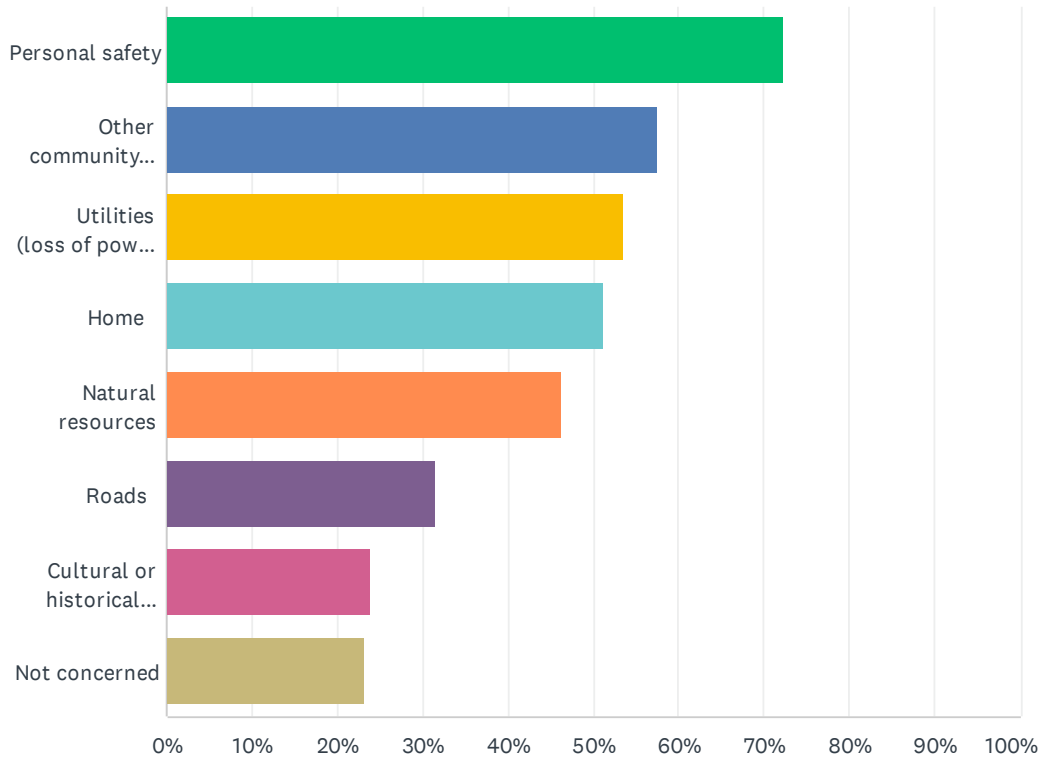
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	61.78%	194
Home	60.19%	189
Roads	38.54%	121
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	57.64%	181
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	45.86%	144
Natural resources	40.13%	126
Cultural or historical locations	14.97%	47
Not concerned	20.70%	65
Total Respondents: 314		

Q36 When considering nuclear incidents, are you concerned about damage or impacts to your:

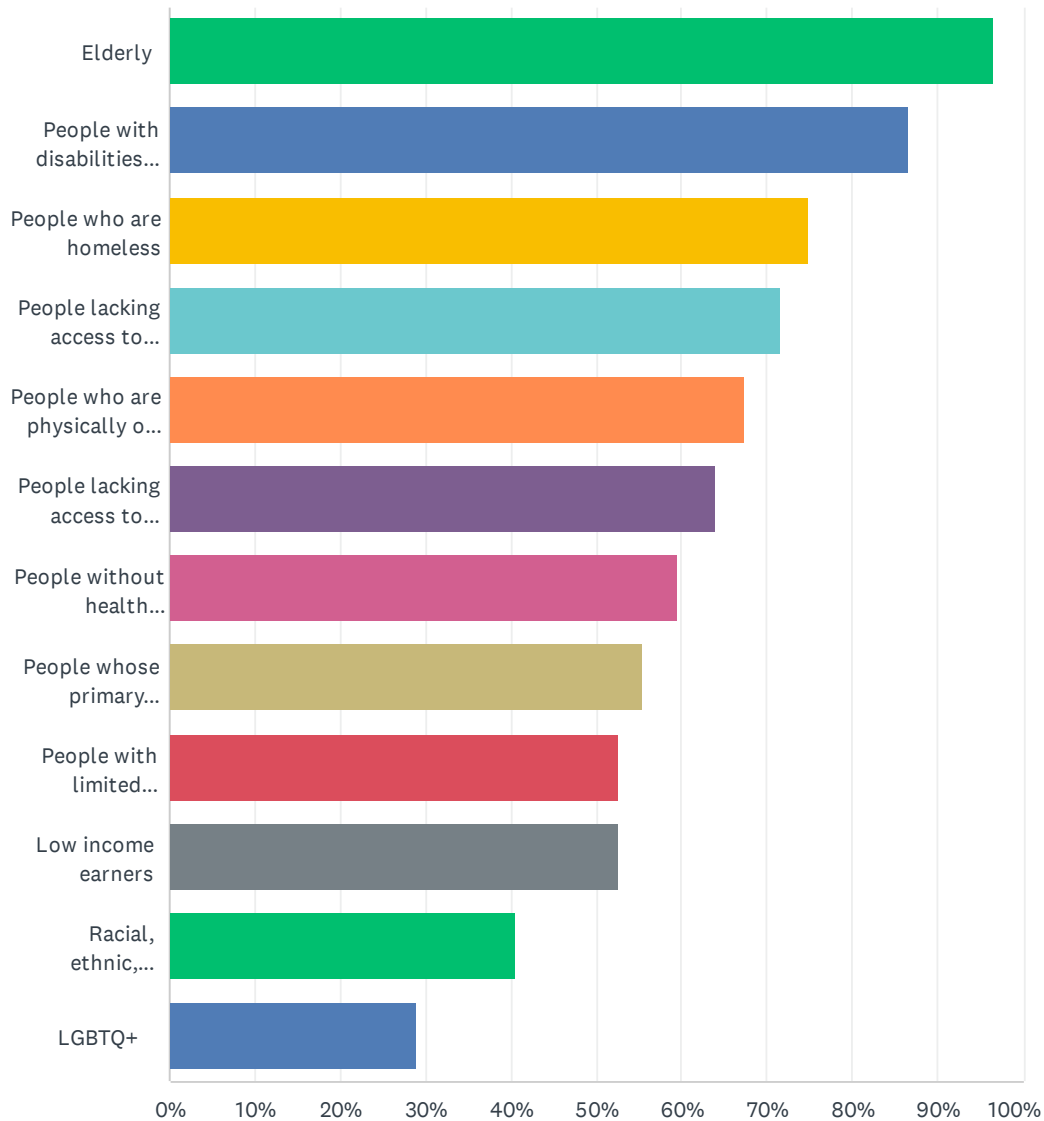
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Personal safety	72.29%	227
Other community services (hospital functions, police, EMS, etc)	57.64%	181
Utilities (loss of power, water, cable/internet, etc)	53.50%	168
Home	51.27%	161
Natural resources	46.18%	145
Roads	31.53%	99
Cultural or historical locations	23.89%	75
Not concerned	23.25%	73
Total Respondents: 314		

Q37 The term "vulnerable population" can refer to a variety of different populations, and these can vary between communities. Are there any populations that would be at increased risk to any of the hazards mentioned so far?

Answered: 289 Skipped: 112

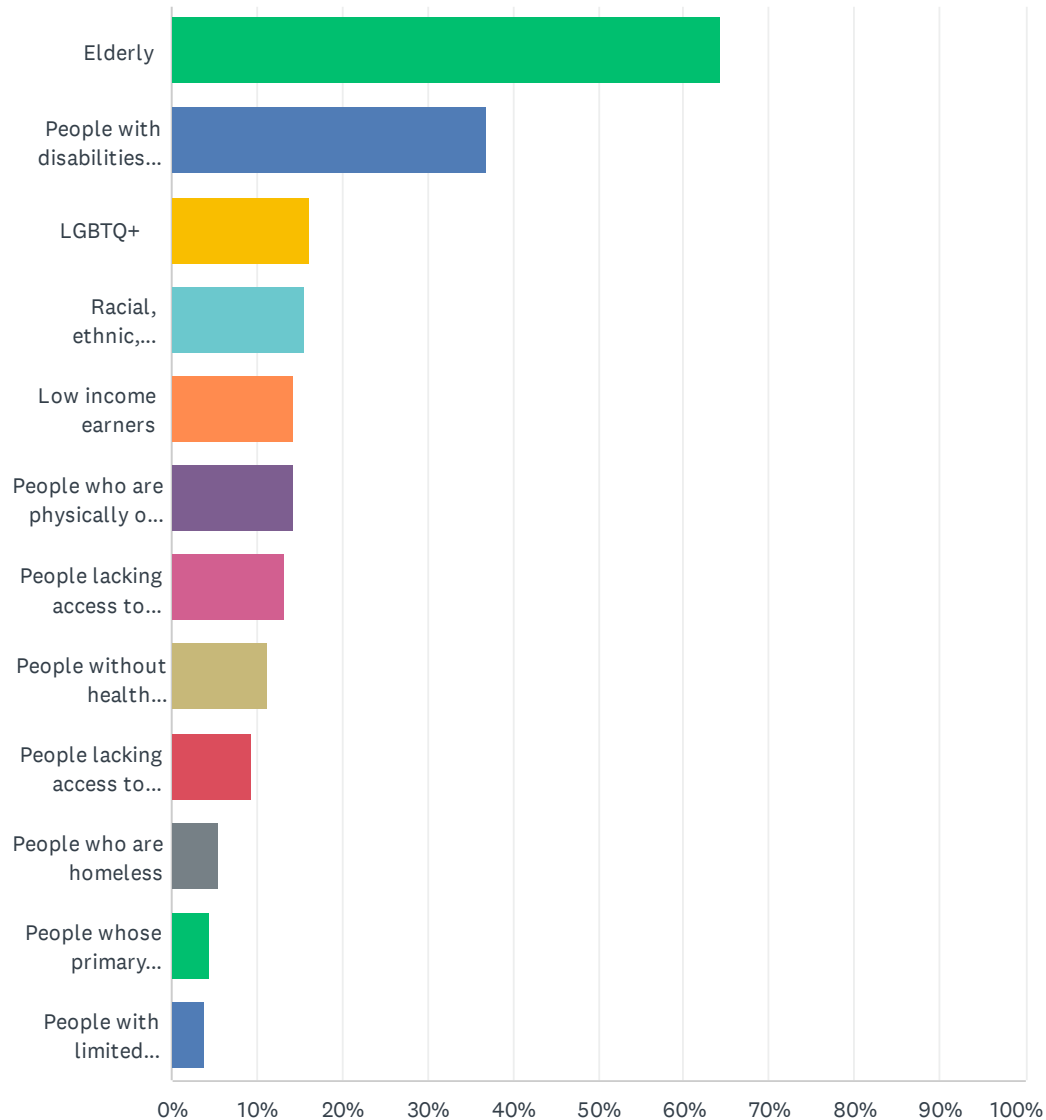


Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Public Survey #2

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Elderly	96.54%	279
People with disabilities or functional needs	86.51%	250
People who are homeless	74.74%	216
People lacking access to transportation	71.63%	207
People who are physically or socially isolated	67.47%	195
People lacking access to technology or with limited technological proficiency	64.01%	185
People without health insurance	59.52%	172
People whose primary language is not English	55.36%	160
People with limited literacy	52.60%	152
Low income earners	52.60%	152
Racial, ethnic, cultural, or religious minorities	40.48%	117
LGBTQ+	29.07%	84
Total Respondents: 289		

Q38 Do you personally identify with any potentially vulnerable population(s)?

Answered: 160 Skipped: 241



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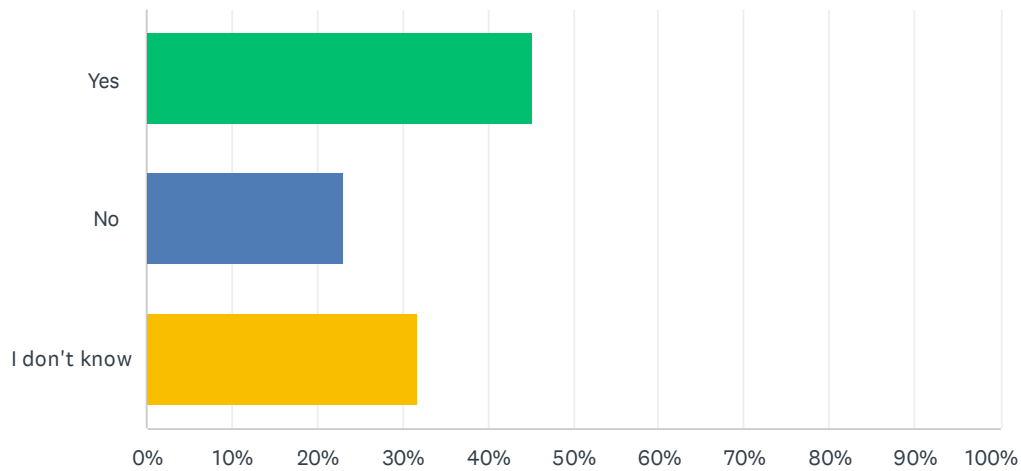
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Elderly	64.38%	103
People with disabilities or functional needs	36.88%	59
LGBTQ+	16.25%	26
Racial, ethnic, cultural, or religious minorities	15.63%	25
Low income earners	14.37%	23
People who are physically or socially isolated	14.37%	23
People lacking access to transportation	13.13%	21
People without health insurance	11.25%	18
People lacking access to technology or with limited technological proficiency	9.38%	15
People who are homeless	5.63%	9
People whose primary language is not English	4.38%	7
People with limited literacy	3.75%	6
Total Respondents: 160		

Q39 Are there any kinds of additional support you would like to see provided?

Answered: 154 Skipped: 247

Q40 If a program was offered, would you be interested in joining a community group that fosters emergency preparedness, community support, and discuss future mitigation opportunities?

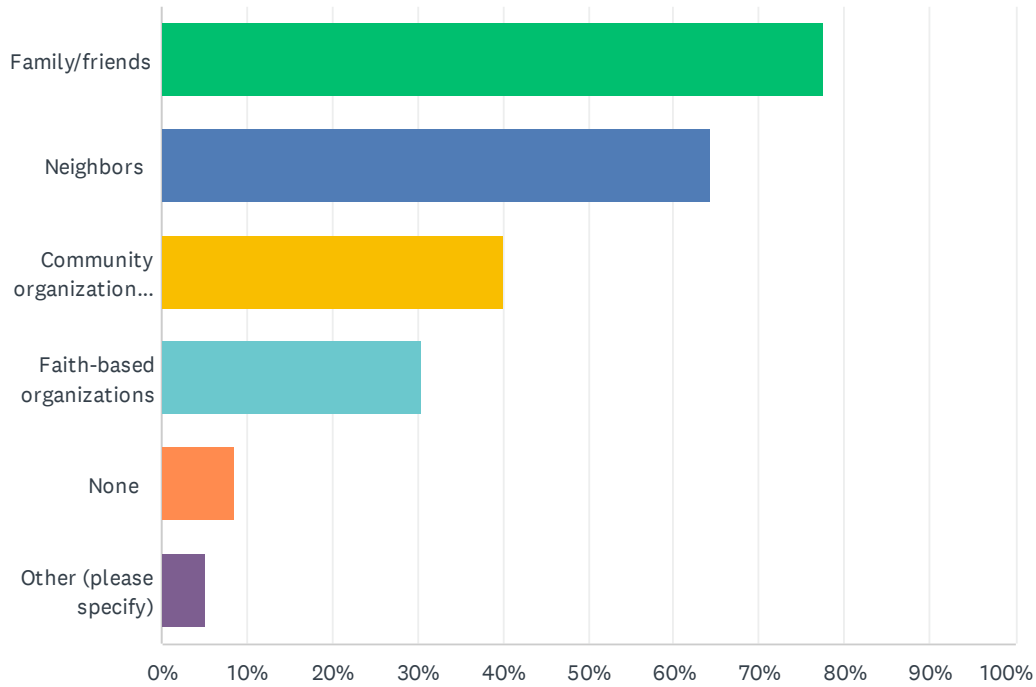
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	45.27%	134
No	22.97%	68
I don't know	31.76%	94
TOTAL		296

Q41 In the event of an emergency, would you feel supported by any of the following?

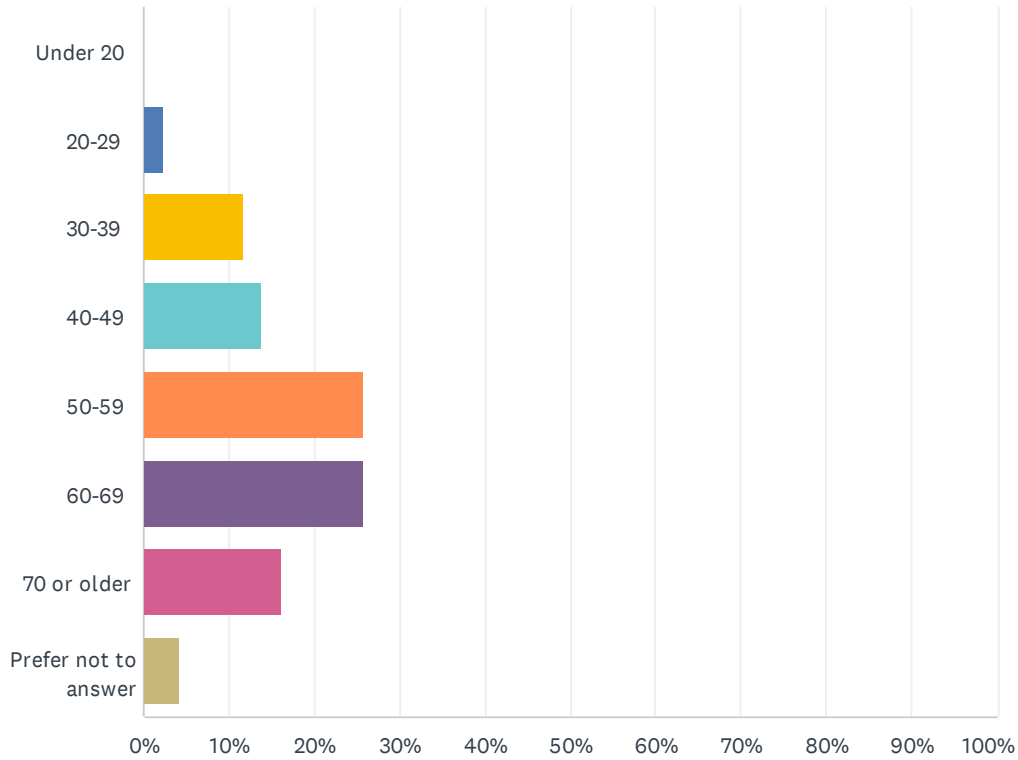
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Family/friends	77.63%	229
Neighbors	64.41%	190
Community organizations/centers	40.00%	118
Faith-based organizations	30.51%	90
None	8.47%	25
Other (please specify)	5.08%	15
Total Respondents: 295		

Q42 What is your age?

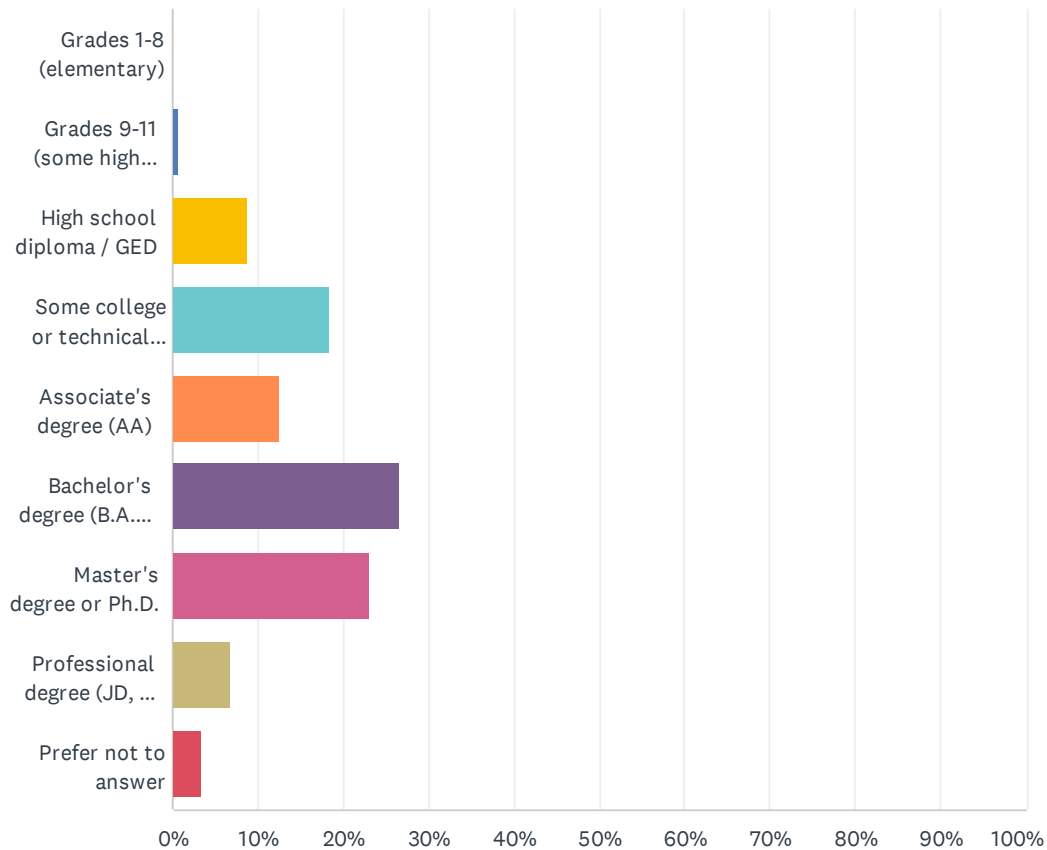
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 20	0.00%	0
20-29	2.35%	7
30-39	11.74%	35
40-49	13.76%	41
50-59	25.84%	77
60-69	25.84%	77
70 or older	16.11%	48
Prefer not to answer	4.36%	13
TOTAL		298

Q43 What is the highest level of education you have attained?

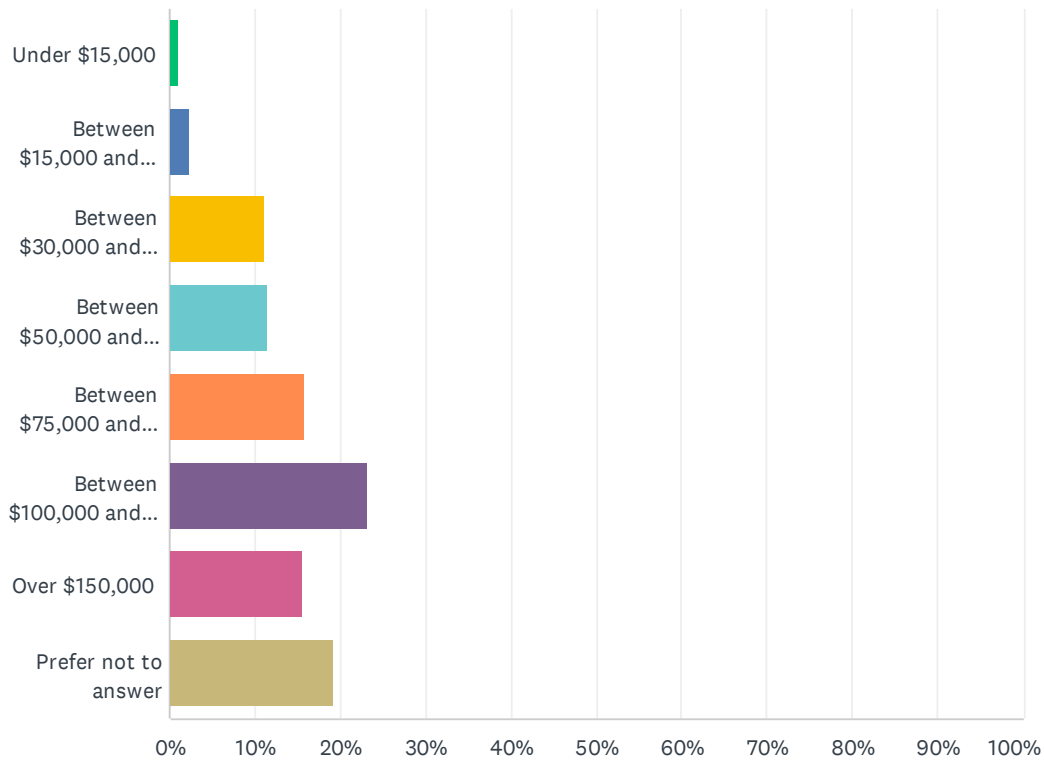
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grades 1-8 (elementary)	0.00%	0
Grades 9-11 (some high school)	0.68%	2
High school diploma / GED	8.78%	26
Some college or technical school	18.24%	54
Associate's degree (AA)	12.50%	37
Bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.)	26.69%	79
Master's degree or Ph.D.	22.97%	68
Professional degree (JD, MD, MBA)	6.76%	20
Prefer not to answer	3.38%	10
TOTAL		296

Q44 What is your average annual household income? (before taxes)

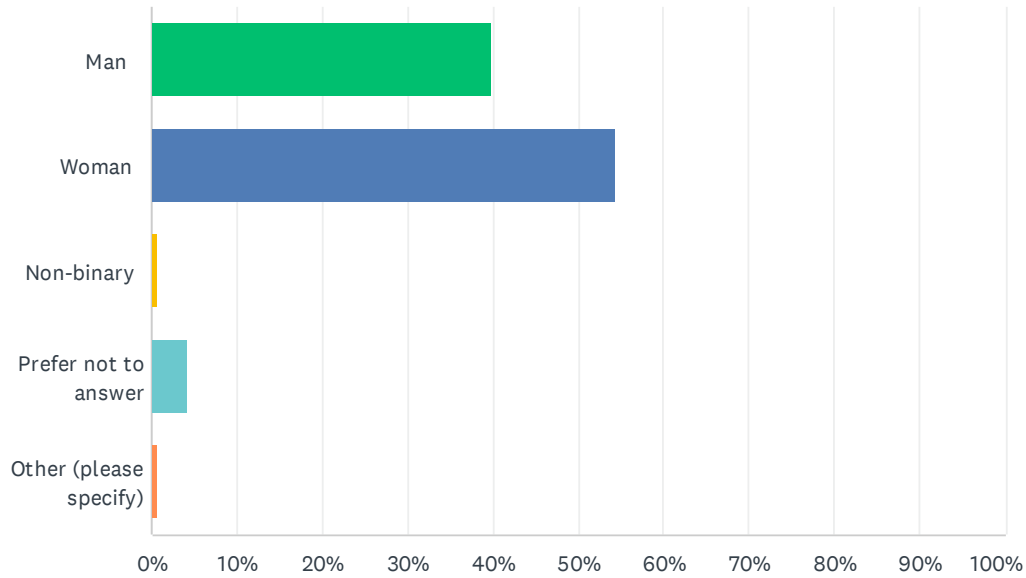
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under \$15,000	1.01%	3
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	2.36%	7
Between \$30,000 and \$49,999	11.15%	33
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	11.49%	34
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999	15.88%	47
Between \$100,000 and \$150,000	23.31%	69
Over \$150,000	15.54%	46
Prefer not to answer	19.26%	57
TOTAL		296

Q45 How would you describe your gender?

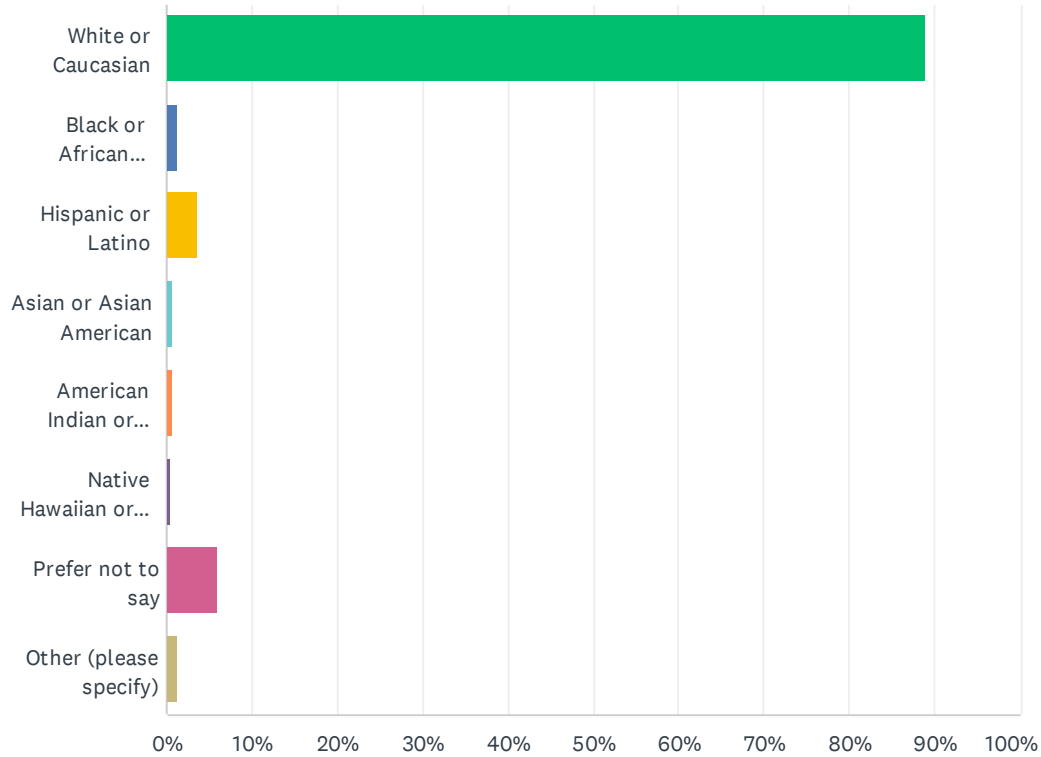
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Man	39.93%	119
Woman	54.36%	162
Non-binary	0.67%	2
Prefer not to answer	4.36%	13
Other (please specify)	0.67%	2
TOTAL		298

Q46 How would you describe your race/ethnicity? You may select more than one.

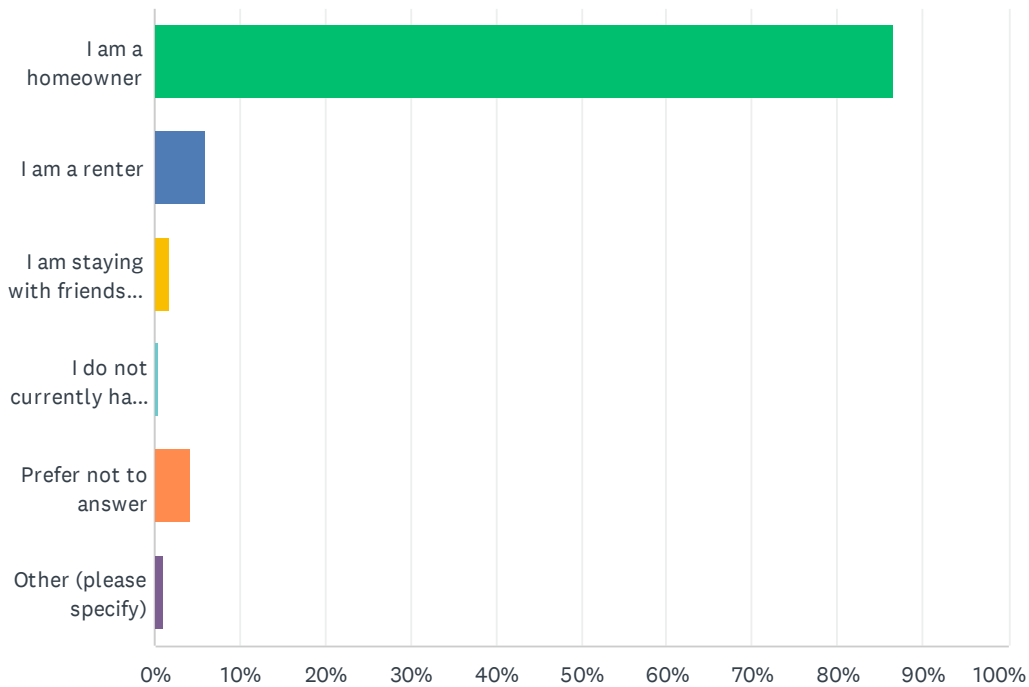
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White or Caucasian	88.93%	265
Black or African American	1.34%	4
Hispanic or Latino	3.69%	11
Asian or Asian American	0.67%	2
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.67%	2
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.34%	1
Prefer not to say	6.04%	18
Other (please specify)	1.34%	4
Total Respondents: 298		

Q47 Which of the following best describes your current housing situation?

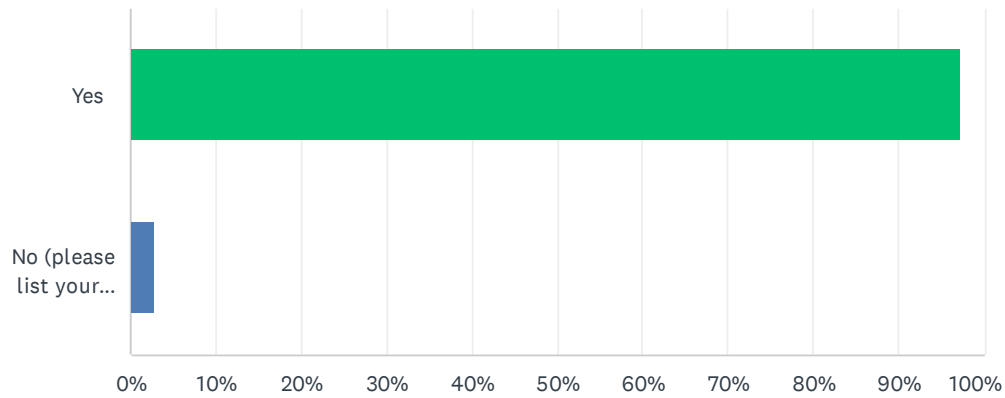
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a homeowner	86.58%	258
I am a renter	6.04%	18
I am staying with friends or relatives	1.68%	5
I do not currently have housing	0.34%	1
Prefer not to answer	4.36%	13
Other (please specify)	1.01%	3
TOTAL		298

Q48 Is English your primary language?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.32%	290
No (please list your primary language)	2.68%	8
TOTAL		298

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Subject: Lehigh Valley Mitigation Strategy Meeting (hybrid)
Start: Thursday, January 18, 2024 7:00:00 AM
End: Thursday, January 18, 2024 8:00:00 AM
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting; OR; Cetronia Ambulance Corps, 4300 Broadway, Allentown, PA 18104

Hello Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Planning Team!

Please join us for a discussion of how to achieve resiliency in the face of natural hazards. We will review expected hazard impacts, set community goals for the future, and discuss some of the specific and actionable steps that make up the Mitigation Strategy section of your Hazard Mitigation Plan. This meeting is being offered simultaneously in-person and virtually via the Teams link below. Following this presentation, we are offering four (4) one-on-one workshop opportunities to discuss your specific mitigation actions, provide status updates, and develop new solutions. Invitations are being sent separately.

As a reminder, each jurisdiction must attend at least one (1) meeting and complete at least one (1) worksheet to be counted as a participating jurisdiction. If your entity does not participate, you will not be eligible to apply for project funding. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Questions for the counties can be directed to:

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Thank you for your participation!

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Please join us for a Mitigation Action Development Workshop as part of the update to the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is the first of four offerings. You only need to attend one.

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NOTE FOR REVIEWER: The Planning Team had four opportunities to participate in an action development workshop. This was the first of four such opportunities, the other three were:

- January 18, 2024 at 4:00pm EST at the Cetronia Ambulance Corps
- January 19, 2024 at 9:00am EST at the Northampton County Emergency Management Office
- January 19, 2024 at 12:00pm EST at the Northampton County Emergency Management Office

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Mitigation Strategy Meeting

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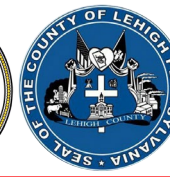
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- Naturally occurring event vs. human caused
- Destructive or negative impact on health, safety, life, and/or property

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- Steps taken by the public, civic leadership, or private companies to reduce negative impacts
- Most effective through innovative, systemic, and informed steps.



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THE PLANNING PROCESS

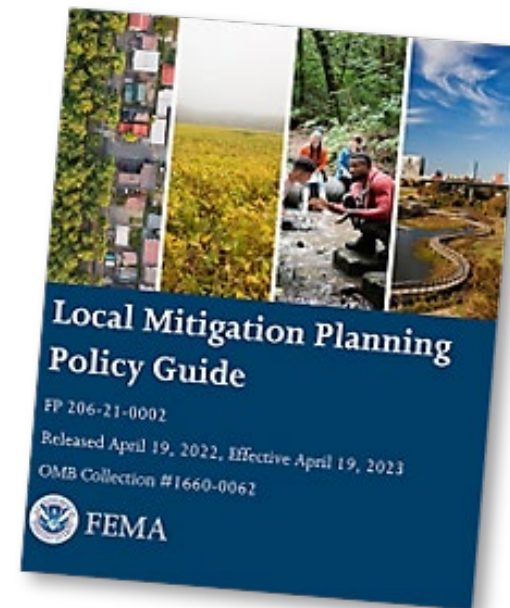
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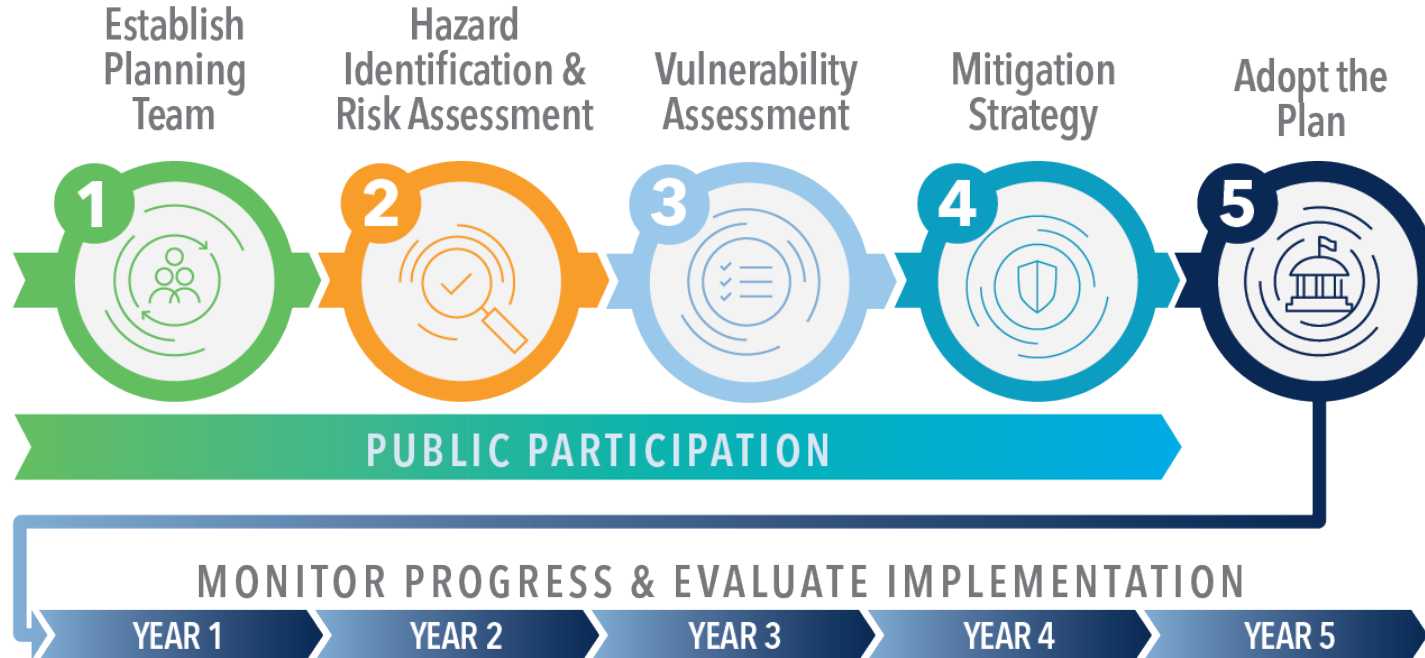
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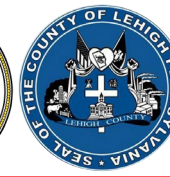
1.1. Purpose of the Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide

Local hazard mitigation plans form the foundation of a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction and repetitive damage. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) supports local mitigation planning to achieve the following:

- Foster partnerships among all levels of government.
- Develop and strengthen non-governmental and private partnerships.
- ~~Promote~~ more disaster-resilient and sustainable communities.
- Reduce the costs associated with disaster response and recovery by promoting mitigation activities.







Step 1 - Review

- Finalize the Mitigation Strategy - January 19, 2024
- Update Mitigation Actions – January 26, 2024
- Review Draft Plan – January 29 to February 9, 2024

Step 2 – Public Review

- 30-minute Public and Stakeholder Review Meeting, Tuesday February 13, 2024 at 5:30 ET
- Public Review and Comment – February 12th through February 23rd 2024
- **FINAL EDITS DUE FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

Step 3 – State and FEMA review

- Submission to PEMA – March 4, 2024
- State Review
- FEMA Review
- Approval Pending Adoption
- **Adoption – must occur within
12 months of APA**
- Final Approval = DONE



Plan Maintenance and Integration

1. The Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Planning Team will largely remain intact as the group responsible for monitoring, evaluating and updating the 2024 Plan **on an annual basis**.
2. The Planning Team will be co-chaired by a person designated by both the Lehigh County OEM and Northampton County EM.
3. Each municipality is expected to **maintain a Planning Team point of contact**.
4. Each municipality, the counties or any other ancillary organization are **responsible for implementing their mitigation actions** and informing the Administrative Planning Team annually of any progress made.
5. This includes **incorporating actions into other planning documents**.

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MITIGATION STRATEGY



- 1. Mitigation Goals:** These represent the overarching aspirations of the Lehigh Valley. Defined as broad policy statements, they depict the long-term outcomes which the community seeks to achieve.
- 2. Mitigation Objectives:** These delve deeper, detailing strategies or steps aimed at realizing the aforementioned goals. Unlike the broad strokes of goals, objectives are precise, often measurable, and typically come with a defined timeline for achievement.
- 3. Mitigation Actions:** The Mitigation Strategy in Section 6 provides detailed explanations of specific tasks the participating jurisdictions can take to reduce risk associated with each hazard profiled in the plan and to achieve the plan's overall goals and objectives.

Profiled Hazards

14 Natural Hazards and 13 Other Hazards



OTHER HAZARDS

- Environmental Hazards / Hazardous Materials Release
- Utility Interruption
- Gas/Liquid Pipelines*
- Opioid Addiction
- Urban Fire / Explosion
- Transportation Accidents
- Building Collapse
- Civil Disturbance
- Dam Failure
- Levee Failure
- Terrorism
- Cyber-Terrorism*
- Nuclear Incidents

** New hazard, not
assessed in 2018*



Hazard Priority Ranking

Probability – 30% What is the likelihood of a hazard event occurring in a given year?

Impact – 30% In terms of injuries, damage, or death, would you anticipate impacts to be minor, limited, critical, or catastrophic when a significant hazard event occurs?

Spatial Extent- 20% How large of an area could be impacted by a hazard event? Are impacts localized or regional?

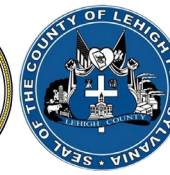
Warning Time - 10% Is there usually some lead-time associated with the hazard event? Have warning measures been implemented?

Duration – 10% How long does the hazard event usually last?

Each aspect is ranked 1 through 4

Hazard Priority Ranking

Hazards Ranked - HIGH

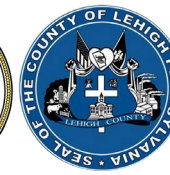


Hazard Risk	Natural Hazards	Probability	Impact	Extent	Warning	Duration	Risk Factor
HIGH	Extreme Temperature	3	3	3	1	3	2.8
	Flood	4	2	2	3	3	2.8
	Winter Storm	3	2	4	2	2	2.7
	Windstorm / Tornado	2	3	3	3	2	2.6
	Invasive Species	4	1	3	1	4	2.6
	Drought	2	2	4	1	4	2.5

Hazard Risk	Non – Natural Hazards	Probability	Impact	Extent	Warning	Duration	Risk Factor
HIGH	Environmental Hazard / Explosion	4	2	2	4	2	2.8
	Utility Interruption	3	1	3	4	3	2.5
	Drug Overdose Crisis	4	2	1	1	4	2.5

Hazard Priority Ranking

Hazards Ranked - MODERATE

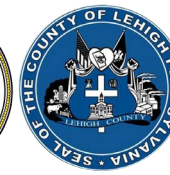


Hazard Risk	Natural Hazards	Probability	Impact	Extent	Warning	Duration	Risk Factor
MODERATE	Pandemic and Infectious Disease	3	2	2	1	4	2.4
	Radon	4	1	2	1	4	2.4
	Subsidence / Sinkhole	3	2	1	4	1	2.2
	Wildfire	2	2	2	3	2	2.1
	Lightning	4	1	1	3	1	2.1

Hazard Risk	Non – Natural Hazards	Probability	Impact	Extent	Warning	Duration	Risk Factor
MODERATE	Fire (Urban / Structural)	3	2	1	4	2	2.3
	Transportation Crash	4	1	1	4	1	2.2
	Structural Collapse	2	3	1	4	1	2.2
	Civil Disturbance / Mass Gathering	4	1	1	2	2	2.1
	Dam Failure	1	3	2	4	1	2.1
	Levee Failure	1	3	2	4	1	2.1
	Terrorism	1	3	1	4	2	2.0

Hazard Priority Ranking

Hazards Ranked - LOW



Hazard Risk	Natural Hazards	Probability	Impact	Extent	Warning	Duration	Risk Factor
LOW	Earthquake	1	1	4	4	1	1.9
	Hailstorm	2	1	2	3	1	1.7
	Landslide	1	1	1	4	1	1.3

Hazard Risk	Non – Natural Hazards	Probability	Impact	Extent	Warning	Duration	Risk Factor
LOW	Nuclear Incident	1	1	2	4	1	1.5



Goals From 2018 – part 1

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Goals From 2018 - part 2

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Goal 6: To improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards (NFIP).

Goal 7: To enhance planning and emergency response efforts among federal, state, county and local emergency management personnel to protect public health and safety.

Goal 8: To promote public awareness on both the potential impacts of natural and non-natural hazards and actions to reduce those impacts (NFIP).

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES



What Federal Mitigation Grant Programs are Available?

- Buyout Program Implementation and Residential Elevations
- Residential and Commercial Floodproofing and Wind Retrofit
- Flood Control Projects
- Coastal Resilience
- Nature-Based Solutions
- Infrastructure and Utility Hardening



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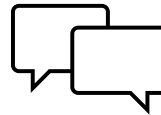
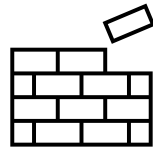
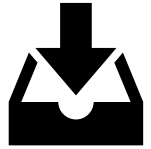
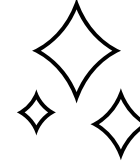
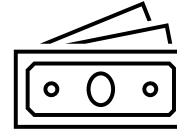
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NON-DISASTER GRANT PROGRAMS



Scoping and Phasing Construction



	Project Scoping	Phased Projects	Regular Projects
<i>Description</i>	Develop mitigation strategies and obtain data to prioritize, select, and develop complete HMGP, BRIC, or FMA applications	Complex project applications that have not yet met all eligibility requirements, including completion of EHP, design, engineering, final Benefit-Cost Analysis (BCA), and permitting.	1. Reduce risk and increase resilience 2. Benefit disadvantaged community(s) 3. Increases climate change resiliency 4. High chance of success 5. Leverage partnerships 6. Engage the community
<i>Example</i>	• Feasibility studies • Engineering/Design • Environmental studies • Benefit-Cost Analysis	• Removing property or infrastructure from the mapped hazard area (acquisition) • Reduce impacts to property or infrastructure from hazards (elevation, floodproofing) • Cultivation, expansion, and support of naturally resilient acreage (wetlands, dunes, reefs) • Hardening the built environment (electrical micro grids, hurricane straps, retrofit of non-combustible materials) • Reducing fuel loads (wildfire thinning, removal of non-native vegetation, defensible space) • Reduce seismic impact on structures (base isolation, reinforcement of masonry structures) • Increase capacity to pass storm water and increase rainfall (detention basins, upsize culverts, pump stations, "Localized Flood Risk Reduction"	
<i>BCA Required</i>	No	Yes*	Yes**

Developing a Scope of Work

Tell Your Story



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MITIGATION ACTIONS



Actions Requirements

Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Policy Guide states:

E2-b. The plan **must describe the status of all hazard mitigation actions in the previous plan** by identifying whether they have been completed or not, for each jurisdiction. For actions that are not complete, the plan must state whether the action is no longer relevant or will be included in the updated action plan

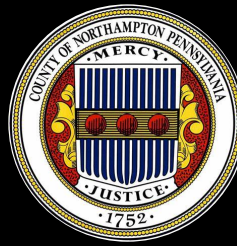
C4-b. Each plan participant **must identify one or more mitigation actions** the participant(s) intends to implement **for each hazard** addressed in the risk assessment. The actions **must be achievable** and demonstrate how the mitigation activities reduce the risks identified in the risk assessment.

PEMA SOG recommends:

"At least one overarching action pertaining to performing **structural projects or property protection** including elevation, acquisition, relocation, and/or retrofitting should be included in the plan so that those types of projects to mitigate losses from floods and earthquakes can be funded after a disaster occurs."

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QUESTIONS & NEXT STEPS



Thank you for your participation!

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Meeting title	Lehigh Valley Mitigation Strategy Meeting (hybrid)	33
Attended participants		
Start time	1/18/24, 6:27:02 AM	
End time	1/18/24, 8:26:01 AM	
Meeting duration	1h 58m 59s	
Average attendance time	57m 48s	

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Goal and Objective Review Worksheet

Community/Organization:		Name and Title:	
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Use the comment boxes to provide feedback or to suggest modification of any of the proposed goals or objectives. You may suggest additional objectives below each goal, or new goals and objectives on the last page of this exercise.

Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
Goal 1: Minimize the risk to human life associated with natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Create a better understanding among the public and local governments of the benefits and opportunities associated with hazard mitigation planning and actions.	
	2. Continuously promote and maintain better early warning and emergency communications.	
	3. Provide added protection for vulnerable populations.	
Goal 2: Promote hazard avoidance, especially in floodplains.	1. Minimize future risk of losses associated with structures, including repetitive loss structures.	
	2. Reduce flooding potential through planning, training, and outreach.	
	3. Encourage and facilitate the development or revision of comprehensive plans and zoning/land use ordinances to limit development in high-hazard areas.	
Goal 3: Reduce the damages and functional loss from natural and non-natural hazards to existing and future public and private assets, including structures, critical facilities, and infrastructure.	1. Identify the current risks of critical facilities and infrastructure from hazards, and determine actions to lessen those risks in the future.	
	2. Encourage and/or perform regular maintenance and upgrades of existing drainage systems potentially impacting critical facilities.	
	3. Encourage and/or provide backup power resources (generators) for critical facilities.	
	4. Encourage and/or perform maintenance and updates to reduce long-term vulnerability to high hazard potential dams.	

Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
Goal 4: Preserve and enhance the effectiveness of natural resources, including woodlands, streams, rivers, wetlands, floodplains and riparian buffers to provide resiliency benefits.	1. Encourage and/or provide maintenance and restoration of streams and rivers and associated floodplains to naturally provide flood mitigation.	
	2. Encourage regulation of and/or regulate development in priority conservation areas, including floodplains, to minimize flood damage.	
Goal 5: Develop, prioritize, and implement cost-effective, long-term actions that will reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Thoroughly assess the community, established capabilities, and identify specific cost-effective actions for improvement, relative to existing and future hazard risks.	
	2. Establish mitigation action priorities, encourage, and track progress.	
Goal 6: Improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Better integrate hazard mitigation planning with comprehensive planning and land use regulations.	
	2. Identify and promote “best practices” for municipal regulation of land use in zoning and subdivision ordinances and official maps.	
	3. Encourage proactive planning for potential hazard events and potential related property damage.	
	4. Incorporate hazard mitigation planning into existing municipal policy.	
Goal 7: Enhance planning and emergency response efforts among federal, state, county, and local emergency management personnel to protect public health and safety.	1. Continually improve communication capabilities, training, and coordination for hazard events.	
	2. Continually improve the planning for shelters, evacuation routes, and disaster recovery.	
	3. Continue the promotion of disaster resiliency in the business community.	
	4. Maintain and/or upgrade emergency response equipment and resources.	

Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
Goal 8: Improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Encourage and/or provide education and outreach to increase awareness of hazards and opportunities for mitigation.	
	2. Encourage and/or provide public education programs for businesses, households, and individuals on mitigation, safety measures, and preparedness.	
New Goal:	<i>New Objective 1:</i>	
	<i>New Objective 2:</i>	
	<i>New Objective 3:</i>	
	<i>New Objective 4:</i>	



Hazard Prioritization Matrix

Community/Organization:

Name and Title:

Purpose: To determine the Risk Factor (RF) for each hazard.

Instructions: Review the Risk Factor calculations in the table below from the 2018 plan, which are based on the Degree of Risk definitions provided on the back of the worksheet. If you believe any of these risk factors need to be updated, please make note of those requested changes in the Notes column, the Comments space provided below, or directly in the table.

Natural Hazards	Probability	Impact	Extent	Warning	Duration	Notes
Extreme Temperature						
Flood						
Winter Storm						
Windstorm / Tornado						
Invasive Species						
Drought						
Pandemic/Infectious Disease						
Radon						
Subsidence / Sinkhole						
Wildfire						
Lightning						
Earthquake						
Hailstorm						
Landslide						

Comments:

Risk Assessment Category	Degree of Risk			Weight Value	
	Level	Criteria	Index		
Probability: What is the likelihood of a hazard event occurring in a given year?	Unlikely	Less than 1% annual probability	1	30%	
	Possible	Between 1% and 49.9% annual probability	2		
	Likely	Between 50% and 90% annual probability	3		
	Highly Likely	Greater than 90% annual probability	4		
Impact: In terms of injuries, damage, or death, would you anticipate impacts to be minor, limited, critical, or catastrophic when a significant hazard event occurs?	Minor	Very few injuries, if any. Only minor property damage and minimal disruption on quality of life. Temporary shutdown of critical facilities.	1	30%	
	Limited	Minor injuries. More than 10% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for more than one day.	2		
	Critical	Multiple deaths / injuries possible. More than 25% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for more than a week.	3		
	Catastrophic	High number of deaths / injuries possible. More than 50% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for 30 days or more.	4		
Spatial Extent: How large of an area could be impacted by a hazard event? Are impacts localized or regional?	Negligible	Less than 1% of area affected	1	20%	
	Small	Between 1% and 10.9% of area affected	2		
	Moderate	Between 11% and 25% of area affected	3		
	Large	Greater than 25% of area affected	4		
Warning Time: Is there usually some lead-time associated with the hazard event? Have warning measures been implemented?	More than 24 hours	Self-Defined	Note: Levels of warning time and criteria that define them may be adjusted based on the hazard addressed.	1	10%
	12 to 24 hours	Self-Defined		2	
	6 to 12 hours	Self-Defined		3	
	Less than 6 hours	Self-Defined		4	
Duration: How long does the hazard event usually last?	Less than 6 hours	Self-Defined	Note: Levels of warning time and criteria that define them may be adjusted based on the hazard addressed.	1	10%
	Less than 24 hours	Self-Defined		2	
	Less than 1 week	Self-Defined		3	
	More than 1 week	Self-Defined		4	

Strategy Assessment Survey



Community/Organization:	Name and Title:
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A key feature of a hazard mitigation strategy is prioritization, identifying which mitigation actions are the most important. In lieu of prioritizing more than 1,100 actions individually, the actions have been grouped into the mitigation action *categories* identified in the table below. **Please assign each of the following mitigation action categories a priority score between 1 and 5 (with 1 being the lowest priority and 5 being the highest).** In the final plan, each action will be assigned a prioritization based on its action category.

Action Category Group	Action Category	Priority Score
Flood Mitigation	Retrofit structures in flood-prone areas, with emphasis on repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties	
	Conduct storm drainage and flood control projects at critical facilities, including relocation	
	Conduct storm drainage and flooding projects at non-critical facilities	
	Restore or stabilize streams and floodplain	
NFIP Compliance	Create opportunities for continuing education and certifications for Floodplain Administrators	
	Participate in the Community Rating System	
	Obtain/archive elevation certificates	
	Maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, including enforcement of floodplain management requirements, floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach	
	Begin and/or continue the process of adopting higher regulation of floodplains and carbonate bedrock areas	
Capability and Capacity Building	Improve post-disaster capabilities, including processing FEMA/PEMA paperwork and qualified damage assessment personnel	
	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations	
	Continue to support implementation, monitoring, maintenance and updating of the plan	
	Work with regional agencies to develop damage assessment capabilities through training programs, certification of qualified individuals such as floodplain managers	
	Integrate hazard mitigation into local plans and ordinances	
	Increase emergency notifications, communication, and traffic control capabilities	
	Conduct and facilitate community and public outreach for residents and businesses to promote hazard risk reduction	
Human-Caused Hazard Action Categories	Conduct hazardous materials mitigation projects, including inventories, planning, education, and certifications	
	Reduce risk associated with high-hazard potential dams	
	Reduce risk associated with other dams and levees	
Other Natural Hazard Categories	Replace or retrofit bridges	
	Reduce risk associated with wildfire	
	Install backup power at critical facilities	
	Conduct other non-flood-related retrofits of critical facilities	
	Work to minimize tree/electric line conflicts	
	Conduct geotechnical/sinkhole evaluation (adopt construction standards, remediation)	
	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	

Action Category Group	Action Category	Priority Score
Additions Since 2018 Plan		

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Good Afternoon,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. Lehigh County Emergency Management needs your participation and assistance, we are in the final stages of completing the 5-year required update of the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan. To ensure your municipality is included in the update and continues to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Grant Funding, your jurisdiction must:

1. Complete **at least one worksheet** to meet the minimum participation requirements

Worksheet Opportunity:

To full fill this requirement you may:

- Complete the survey at this link that **will count** as one of your worksheet participation events:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/96GYHQY>
- Review your municipal annex at [Hazard Mitigation I \(ncem-pa.org\)](https://ncem-pa.org) and email me with any changes, additions or deletions. You may capture on the attached document or just print your annex and make the corrections on the document and email back to me.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

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Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan

Public Comment Period is **OPEN**



The Northampton and Lehigh County Emergency Management Offices, in collaboration with Witt O’Brien’s, are pleased to announce that draft copies of the most recent bi-county Hazard Mitigation Plan have been released and are ready for public review and comment. Whether you are a resident, business owner, or a visitor to either County, we are looking for your input, and there are several ways for you to participate and share this information with others – find ways to participate below!

A five-year update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is required for communities in Lehigh and Northampton Counties to be eligible for certain types of state and federal mitigation disaster assistance funding. The term “Hazard Mitigation” describes actions that can help reduce or eliminate long-term risks caused by hazards or disasters. The HMP process includes identifying local risks and vulnerabilities associated with disasters and developing long-term strategies to protect people and property from future hazards.

Engaging as many voices from the community as possible is important to the success of the HMP update. Therefore, we welcome public participation in the upcoming virtual meeting as well as public review and comment on the draft 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Where can I find the draft plan and survey link to provide feedback?

- Find the draft Plan materials as well as the feedback/comment survey link by visiting the project website at: [2024 Mitigation Plan | \(ncem-pa.org\)](https://ncem-pa.org/2024-mitigation-plan/).
- The HMP will be available for review and comment until March 25, 2024!

Public is also welcome to attend the virtual “Public Review Meeting” which is being held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 4:30 pm until 5:00 pm. (NO registration NEEDED!)

- Can find the Microsoft Teams Meeting link by visiting: [2024 Mitigation Plan | \(ncem-pa.org\)](https://ncem-pa.org/2024-mitigation-plan/)

Comments, questions or concerns can be directed to the appropriate Plan Co-Chair – contact information can be found at: <https://ncem-pa.org/2024-mitigation-plan/> - scroll to bottom.



What is hazard mitigation planning? What is the purpose of having a hazard mitigation plan?

Hazard mitigation planning reduces loss of life and property by minimizing the impact of disasters. It begins with state, tribal, and local governments identifying natural disaster risks and vulnerabilities that are common in their area. After identifying these risks, they develop long-term strategies for protecting people and property from similar events. Mitigation plans are key to breaking the cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction.

Background of the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, since its inception, has always been a bi-county plan encompassing both Lehigh and Northampton counties as well as the 62 municipalities found within. The Lehigh Valley drafted hazard mitigation plans in 2006, 2013, and 2018. Federal regulation requires that plans be updated every five years, but perhaps more importantly, the effects of climate and cultural changes and emerging hazards require that we evolve our methods of preparing for disaster.

The *Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan* reflects that evolution.

The 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan covers the twenty-five (25) natural and non-natural hazards that were covered in the previous plan. However, two (2) new hazards have been added to combat changes in a region that continues to grow its population by more than five thousand (5,000) residents per year. The

WHY IS HAZARD MITIGATION IMPORTANT?

Hazard mitigation actions lead to building stronger, safer, and smarter communities that are able to reduce future damage when a disaster strikes.

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Mitigation goals within this Plan

1. To minimize the risk to human life associated with natural and non-natural hazards.
2. To promote hazard avoidance, especially in floodplains.
3. To reduce the damages and functional loss from natural and non-natural hazards to existing and future public and private assets, including structures, critical facilities, and infrastructure.
4. To preserve and enhance the effectiveness of natural resources, including woodlands, streams, rivers, wetlands, floodplains, and riparian buffers to provide resiliency benefits.
5. To develop, prioritize, and implement cost-effective, long-term actions that will reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.
6. To improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.
7. To enhance planning and emergency response efforts among federal, state, county, and local emergency management personnel to protect public health and safety.
8. To promote public awareness of both the potential impacts of natural and non-natural hazards and actions to reduce those impacts.



Northampton & Lehigh County Emergency Management offices with the support of Witt O'Brien's are delighted to announce the release of the draft 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Notice of DRAFT Document for Public Review

NOTE: All documents found below pertaining to the 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan are being shared in

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Next steps for the 2024 Plan?

Now that the Public Comment period has ended what is next for the 2024 LV Hazard Mitigation Plan?

Next Steps are:



- **Review by PEMA staff** – State review may take 1 – 2 weeks. Once reviewed & approved by PEMA the next step is....
- **Review by FEMA Region III staff** – Federal review may take 6 – 8 weeks. Once reviewed & approved by FEMA the next step is...
- **Municipal level adoption.** Once the first of the sixty-two (62) municipalities officially adopts the Plan the Plan then is “in place” till the next review slated for spring 2029. **NOTE:** *a participating municipality MUST adopt the Plan locally within one (1) year from the first municipal adoption to stay active and eligible for the 5 years.*



Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Master Plan



Lehigh and Northampton County Annex

Appendices

Coming Soon

Use drop down bars below to find municipal annexes

[Lehigh County Municipal Annexes](#)



[Northampton County Municipal Annexes](#)



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2024 LEHIGH VALLEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Public Plan Review Meeting

MARCH 6, 2024

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HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING OVERVIEW

Hazard Mitigation Planning Overview



Costly climate: See billion-dollar natural disasters piling up across the US

Janet Loehrke and Dinah Voyles Pulver USA TODAY
Published 6:10 a.m. ET Aug. 21, 2023 | Updated 11:05 a.m. ET Aug. 21, 2023



Extreme rainfall, tornadoes and hail helped set a record pace for \$1 billion natural disasters in the United States through early August, even before

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Every \$1 Invested in Disaster Mitigation Saves \$6

Spending to reduce risk saves lives and creates jobs, key study finds

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What is hazard mitigation?

Why is mitigation important?

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Family of Grants



HMGP



HMGP Post Fire



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What are some examples of hazard mitigation?

Hazard Mitigation Planning Overview

The Mitigation Planning Process



How do I participate?



HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

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Profiled Hazards

13 Natural Hazards and 14 Other Hazards

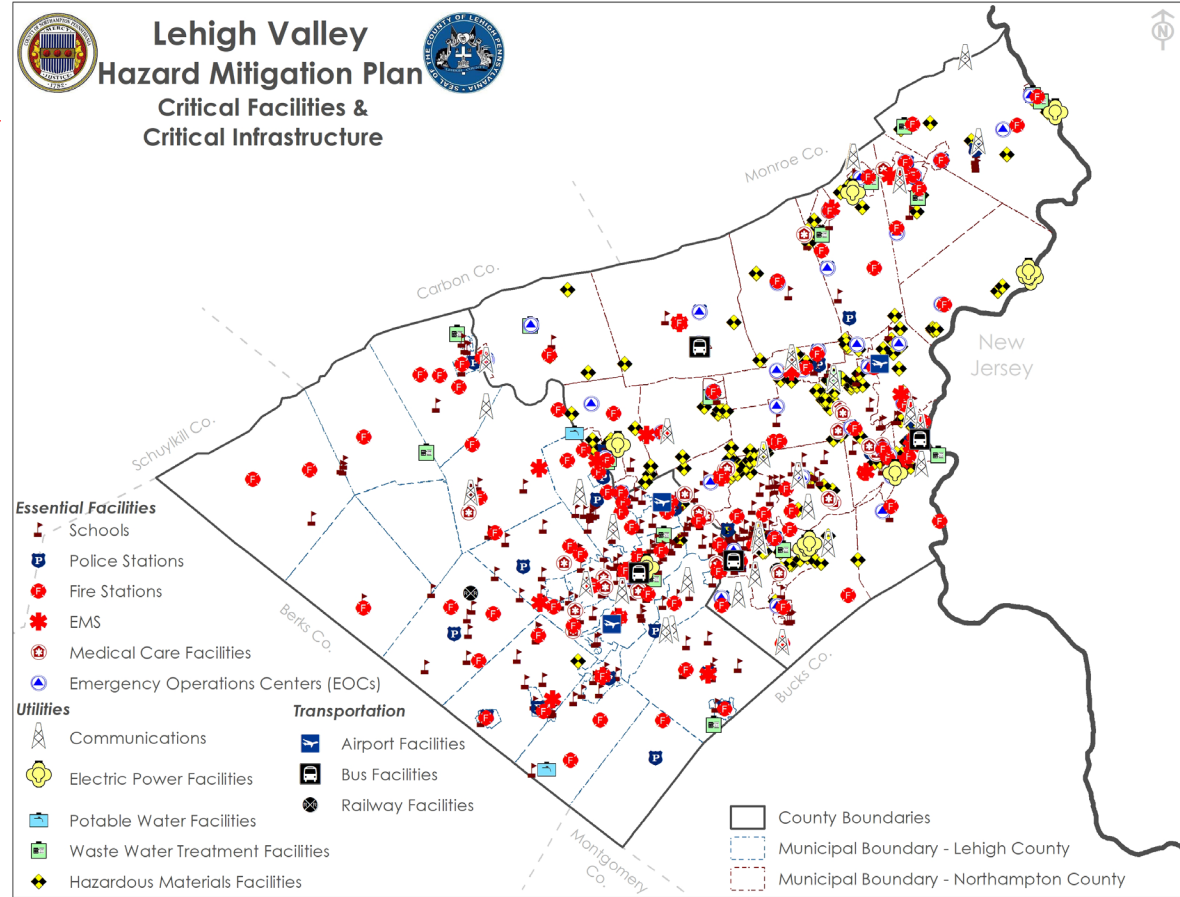
HUMAN-CAUSED HAZARDS

- Radon Exposure
- Environmental Hazards / Hazardous Materials Release
- Utility Interruption
- Gas/Liquid Pipelines
- Opioid Addiction
- Urban Fire/Explosion
- Transportation Accidents
- Building Collapse
- Civil Disturbance / Mass Gathering
- Dam Failure
- Levee Failure
- Terrorism
- Cyber-Terrorism
- Nuclear Incidents

Community Lifelines

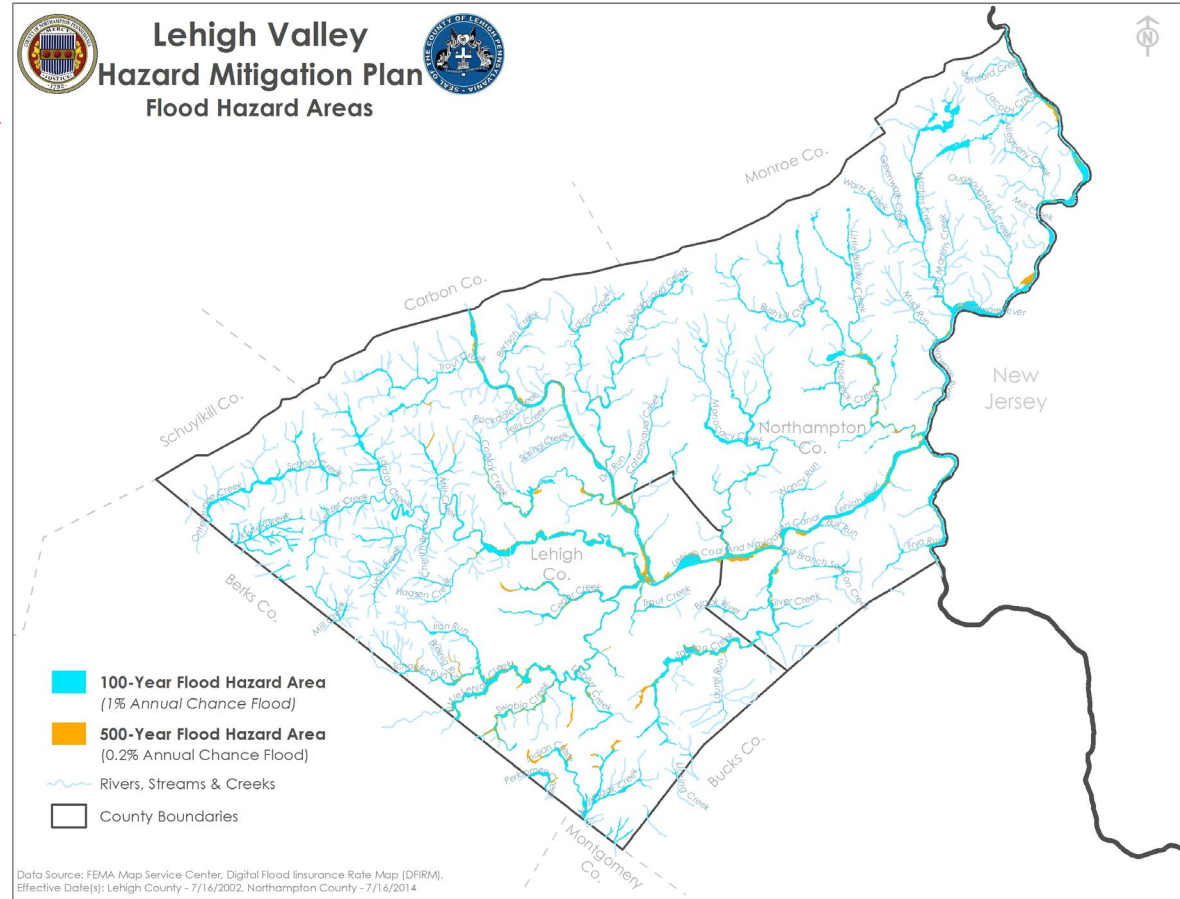


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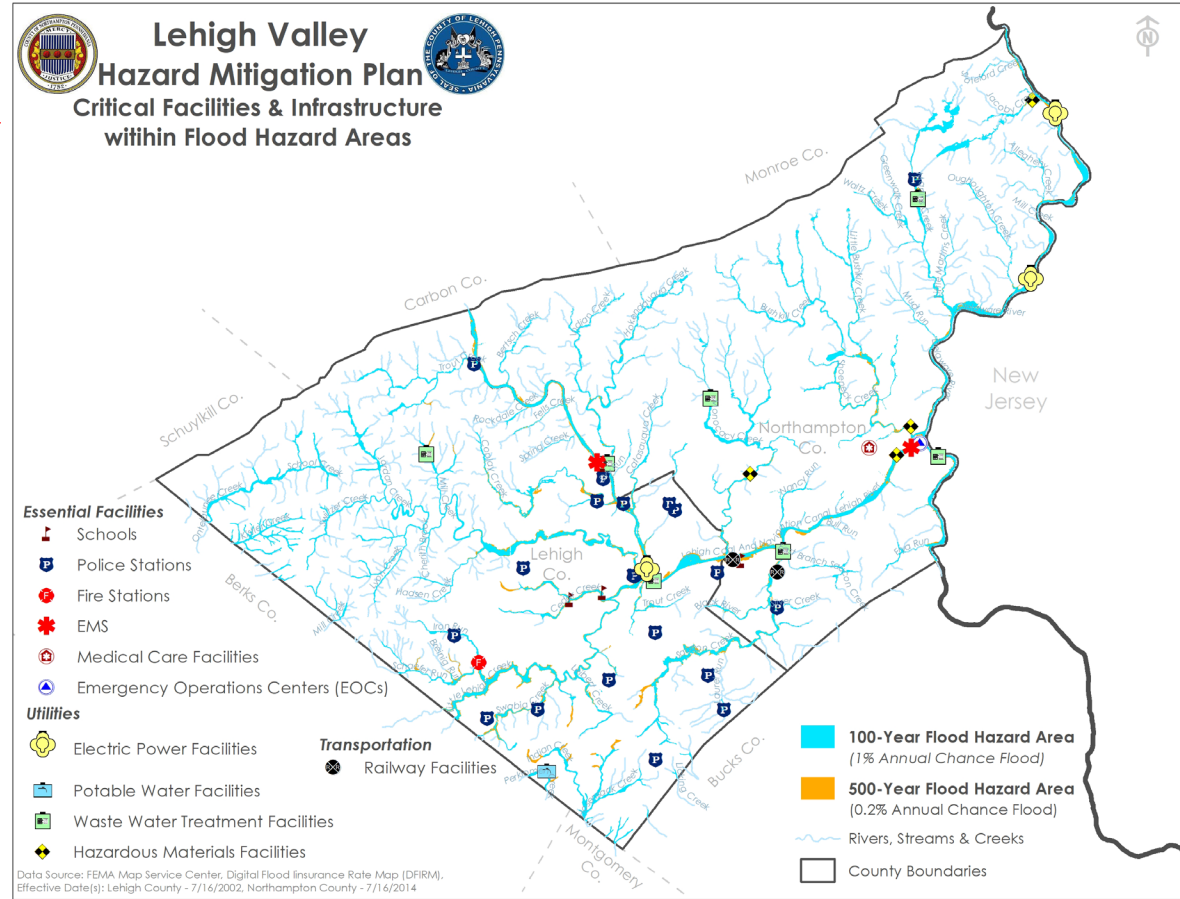
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Flood Hazard Areas



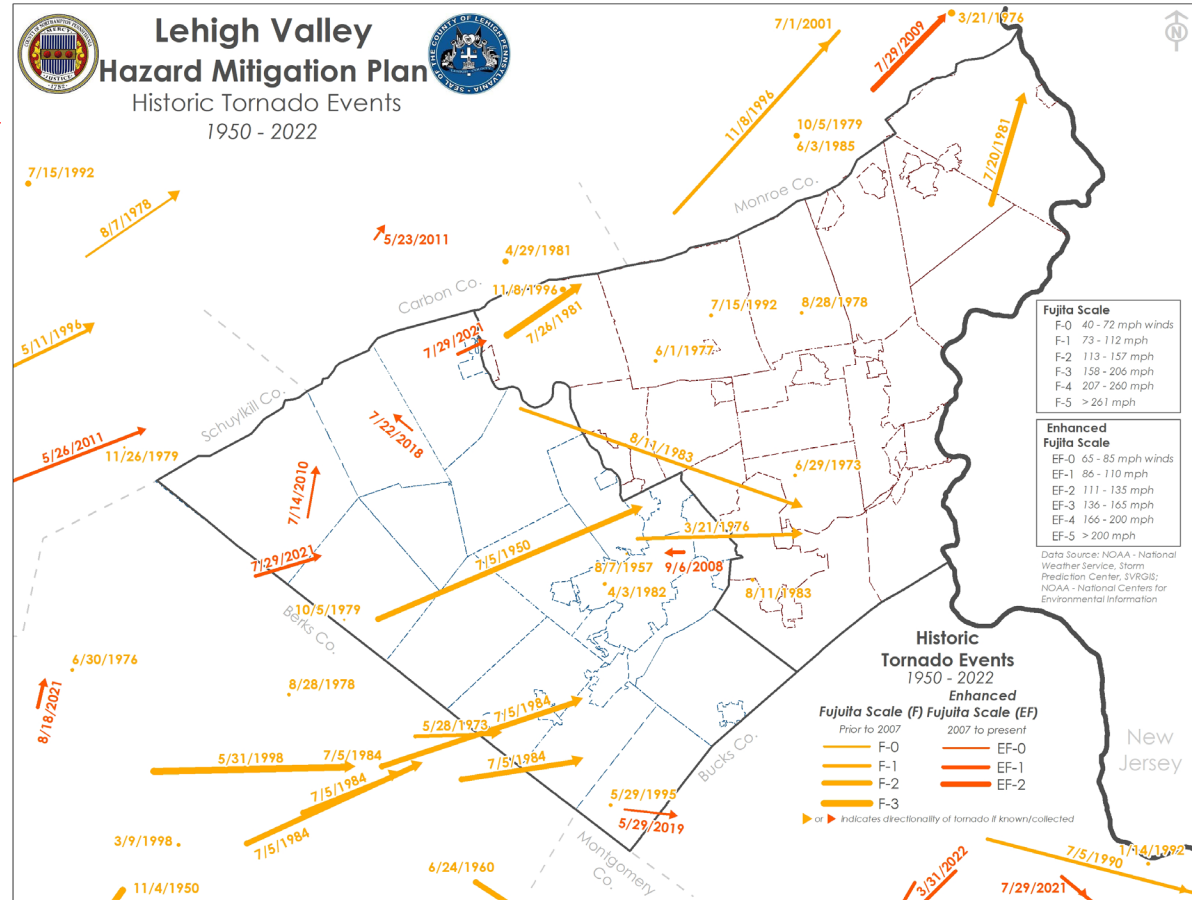
Natural Hazards

Critical Facilities At Risk



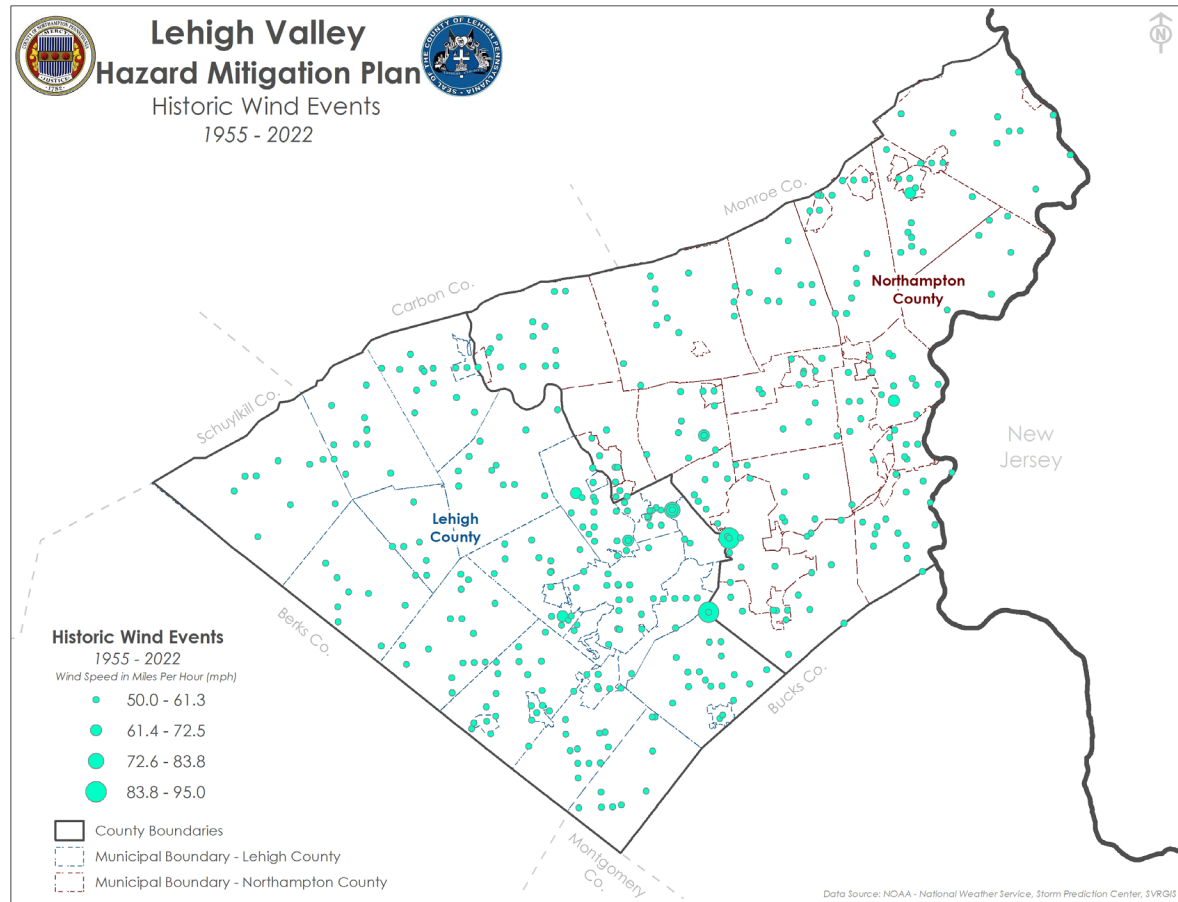
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Tornadoes



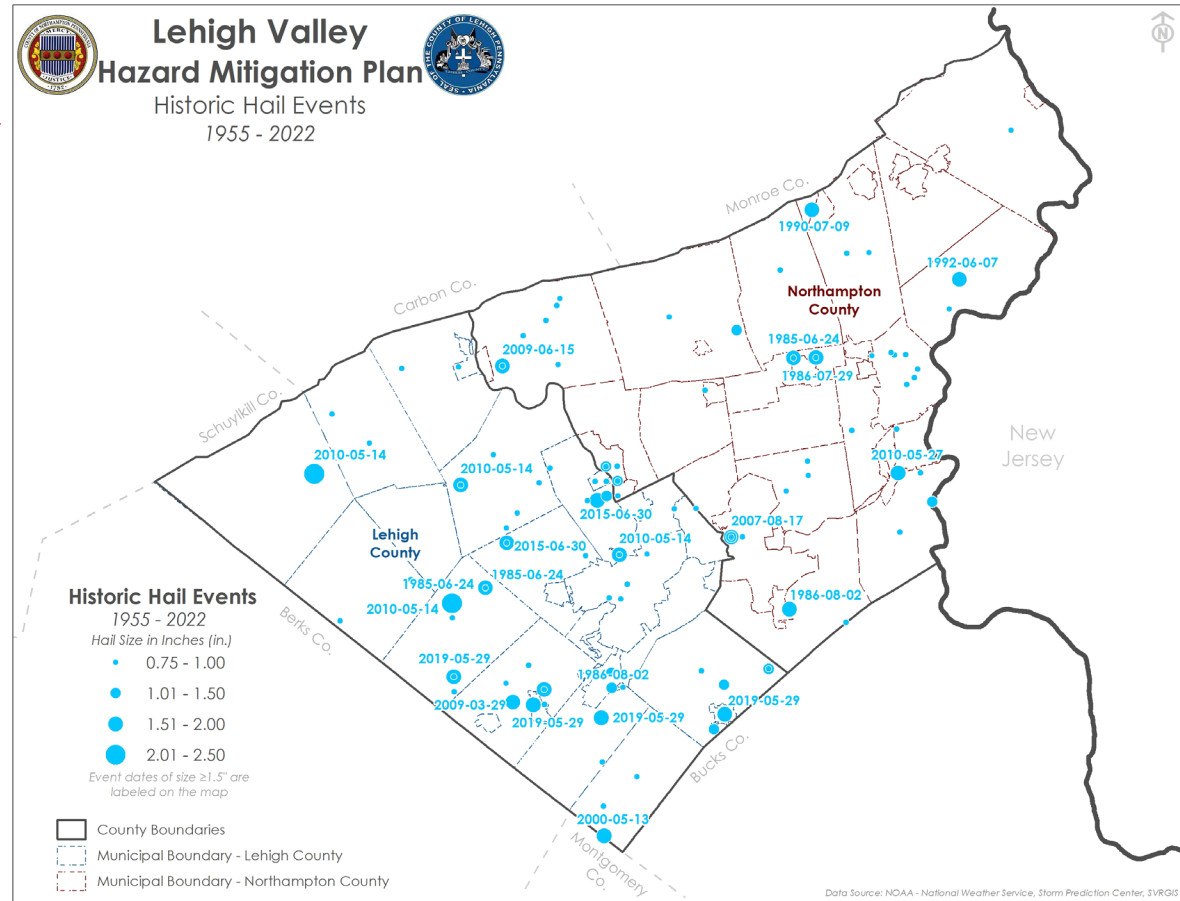
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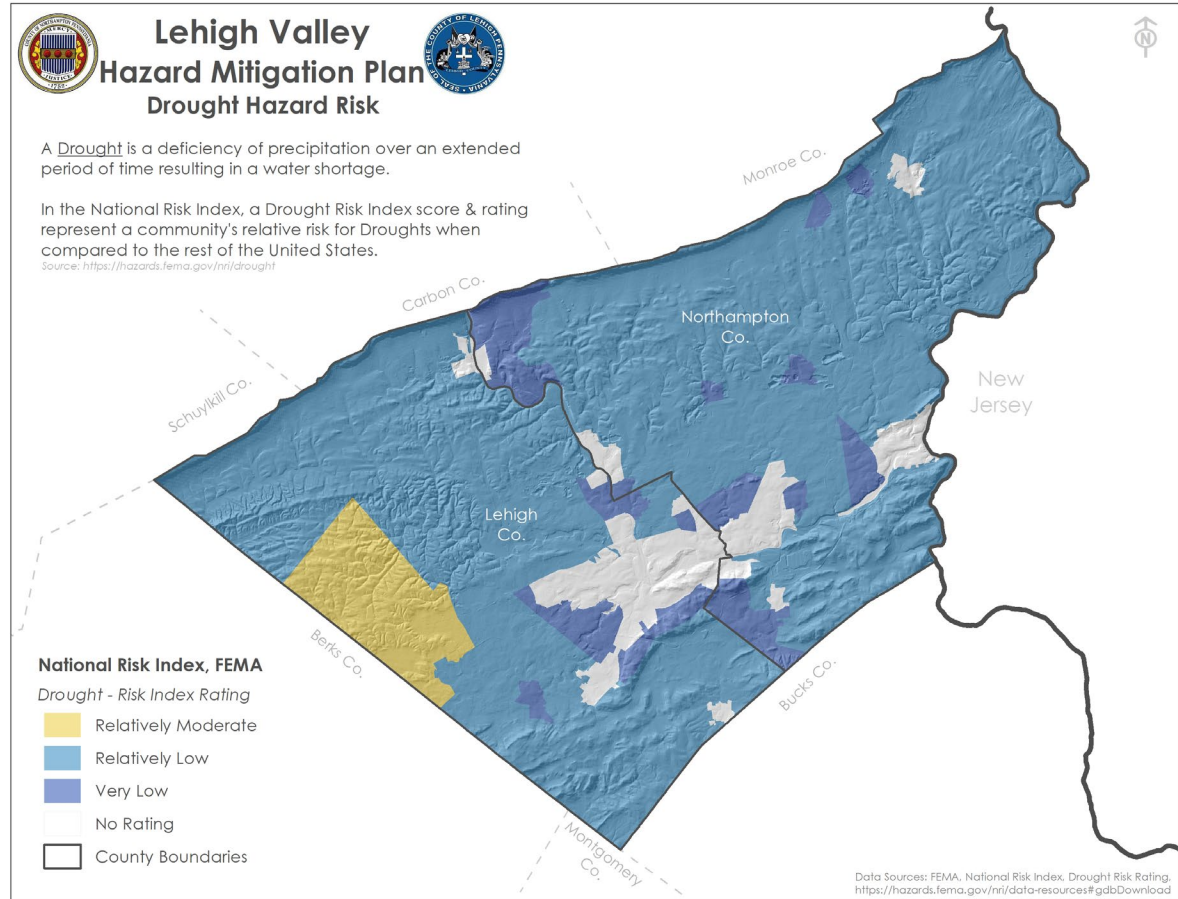
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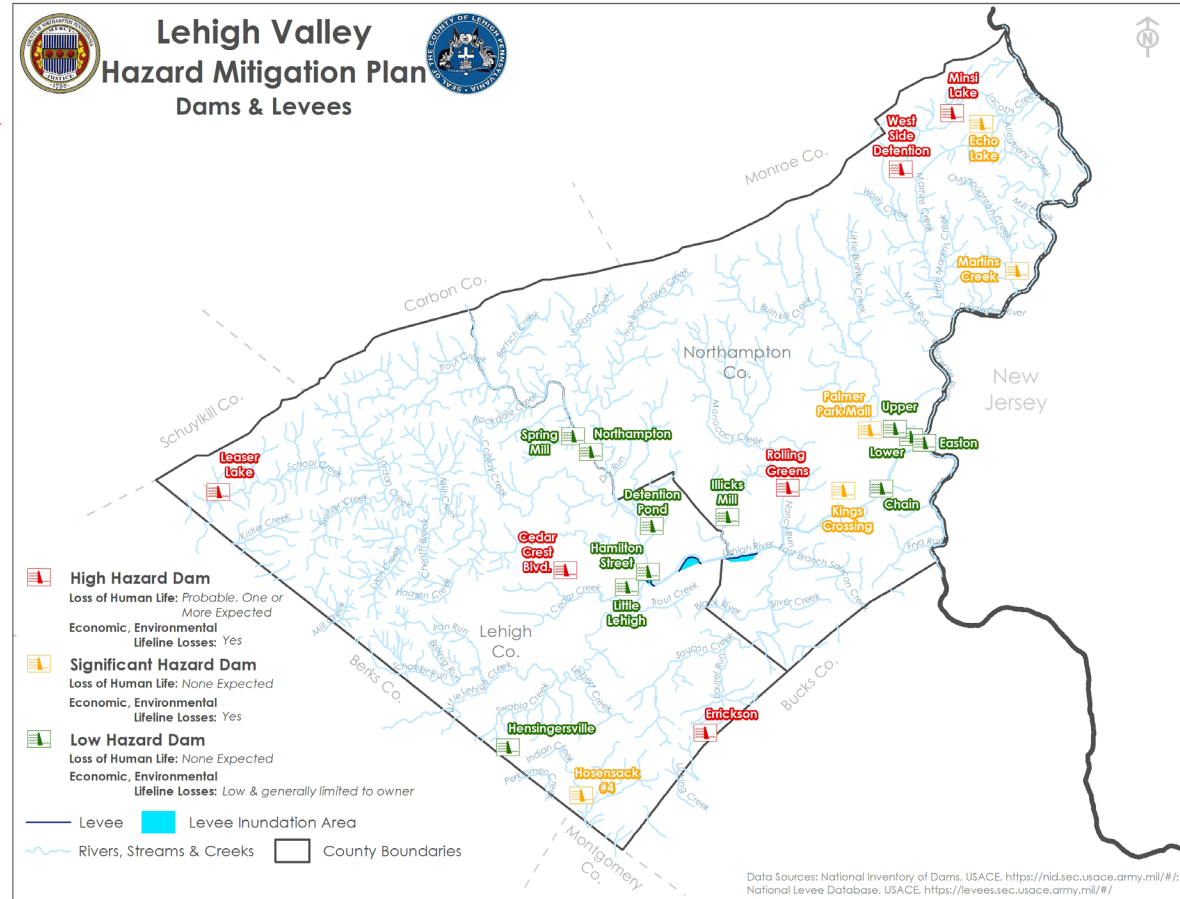
Natural Hazards

Drought



Human-Caused Hazards

Dams and Levees



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MITIGATION ACTIONS

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A Note on Mitigation Actions

- The Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies *potential actions* that the community may choose to pursue
- The list functions as a “menu” of options to pursue based on timing, community priorities, available funding, etc.
- More than 1,000 proposed actions are articulated in the draft plan.
- The counties and municipalities are not committing to implementing every action mentioned in the plan.

Mitigation Action Highlights from the 2024 Plan

- Install backup power solutions at critical facilities
- Implement electrical grid hardening activities
- Harden/strengthen water treatment facilities and county/municipal buildings
- Increase public awareness around disaster risk
- Clear, maintain, and (where necessary) increase the capacity of the stormwater drainage system
- Limit development in the floodplain
- Restore, protect, or increase forests, meadows, and wetlands
- Provide education material to the public regarding disaster risk, emergency alerts, and the importance of flood insurance

QUESTIONS & NEXT STEPS

How do I provide feedback?





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Thank you for your participation!

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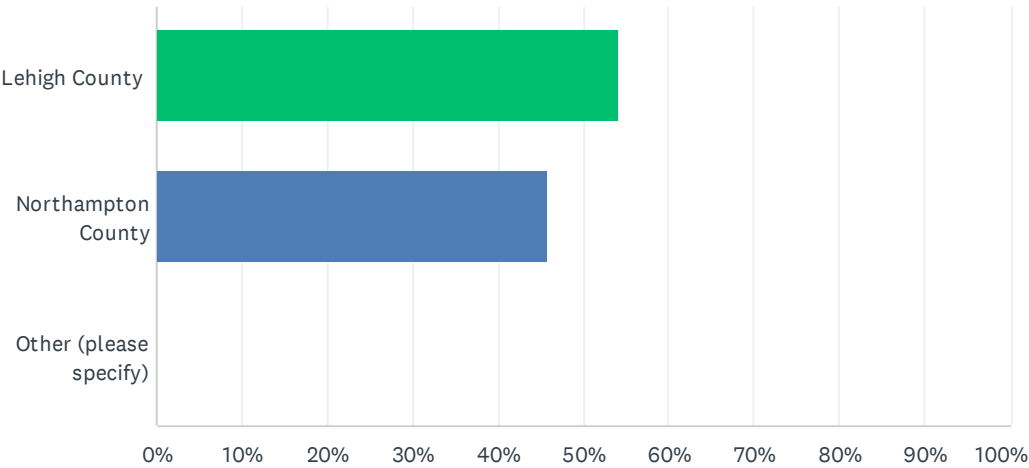
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Q1 Which county do you reside in?

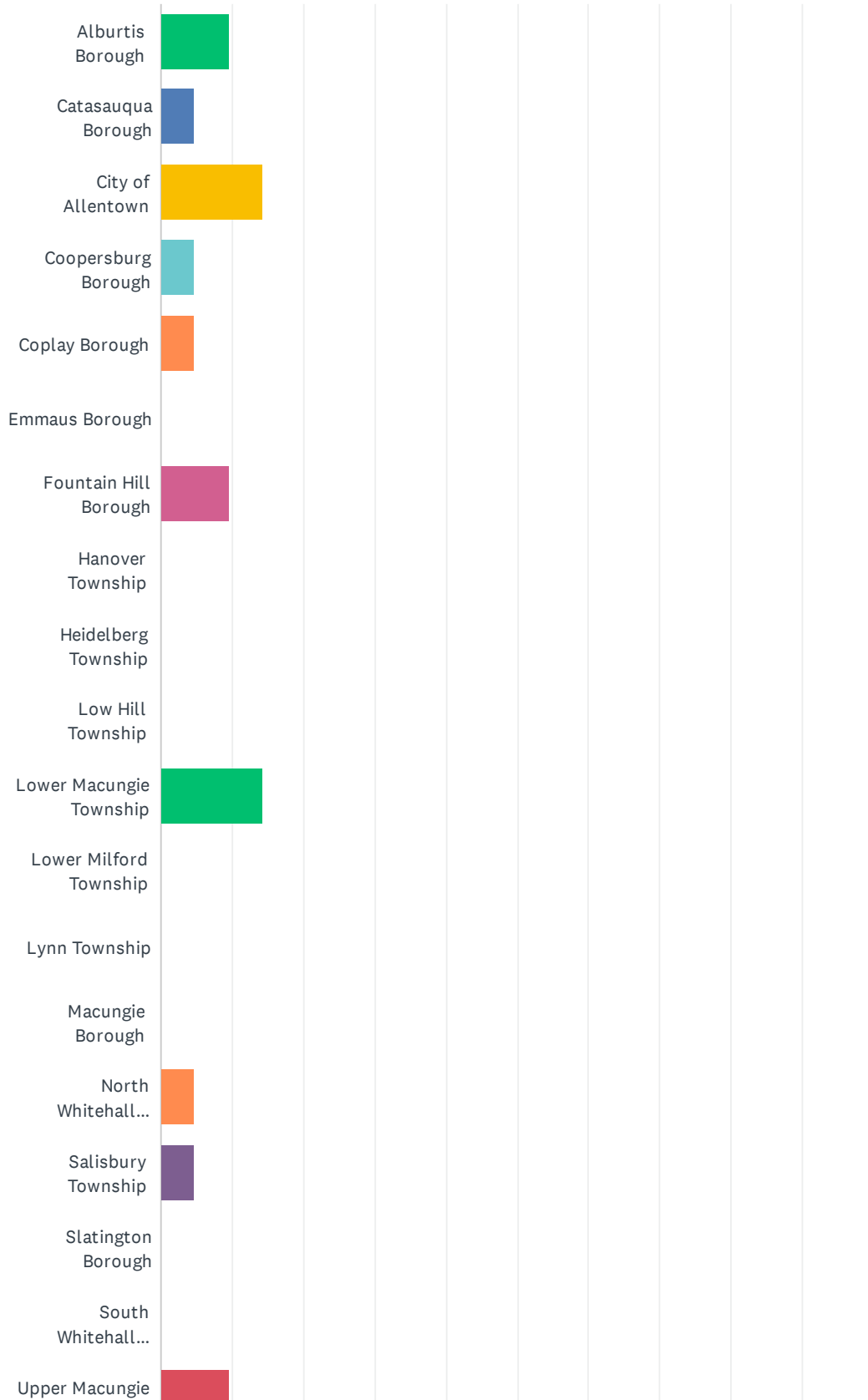
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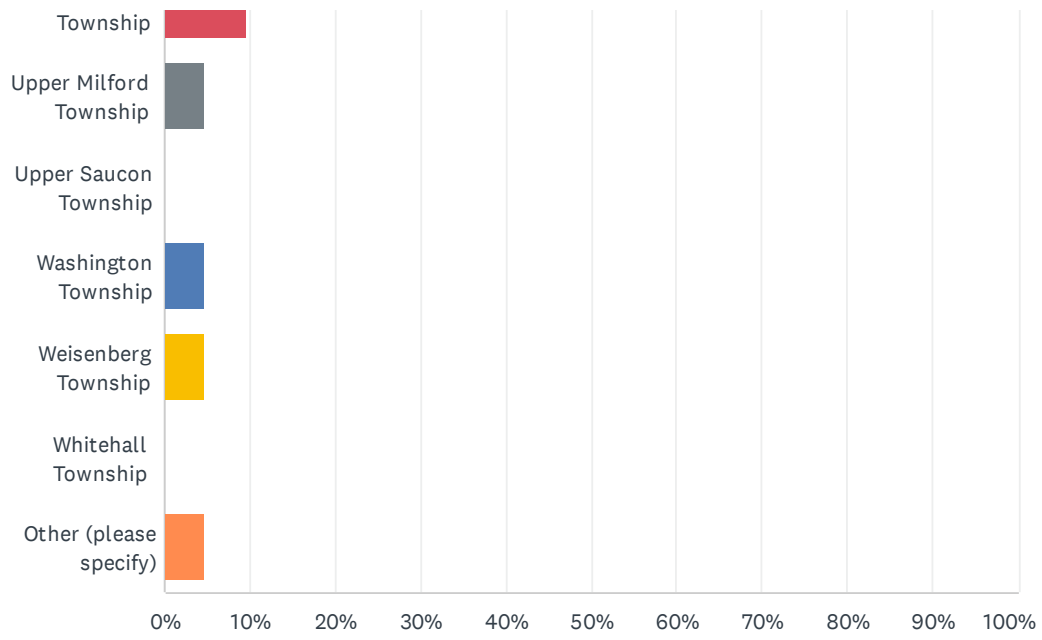
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lehigh County	54.05%	20
Northampton County	45.95%	17
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		37

Q2 Which Lehigh County community do you live in?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 18



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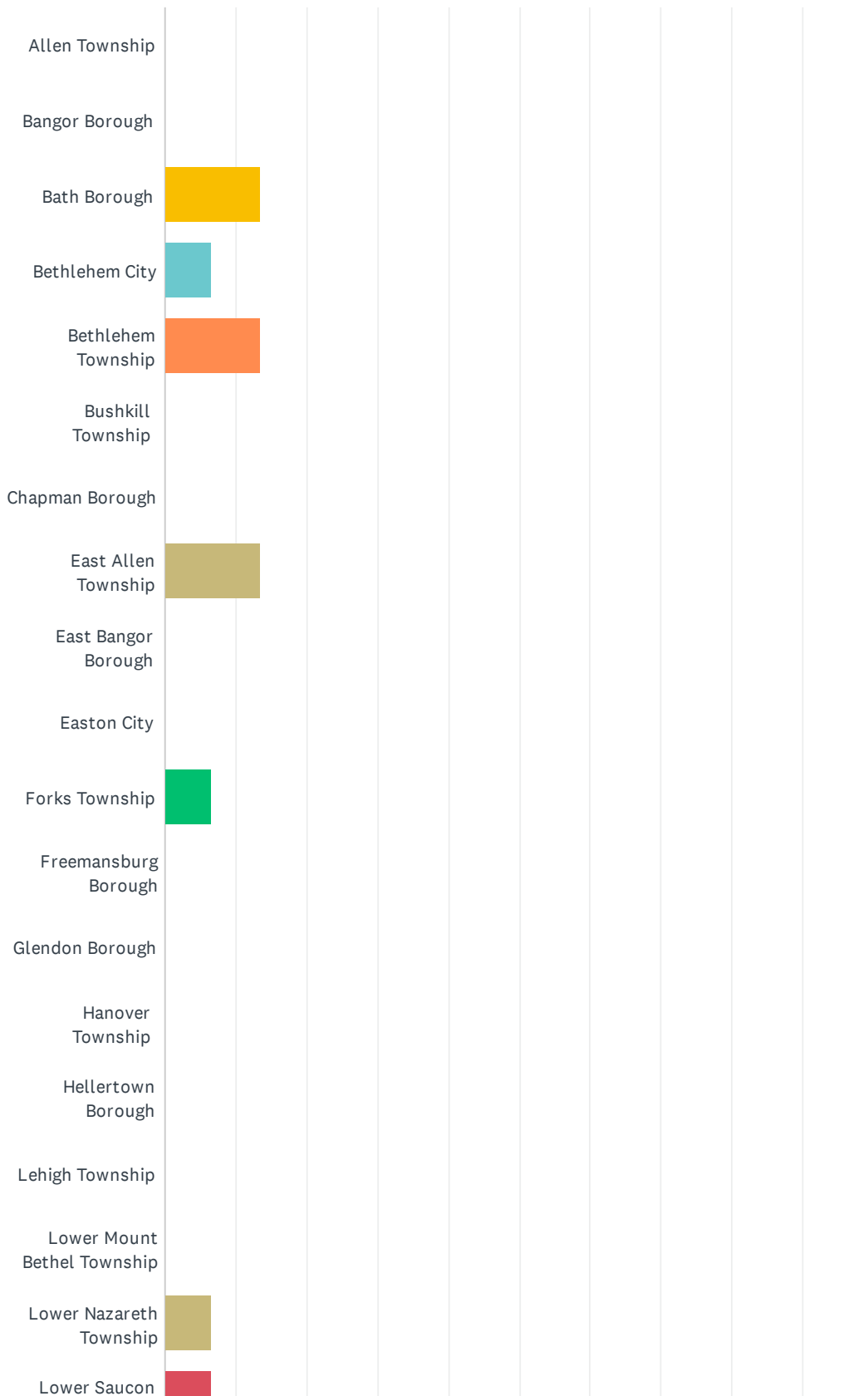


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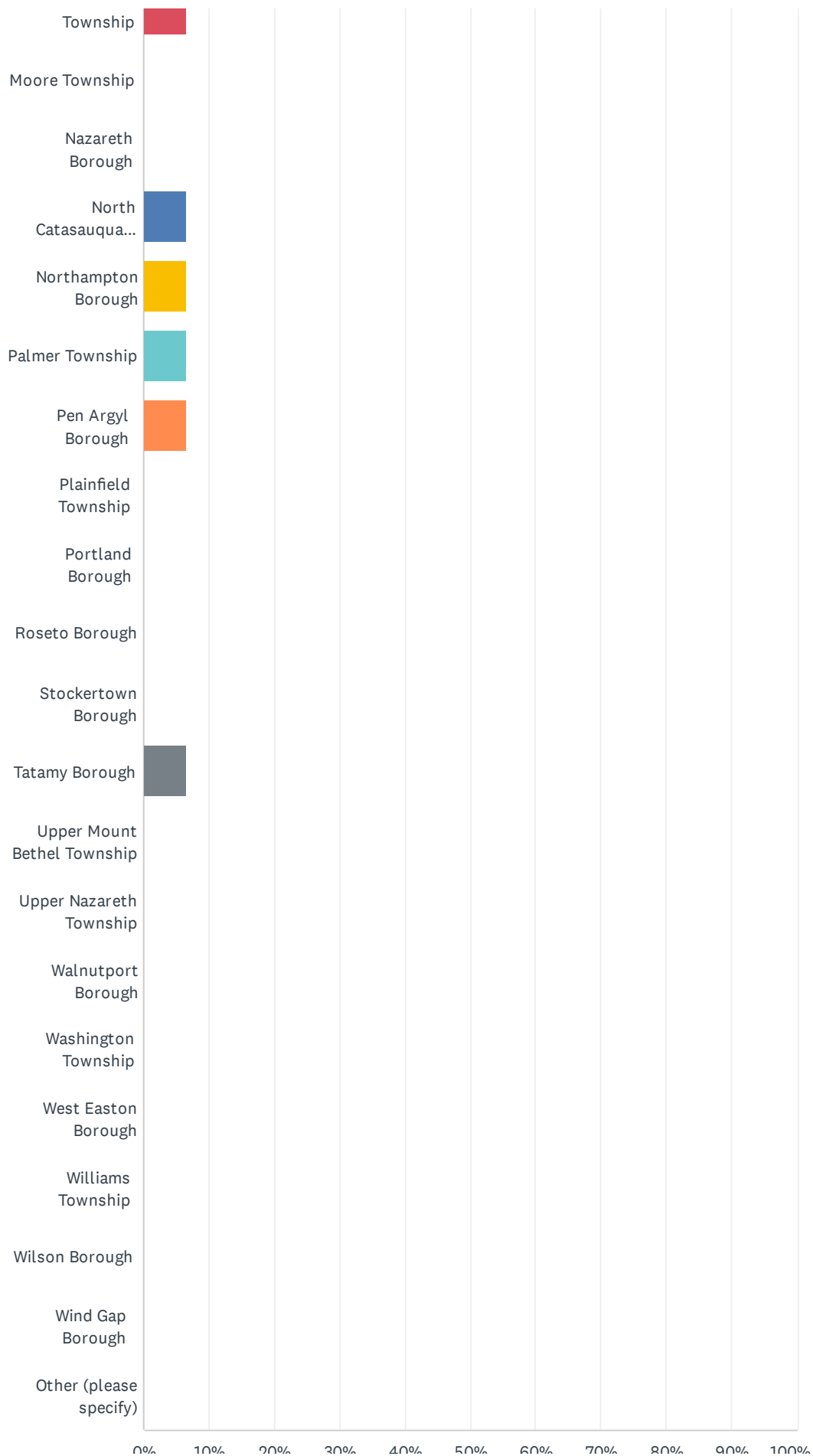
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Alburtis Borough	9.52%	2
Catasauqua Borough	4.76%	1
City of Allentown	14.29%	3
Coopersburg Borough	4.76%	1
Coplay Borough	4.76%	1
Emmaus Borough	0.00%	0
Fountain Hill Borough	9.52%	2
Hanover Township	0.00%	0
Heidelberg Township	0.00%	0
Low Hill Township	0.00%	0
Lower Macungie Township	14.29%	3
Lower Milford Township	0.00%	0
Lynn Township	0.00%	0
Macungie Borough	0.00%	0
North Whitehall Township	4.76%	1
Salisbury Township	4.76%	1
Slatington Borough	0.00%	0
South Whitehall Township	0.00%	0
Upper Macungie Township	9.52%	2
Upper Milford Township	4.76%	1
Upper Saucon Township	0.00%	0
Washington Township	4.76%	1
Weisenberg Township	4.76%	1
Whitehall Township	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	4.76%	1
TOTAL		21

Q3 Which Northampton County community do you live in?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 24



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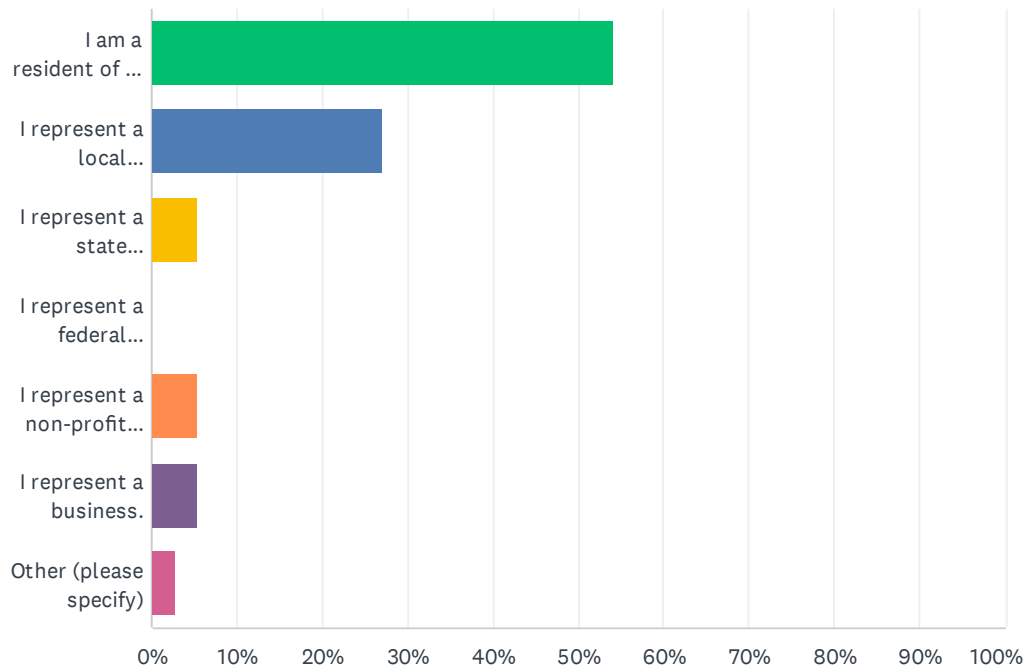
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Allen Township	0.00%	0
Bangor Borough	0.00%	0
Bath Borough	13.33%	2
Bethlehem City	6.67%	1
Bethlehem Township	13.33%	2
Bushkill Township	0.00%	0
Chapman Borough	0.00%	0
East Allen Township	13.33%	2
East Bangor Borough	0.00%	0
Easton City	0.00%	0
Forks Township	6.67%	1
Freemansburg Borough	0.00%	0
Glendon Borough	0.00%	0
Hanover Township	0.00%	0
Hellertown Borough	0.00%	0
Lehigh Township	0.00%	0
Lower Mount Bethel Township	0.00%	0
Lower Nazareth Township	6.67%	1
Lower Saucon Township	6.67%	1
Moore Township	0.00%	0
Nazareth Borough	0.00%	0
North Catasauqua Borough	6.67%	1
Northampton Borough	6.67%	1
Palmer Township	6.67%	1
Pen Argyl Borough	6.67%	1
Plainfield Township	0.00%	0
Portland Borough	0.00%	0
Roseto Borough	0.00%	0
Stockertown Borough	0.00%	0
Tatamy Borough	6.67%	1
Upper Mount Bethel Township	0.00%	0
Upper Nazareth Township	0.00%	0

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Walnutport Borough	0.00%	0
Washington Township	0.00%	0
West Easton Borough	0.00%	0
Williams Township	0.00%	0
Wilson Borough	0.00%	0
Wind Gap Borough	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		15

Q4 Which of these statements best applies to you?

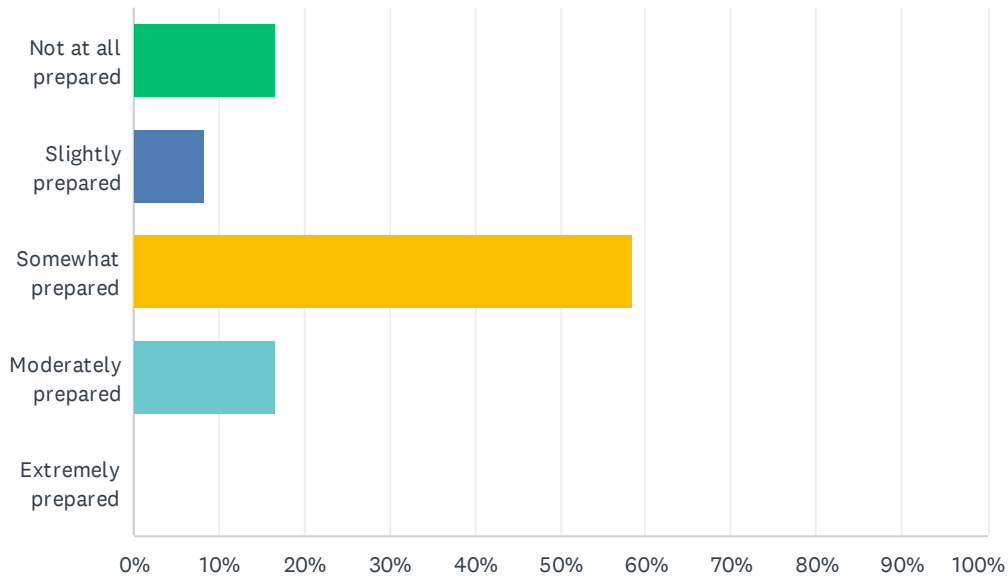
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I am a resident of the Lehigh Valley.	54.05%	20
I represent a local government entity.	27.03%	10
I represent a state government entity.	5.41%	2
I represent a federal government entity.	0.00%	0
I represent a non-profit organization.	5.41%	2
I represent a business.	5.41%	2
Other (please specify)	2.70%	1
TOTAL		37

Q5 Prior to reviewing the 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, how well prepared do you think your community was for a natural disaster?

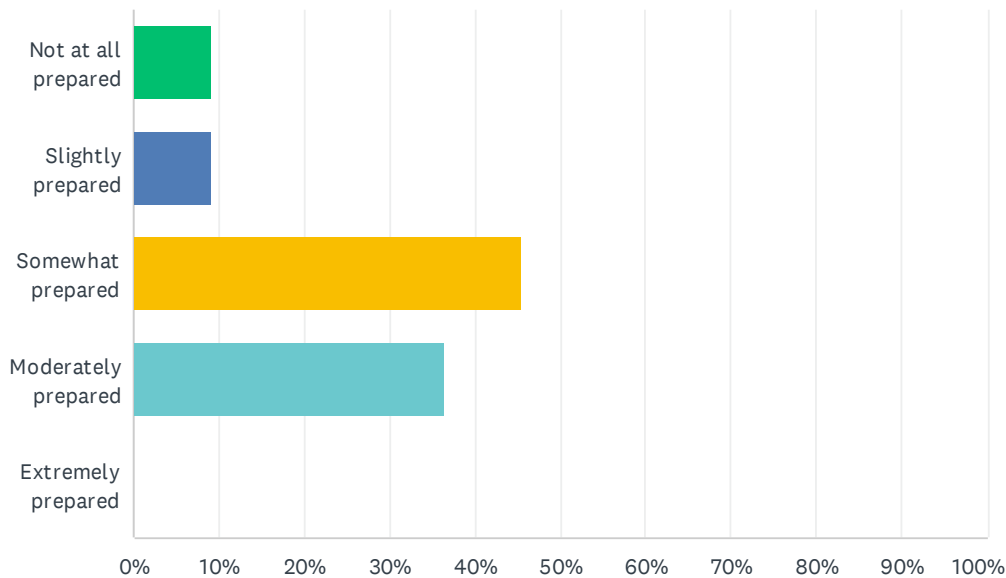
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all prepared	16.67%	2
Slightly prepared	8.33%	1
Somewhat prepared	58.33%	7
Moderately prepared	16.67%	2
Extremely prepared	0.00%	0
TOTAL		12

Q6 After reading the 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, how well prepared do you think your community will be for a natural disaster?

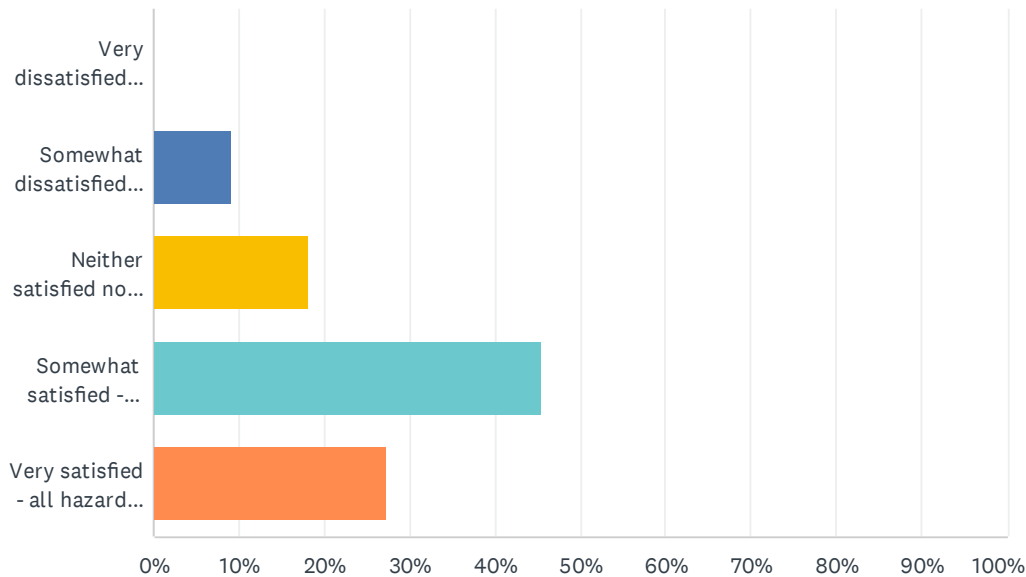
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all prepared	9.09%	1
Slightly prepared	9.09%	1
Somewhat prepared	45.45%	5
Moderately prepared	36.36%	4
Extremely prepared	0.00%	0
TOTAL		11

Q7 After looking at the 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, how satisfied are you with the hazards addressed by the plan?

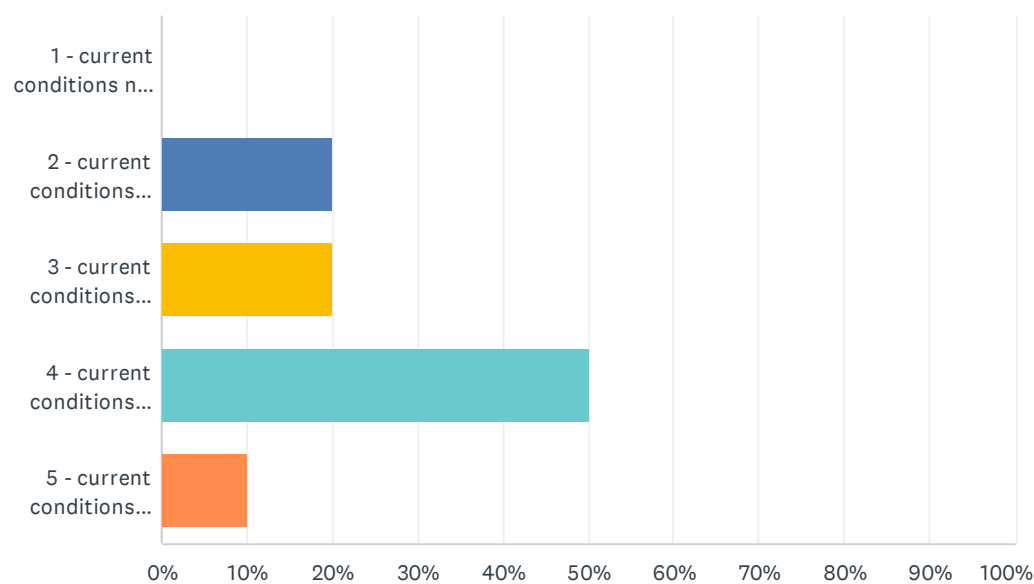
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very dissatisfied - many hazards missing or not explained	0.00%	0
Somewhat dissatisfied - some hazards missing or not fully explained	9.09%	1
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied - most hazards present but not explained satisfactorily	18.18%	2
Somewhat satisfied - most hazards present and explained	45.45%	5
Very satisfied - all hazards included and well explained	27.27%	3
TOTAL		11

Q8 On a scale of 1 - 5, how satisfied are you that the 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update captures the current status of the community, risks, and needs?

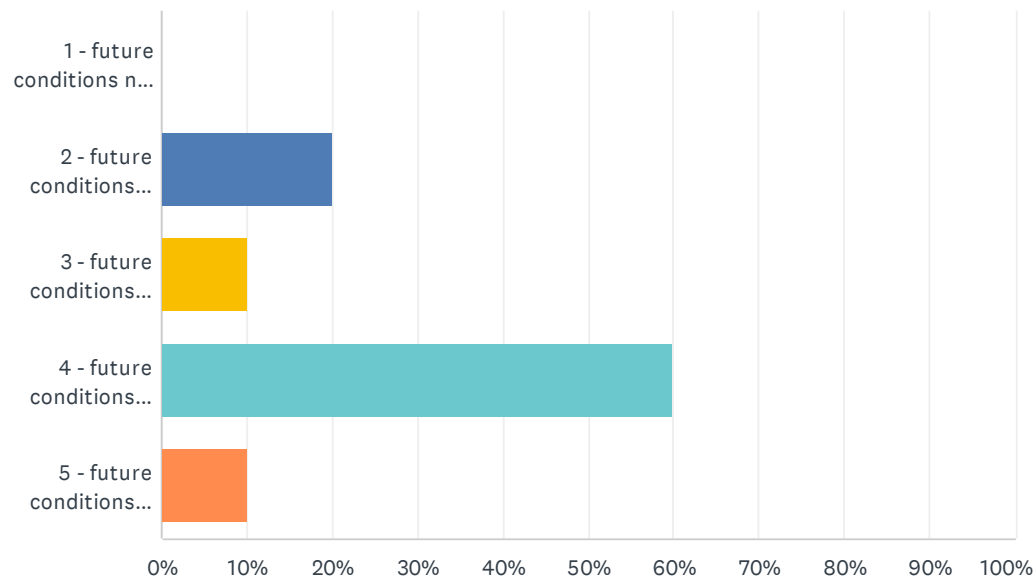
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 - current conditions not accounted for at all	0.00%	0
2 - current conditions mentioned but not accounted for	20.00%	2
3 - current conditions somewhat accounted for	20.00%	2
4 - current conditions mostly accounted for	50.00%	5
5 - current conditions fully accounted for	10.00%	1
TOTAL		10

Q9 On a scale of 1 - 5, how satisfied are you that the 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update projects future conditions?

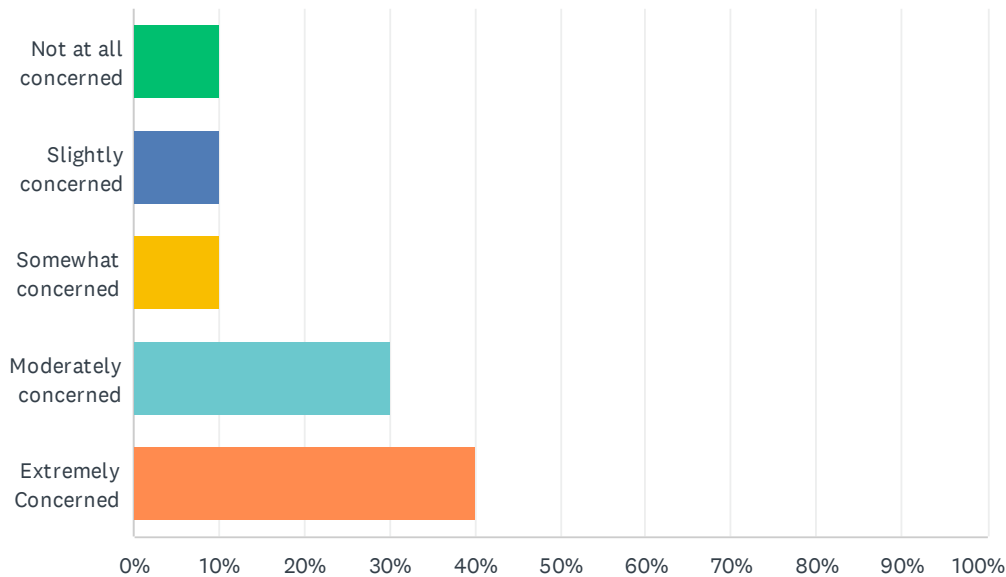
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 - future conditions not accounted for at all	0.00%	0
2 - future conditions mentioned but not accounted for	20.00%	2
3 - future conditions somewhat accounted for	10.00%	1
4 - future conditions mostly accounted for	60.00%	6
5 - future conditions fully accounted for	10.00%	1
TOTAL		10

Q10 How concerned are you about the impact of climate change on future conditions?

Answered: 10 Skipped: 29



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Not at all concerned	10.00%	1
Slightly concerned	10.00%	1
Somewhat concerned	10.00%	1
Moderately concerned	30.00%	3
Extremely Concerned	40.00%	4
TOTAL		10

Q11 Do you have any feedback on the 2024 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update you would like to share? Please describe.

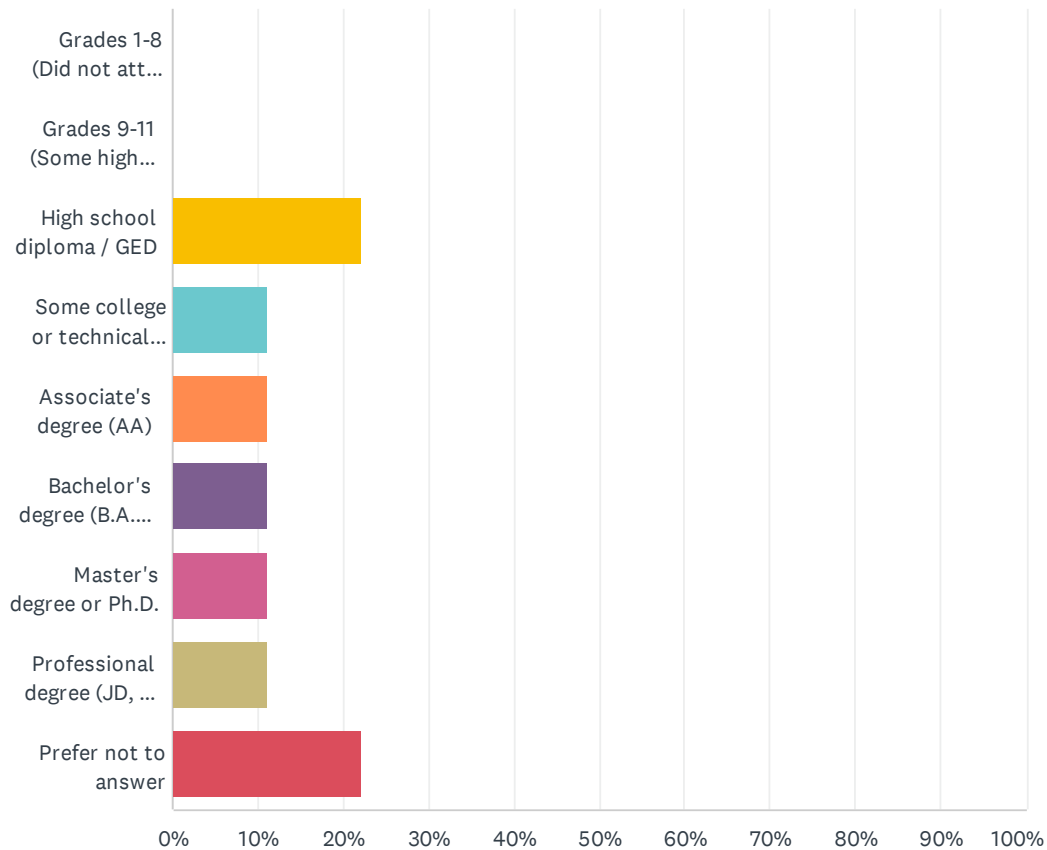
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Q12 Is there anything you would like to see included/discussed in the next update to the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan? Please describe.

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Q13 What is the highest level of education you have attained?

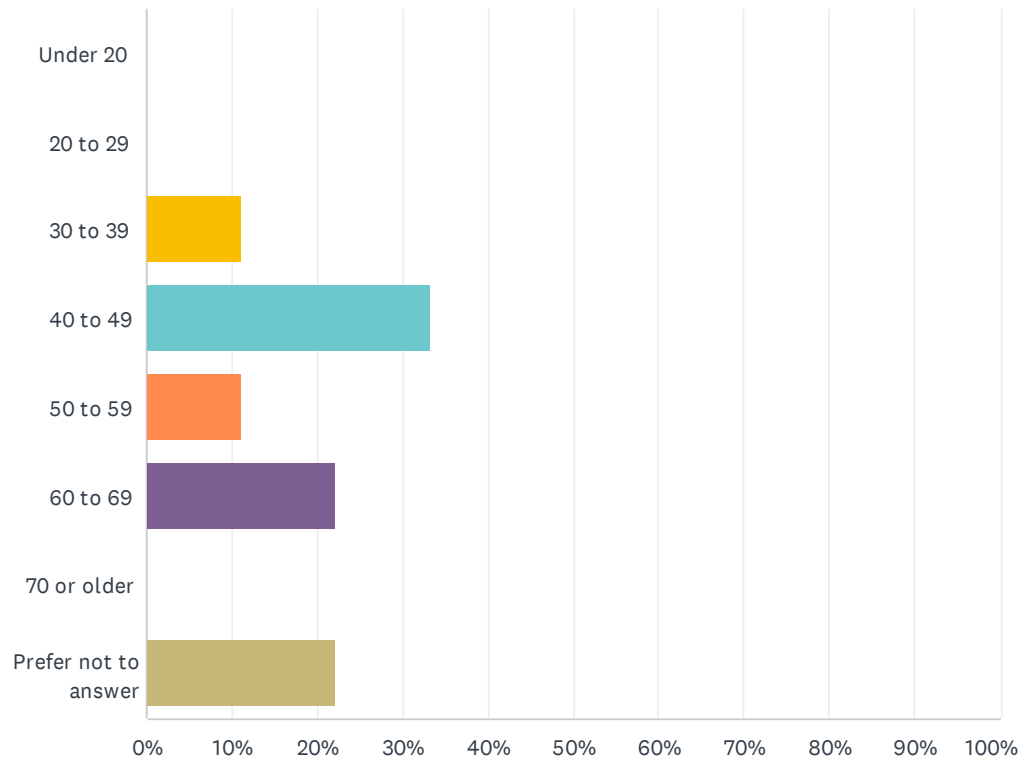
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Grades 1-8 (Did not attend high school)	0.00%	0
Grades 9-11 (Some high school)	0.00%	0
High school diploma / GED	22.22%	2
Some college or technical school	11.11%	1
Associate's degree (AA)	11.11%	1
Bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.)	11.11%	1
Master's degree or Ph.D.	11.11%	1
Professional degree (JD, MD, MBA)	11.11%	1
Prefer not to answer	22.22%	2
TOTAL		9

Q14 What is your age?

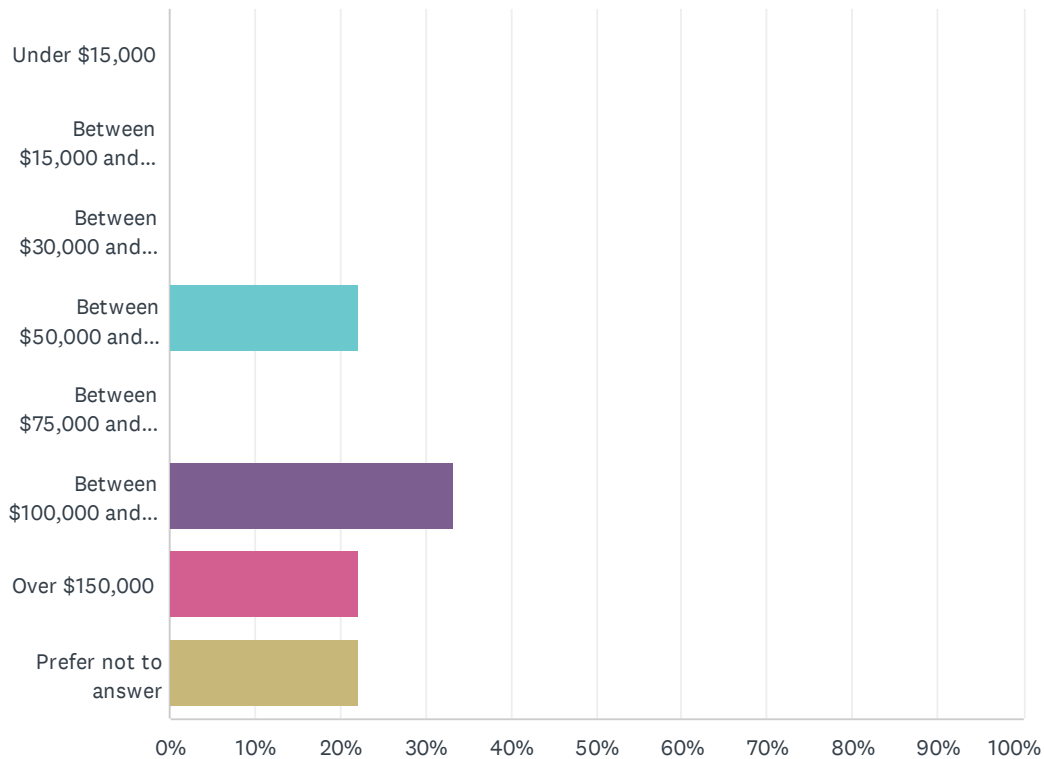
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 20	0.00%	0
20 to 29	0.00%	0
30 to 39	11.11%	1
40 to 49	33.33%	3
50 to 59	11.11%	1
60 to 69	22.22%	2
70 or older	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	22.22%	2
TOTAL		9

Q15 What is your average annual household income? (Before taxes)

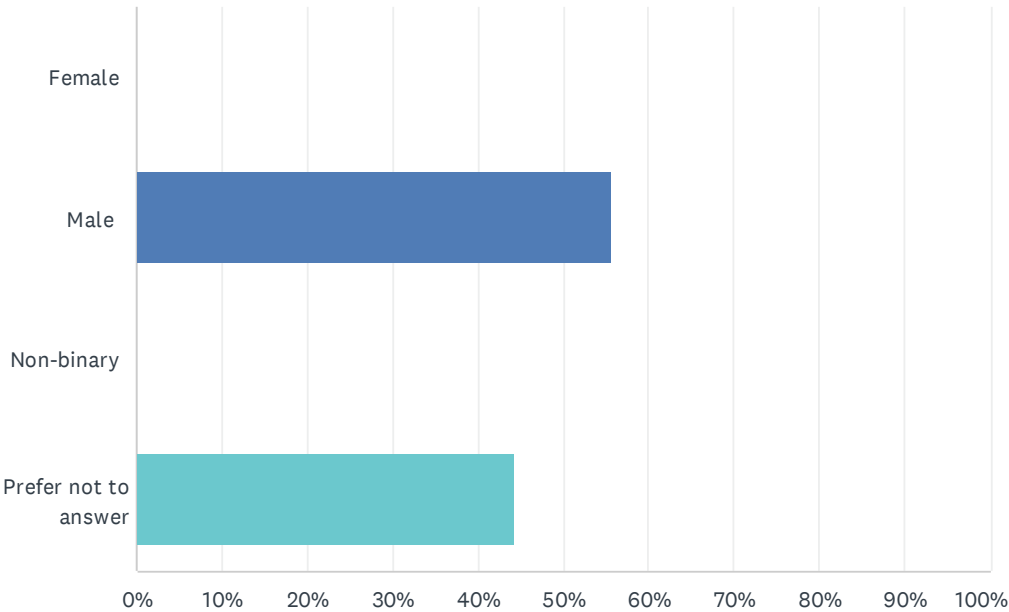
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under \$15,000	0.00%	0
Between \$15,000 and \$29,999	0.00%	0
Between \$30,000 and \$49,999	0.00%	0
Between \$50,000 and \$74,999	22.22%	2
Between \$75,000 and \$99,999	0.00%	0
Between \$100,000 and \$149,999	33.33%	3
Over \$150,000	22.22%	2
Prefer not to answer	22.22%	2
TOTAL		9

Q16 How would you describe your gender?

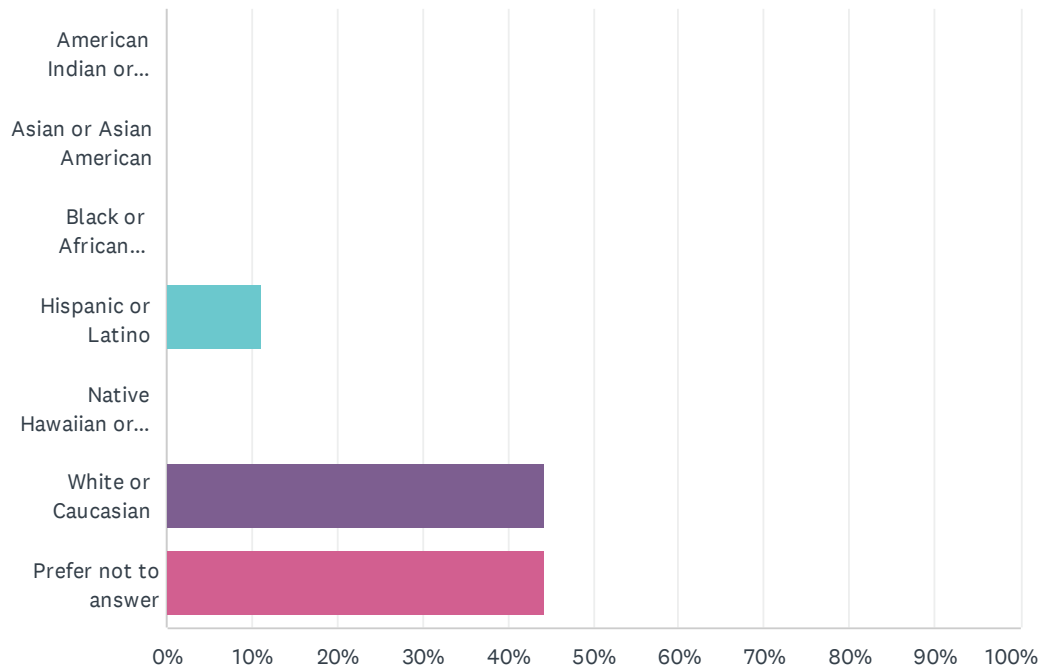
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	0.00%	0
Male	55.56%	5
Non-binary	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	44.44%	4
TOTAL		9

Q17 How would you describe your race? You may select more than one.

Answered: 9 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.00%	0
Asian or Asian American	0.00%	0
Black or African American	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino	11.11%	1
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Local Funding Sources <i>These offer funds at the local level through programs such as bonds, impact fees, etc.</i>	P LR		\$440,000 in outstanding bonds.
Placeholder for additional capability			

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Newsletters <i>These are an outlet for periodic mailings.</i>	  		In place. Published twice a year.

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Permits and Forms <i>These are permits and forms that address the Special Flood Hazard Area.</i>	 		In place. Zoning and building applications, Borough website, and OpenGov portal.
Handouts <i>These are handouts to share at a central location so community members can learn information.</i>	 		In place.
Trained Outreach Staff <i>They are resources to help the public be more confident with mitigation, recovery and response initiatives.</i>	 		None in place. Barriers: Funding, staffing, and technical experience
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Building Codes <i>These are rules that specify standards for built structures.</i> <i>Having higher standards in local building codes can help reduce risk.</i>	 	YES	• Adopted 2018 International Building Codes. • Adopted 2018 International Property Maintenance Code. • Adopted 2009 International Fire Code. ○ Plan to adopt a more current edition of IFC.
Disaster Recovery Plan <i>This identifies the tools, resources and governance that communities may need after a disaster to ensure an expedited recovery.</i>	 	NO	• Continue to work with County and State to improve resources/tools to community. • Challenge: Funding and staffing.
Substantial Damage Management Plan <i>This is a regulatory requirement to assess potential damage to buildings; look at how to mitigate the potential for damage to those buildings; and lay out the strategy to address damage after any hazard event.</i>	 	NO	• Continue to work with County and State to improve resources/tools. • Challenge: Funding and staffing.

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Administrative and Technical	P R IR LR	Yes or No	▪ If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? ▪ If you have this capability: – Do departments have enough staff? – Do staff members understand their post-disaster roles and duties? – Are staff well-trained? – Are there onboarding and training materials for new staff members? – How can capabilities be improved to further reduce risk?
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Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist <i>They provide the ability to access and analyze geospatial data that may affect planning efforts.</i>	IR LR	YES	- Third party who handles creation and maintenance. - Staff has continual access to utilize GIS.

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Grant Administrator and/or Writer <i>They identify grant opportunities, prepare grant applications, and work to meet requirements for secured grants.</i>	IR LR	YES	On staff.
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Handouts <i>These are handouts to share at a central location so community members can learn information.</i>	 	YES	Township and County provided.
Trained Outreach Staff <i>They are resources to help the public be more confident with mitigation, recovery and response initiatives.</i>	 	YES	- MS4. - Public meeting on Stormwater Management and Mitigation projects.

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Emergency Manager They prepare and carry out plans and procedures for responding to natural disasters and emergencies.	P R LR	Y	- APPOINTED. - NOT OVERLY ACTIVE OR COMMUNICATIVE - USE COUNTY OR POLICE/FIRE LOCALLY

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Financial FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program <i>This offers post-disaster funding for facilities. This is capped funding that is competitive across the state.</i> <i>*406 Mitigation only applies to damaged facilities</i>	P R IR LR	Yes or No Y/N	- If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? - If you have this capability: - Have you used the funding resource in the past for post-disaster activities? If so, what type of activities did you use it for? - Could it be used to fund future post-disaster activities? - How does the capability support more resilient rebuilding efforts? What can be done to improve the speed, ease and affordability of these rebuilding efforts? NOT ACTIVE, HOWEVER WE HAVE USED IN THE PAST & WILL APPLY POST-NEXT DISASTER COVID RELIEF WAS LAST FEDERAL AWARD.
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Placeholder for additional capability			

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Grant Administrator and/or Writer They identify grant opportunities, prepare grant applications, and work to meet requirements for secured grants.	IR LR	Y	MANAGER @ COMP TEAM ANALYZE & APPLY FOR GRANTS FIRE DEPT USES A PAID GRANT WRITER
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Permits and Forms These are permits and forms that address the Special Flood Hazard Area.	R IR	Y/N	- ZONING REQUIRES CERTAIN SETBACKS & RULES FROM STREAMS & FLOOD AREAS - STORM WATER REVIEW FOR NEW DEVELOPMENTS
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Trained Outreach Staff They are resources to help the public be more confident with mitigation, recovery and response initiatives.	P LR	N	NOTHING SPECIFIC, HOWEVER. COMP TEAM IS DEVELOPING NEW GOALS & PUBLIC INPUT.
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FEMA Public Assistance <i>This offers post-disaster funding for damaged facilities. There is no cap on this funding; it is non-competitive.</i>	 	No	Not at the Borough level
State Funding Programs <i>These offer funding at the state level to provide mitigation and post-disaster support.</i>	 	No.	Completed bridge repairs and bank stabilization with State funds

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Placeholder for additional capability			

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Education and Outreach	   	Yes or No	▪ If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? ▪ If you have this capability: – Have you used the program/method in the past for post-disaster activities? If so, what type of activities did you use it for? – Can it be used to carry out future post-disaster activities? – How can it be improved to further reduce risk? ▪ For information platforms: – If you have used the platform in the past, did you find any areas to improve on? – Do you have the resources to update the information right after a disaster?
Websites <i>These are an outlet to post information online.</i>	  	Yes	Facebook, social media
Newsletters <i>These are an outlet for periodic mailings.</i>	  	No.	

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Permits and Forms <i>These are permits and forms that address the Special Flood Hazard Area.</i>	 	Yes	
Handouts <i>These are handouts to share at a central location so community members can learn information.</i>	 	Yes.	Looking for more forms to provide to residents.
Trained Outreach Staff <i>They are resources to help the public be more confident with mitigation, recovery and response initiatives.</i>	 	Yes.	
Placeholder for additional capability			

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- 3. Financial:** Financial capabilities include access to or eligibility to use funding resources for hazard mitigation. Think about state and federal funding programs, private and nonprofit resources, and internal funding sources.
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Worksheet

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Planning and Regulatory	P R IR LR	Yes or No	▪ If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? ▪ If you have this capability: – Can you use it to make your community more resilient to disasters? – Does it reflect current standards and best practices? If not, what are the barriers to updating it? – How can it be improved to further reduce risk?
Floodplain Management Regulations <i>These are rules to ensure communities take flood hazards into account in building and land use. For communities taking part in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), these must meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.</i>	P LR	yes	
Building Codes <i>These are rules that specify standards for built structures.</i> <i>Having higher standards in local building codes can help reduce risk.</i>	P LR	yes	Lower Nazareth Township is an opt-in municipality to the PA UCC. The current PA UCC is 2018. We do not have any updates planned.

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Disaster Recovery Plan <i>This identifies the tools, resources and governance that communities may need after a disaster to ensure an expedited recovery.</i>	P LR	No	Barriers: Funding, Staffing, Technical Experience
Substantial Damage Management Plan <i>This is a regulatory requirement to assess potential damage to buildings; look at how to mitigate the potential for damage to those buildings; and lay out the strategy to address damage after any hazard event.</i>	P LR	No	
Placeholder for additional capability			- Act 537 Plan update is underway - Act Amendment to Act 537 for Georgetown ^{Sewer} Manure Installation approved. Saver installation planned for 2024.

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Administrative and Technical	P R IR LR	Yes or No	- If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? - If you have this capability: - Do departments have enough staff? - Do staff members understand their post-disaster roles and duties? - Are staff well-trained? - Are there onboarding and training materials for new staff members? - How can capabilities be improved to further reduce risk?
Building Inspectors They administer and enforce building codes in a jurisdiction.	P R IR	Yes	We employ Barry Isett + Associates as our third-party building inspectors Township has a staff person who serves as the local Building Code official as required by PA UCC. All training is maintained per UCC requirements.
Floodplain Manager They carry out the local floodplain management regulations and make sure the community complies with minimum NFIP standards.	P R IR	Yes	Additional training is needed to properly address duties. Additional staff is needed. One person wears many hats.
Emergency Manager They prepare and carry out plans and procedures for responding to natural disasters and emergencies.	P R LR	Yes	LNT has an appointed Emergency Manager.

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Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist They provide the ability to access and analyze geospatial data that may affect planning efforts.	IR LR	Yes	In addition to township engineer, LNT has staff with GIS skills. Add training is always needed, to stay up to date.
Grant Administrator and/or Writer They identify grant opportunities, prepare grant applications, and work to meet requirements for secured grants.	IR LR	Yes	Township Manager is very skilled at grant writing however assistance may be needed for more technical (CFEHA) grant applications.
Placeholder for additional capability			

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FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program This offers post-disaster funding for facilities. This is capped funding that is competitive across the state. *406 Mitigation only applies to damaged facilities	IR LR	yes	We have not applied for this type of grant but have the ability to apply with some technical assistance.
FEMA Public Assistance This offers post-disaster funding for damaged facilities. There is no cap on this funding; it is non-competitive.	R IR	yes	
State Funding Programs These offer funding at the state level to provide mitigation and post-disaster support.	P LR	yes	

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Local Funding Sources <i>These offer funds at the local level through programs such as bonds, impact fees, etc.</i>	P LR	Yes	We have impact fees for open space and traffic.
Placeholder for additional capability			We have received many grants for improvement projects throughout the township from Northampton County, DCNR, DEEP, PADOT.

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Education and Outreach	P R IR LR	Yes or No	▪ If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? ▪ If you have this capability: – Have you used the program/method in the past for post-disaster activities? If so, what type of activities did you use it for? – Can it be used to carry out future post-disaster activities? – How can it be improved to further reduce risk? ▪ For information platforms: – If you have used the platform in the past, did you find any areas to improve on? – Do you have the resources to update the information right after a disaster?
Websites These are an outlet to post information online.	P R IR	Yes	We have a website, Facebook and Nixle which we use to communicate information to the public.
Newsletters These are an outlet for periodic mailings.	P R IR	Yes	We publish a newsletter twice a year which includes community updates, snow info, and flooding info ± 1/year.

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Permits and Forms These are permits and forms that address the Special Flood Hazard Area.	R IR	Yes	We have an application for development in the floodplain
Handouts These are handouts to share at a central location so community members can learn information.	R IR	Yes	We have many handouts available in our lobby from a variety of sources. We sometimes create our own if needed.
Trained Outreach Staff They are resources to help the public be more confident with mitigation, recovery and response initiatives.	P LR	Yes	
Placeholder for additional capability			

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Floodplain Management Regulations <i>These are rules to ensure communities take flood hazards into account in building and land use. For communities taking part in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), these must meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.</i>	P LR	Yes	The Borough utilizes LVPC, DCNR and NPDES permitting process for new construction and Land Development.
Building Codes <i>These are rules that specify standards for built structures. Having higher standards in local building codes can help reduce risk.</i>	P LR	Yes	The Borough utilizes Keycodes as its building code inspections. The Borough had adopted the UCC and Property International Maintenance Code.

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Disaster Recovery Plan <i>This identifies the tools, resources and governance that communities may need after a disaster to ensure an expedited recovery.</i>	 	Yes	The Borough utilizes PEMA and FEMA guidance in developing a Disaster Recovery Plan
Substantial Damage Management Plan <i>This is a regulatory requirement to assess potential damage to buildings; look at how to mitigate the potential for damage to those buildings; and lay out the strategy to address damage after any hazard event.</i>	 	Yes	The Borough utilizes the PEMA Substantial Improvements/Substantial Damages Toolkit Limited exposure as only a handful of residences and business located in historic flood plain
Placeholder for additional capability		No	Continuity of Operations Plans needed for Borough Government and the Borough's emergency service provider

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Building Inspectors <i>They administer and enforce building codes in a jurisdiction.</i>	P R IR	Yes	Keycodes Inspection Agency
Floodplain Manager <i>They carry out the local floodplain management regulations and make sure the community complies with minimum NFIP standards.</i>	P R IR	Yes	
Emergency Manager <i>They prepare and carry out plans and procedures for responding to natural disasters and emergencies.</i>	P R LR	Yes	The Borough has an Emergency Management Coordinator responsible for developing and updating the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan and mitigating, planning, responding and recovering from all hazards that may impact the Borough of Tatamy

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Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist <i>They provide the ability to access and analyze geospatial data that may affect planning efforts.</i>	IR LR		GIS is in progress
Grant Administrator and/or Writer <i>They identify grant opportunities, prepare grant applications, and work to meet requirements for secured grants.</i>	IR LR	In Place	The Borough Manager, Mayor and Borough Council identify grant opportunities and prepare grant applications
Placeholder for additional capability			

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FEMA Public Assistance <i>This offers post-disaster funding for damaged facilities. There is no cap on this funding; it is non-competitive.</i>	 	No	The most recent disaster damages have not met federal thresholds for acquiring FEMA Public Assistance. Business had to rely on Small Business Administration assistance

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Newsletters <i>These are an outlet for periodic mailings.</i>	P R IR	Yes	The Borough has a published newsletter at https://www.tatamypa.com/pdf/newsletter.pdf

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Permits and Forms <i>These are permits and forms that address the Special Flood Hazard Area.</i>	 	No	There are not Special Flood Hazard Areas
Handouts <i>These are handouts to share at a central location so community members can learn information.</i>	 	Yes	The Borough Office is accessible for handouts for information
Trained Outreach Staff <i>They are resources to help the public be more confident with mitigation, recovery and response initiatives.</i>	 	No	
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Floodplain Management Regulations <i>These are rules to ensure communities take flood hazards into account in building and land use. For communities taking part in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), these must meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements.</i>	P LR	YES	The Wilson Borough Floodplain administer is responsible for issuing building permits after determining that work is in conformance with at least minimum standards of floodplain regulations provided by NFIP, according to section § 110-6 Issuance of building permits of the Wilson Borough Code.
Building Codes <i>These are rules that specify standards for built structures. Having higher standards in local building codes can help reduce risk.</i>	P LR	YES	Current ordinance passed in 2010 for adopting and using the 2009 International Building Code. Will be investigating adopting the 2018 code series.

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Disaster Recovery Plan <i>This identifies the tools, resources and governance that communities may need after a disaster to ensure an expedited recovery.</i>	 	NO	Lack of staffing and funding are the main barriers to implementing a Disaster Recovery Plan.
Substantial Damage Management Plan <i>This is a regulatory requirement to assess potential damage to buildings; look at how to mitigate the potential for damage to those buildings; and lay out the strategy to address damage after any hazard event.</i>	 	NO	Lack of staffing and funding are the main barriers to implementing a Substantial Disaster Management Plan.
Placeholder for additional capability			

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Administrative and Technical	   		
Building Inspectors <i>They administer and enforce building codes in a jurisdiction.</i>	  	YES	Wilson Borough contracts with Barry Isett and Associates as a third party for all code inspection and plan review.
Floodplain Manager <i>They carry out the local floodplain management regulations and make sure the community complies with minimum NFIP standards.</i>	  	YES	Wilson Borough contracts with T and M Associates as a third party for all planning, zoning, and Floodplain management.
Emergency Manager <i>They prepare and carry out plans and procedures for responding to natural disasters and emergencies.</i>	  	YES	Wilson Borough employs both an Emergency Manager and a Deputy Emergency Manager.

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Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Specialist <i>They provide the ability to access and analyze geospatial data that may affect planning efforts.</i>	IR LR	YES	Wilson Borough contracts with T and M Associates as a third party who have the ability to access and analyze geospatial data.
Grant Administrator and/or Writer <i>They identify grant opportunities, prepare grant applications, and work to meet requirements for secured grants.</i>	IR LR	YES	Wilson Borough staff manage most small grant opportunities requests. For larger grants, T and M Associates assists with grant writing.
Placeholder for additional capability			

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FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program <i>This offers post-disaster funding for facilities. This is capped funding that is competitive across the state.</i> <i>*406 Mitigation only applies to damaged facilities</i>	 	YES	For larger type projects Wilson Borough staff would work with T and M associates for any grant funding.
FEMA Public Assistance <i>This offers post-disaster funding for damaged facilities. There is no cap on this funding; it is non-competitive.</i>	 	YES	In the past Wilson Borough staff have received funding for winter storms and hurricanes.
State Funding Programs <i>These offer funding at the state level to provide mitigation and post-disaster support.</i>	 	YES	Wilson Borough staff manage most small funding requests. For larger funding requests, T and M Associates would assist.

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Local Funding Sources <i>These offer funds at the local level through programs such as bonds, impact fees, etc.</i>	P LR	NO	Local funding sources have usually been used for small clean up or repairs of Wilson Borough owned roads and properties.
Placeholder for additional capability			

Capability Type	Phase	In Place?	Evaluate Your Community's Capability
Education and Outreach	P R IR LR	Yes or No	▪ If you do <u>not</u> have this capability, what are the barriers to having it (funding, staffing, technical experience, etc.)? ▪ If you have this capability: – Have you used the program/method in the past for post-disaster activities? If so, what type of activities did you use it for? – Can it be used to carry out future post-disaster activities? – How can it be improved to further reduce risk? ▪ For information platforms: – If you have used the platform in the past, did you find any areas to improve on? – Do you have the resources to update the information right after a disaster?
Websites <i>These are an outlet to post information online.</i>	P R IR	YES	Wilson Borough has a municipal website that is updated often with pertinent information for residents. Wilson Borough has used both their website and Facebook page in the past for disseminating information regarding storms and power outages.
Newsletters <i>These are an outlet for periodic mailings.</i>	P R IR	YES	Wilson Borough publishes and mails out a bi-annual newsletter (also available on the website). The newsletter allows officials and department heads (Police, Fire, and Public Works) the ability to communicate with residents any upcoming projects or special programs that residents might be eligible for.

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Permits and Forms <i>These are permits and forms that address the Special Flood Hazard Area.</i>	 	YES	All permits and forms can be requested from the Wilson Borough office. Most questions would be passed on to T and M Associates who are employed as a third-party engineering company.
Handouts <i>These are handouts to share at a central location so community members can learn information.</i>	 	YES	Handouts are handed out at community events such as the community fair. Handouts are often printed out from Northampton County, state, and federal sources.
Trained Outreach Staff <i>They are resources to help the public be more confident with mitigation, recovery and response initiatives.</i>	 	YES	The Wilson Borough emergency manager and deputy manager, along with Wilson Borough and Northampton County staff are able to assist and guide residents through the mitigation, recovery, and response initiatives.

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Placeholder for additional capability			



Goal and Objective Review Worksheet

Community/Organization: Borough of Alburtis

Name and Title: Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager

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Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
Goal 1: Minimize the risk to human life associated with natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Create a better understanding among the public and local governments of the benefits and opportunities associated with hazard mitigation planning and actions.	<i>Overall a better Strategic Awareness campaign could potentially benefit the greater community</i>
	2. Continuously promote and maintain better early warning and emergency communications.	<i>No comment; Agree with Proposed goal</i>
	3. Provide added protection for vulnerable populations.	<i>No comment</i>
Goal 2: Promote hazard avoidance, especially in floodplains.	1. Minimize future risk of losses associated with structures, including repetitive loss structures.	<i>No Additional Comment, Agree</i>
	2. Reduce flooding potential through planning, training, and outreach.	<i>No Additional Comment, Agree</i>
	3. Encourage and facilitate the development or revision of comprehensive plans and zoning/land use ordinances to limit development in high-hazard areas.	<i>Completely Agree; No Addition comment</i>
Goal 3: Reduce the damages and functional loss from natural and non-natural hazards to existing and future public and private assets, including structures, critical facilities, and infrastructure.	1. Identify the current risks of critical facilities and infrastructure from hazards, and determine actions to lessen those risks in the future.	<i>Completely Agree</i>
	2. Encourage and/or perform regular maintenance and upgrades of existing drainage systems potentially impacting critical facilities.	<i>No Additional comment</i>
	3. Encourage and/or provide backup power resources (generators) for critical facilities.	<i>No Additional comment</i>
	4. Encourage and/or perform maintenance and updates to reduce long-term vulnerability to high hazard potential dams.	<i>No Additional comment</i>

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Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
Goal 4: Preserve and enhance the effectiveness of natural resources, including woodlands, streams, rivers, wetlands, floodplains and riparian buffers to provide resiliency benefits.	1. Encourage and/or provide maintenance and restoration of streams and rivers and associated floodplains to naturally provide flood mitigation.	Agree this should be a priority
	2. Encourage regulation of and/or regulate development in priority conservation areas, including floodplains, to minimize flood damage.	Agree with this proposed goal; no Additional Comment.
Goal 5: Develop, prioritize, and implement cost-effective, long-term actions that will reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Thoroughly assess the community, established capabilities, and identify specific cost-effective actions for improvement, relative to existing and future hazard risks.	No Additional Comments
	2. Establish mitigation action priorities, encourage, and track progress.	No Additional Comments
Goal 6: Improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Better integrate hazard mitigation planning with comprehensive planning and land use regulations.	No Additional Comments
	2. Identify and promote "best practices" for municipal regulation of land use in zoning and subdivision ordinances and official maps.	No Additional Comments
	3. Encourage proactive planning for potential hazard events and potential related property damage.	No Additional Comments
	4. Incorporate hazard mitigation planning into existing municipal policy.	No Additional Comments
Goal 7: Enhance planning and emergency response efforts among federal, state, county, and local emergency management personnel to protect public health and safety.	1. Continually improve communication capabilities, training, and coordination for hazard events.	No Additional Comments
	2. Continually improve the planning for shelters, evacuation routes, and disaster recovery.	No Additional Comments
	3. Continue the promotion of disaster resiliency in the business community.	No Additional Comments
	4. Maintain and/or upgrade emergency response equipment and resources.	No Additional Comments

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Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
Goal 8: Improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Encourage and/or provide education and outreach to increase awareness of hazards and opportunities for mitigation.	
	2. Encourage and/or provide public education programs for businesses, households, and individuals on mitigation, safety measures, and preparedness.	
New Goal:	<i>New Objective 1:</i>	
	<i>New Objective 2:</i>	
	<i>New Objective 3:</i>	
	<i>New Objective 4:</i>	



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Gary Krill EMC

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Community/Organization: City of Bethlehem

Name and Title: Bob NOVATNACK EM Director

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	2. Continuously promote and maintain better early warning and emergency communications.	
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	New Objective 2: LOCATION OF ENCAMPMENTS	A.) IN ACCESSIBLE B.) IN FLOOD ZONES
	New Objective 3:	
	New Objective 4:	



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Community/Organization: **CITY OF EASTON**

Name and Title: **CARL A. MANGES PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR**

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Community/Organization: CITY OF EASTON Name and Title: DWAYNE TILMAN ZONING ADMIN.

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Community/Organization: Hanover Township, PA Name and Title: Chris Spadaccia EMC

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Community/Organization: LEHIGH TWP NORCO Name and Title: SCOTT REHELL EMC

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Community/Organization:

Lehigh County Authority

Name and Title:

Liesel Gross, CEO

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Community/Organization: N. CATASAUGUA Borough
E.M.A.

Name and Title: Greg Scheiner EMC.

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	2. Continuously promote and maintain better early warning and emergency communications.	A Top priority.
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Goal 2: Promote hazard avoidance, especially in floodplains.	1. Minimize future risk of losses associated with structures, including repetitive loss structures.	Good Goal Good GOAL.
	2. Reduce flooding potential through planning, training, and outreach.	ALREADY DO
	3. Encourage and facilitate the development or revision of comprehensive plans and zoning/land use ordinances to limit development in high-hazard areas.	" "
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	3. Encourage and/or provide backup power resources (generators) for critical facilities.	THIS IS A MUST DO PROJECT.
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	3. Encourage proactive planning for potential hazard events and potential related property damage.	Top Priority
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	3. Continue the promotion of disaster resiliency in the business community.	N/A.
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Community/Organization: TATAMY BOROUGH

Name and Title: DONALD BERGMAN - EMC

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	2. Continuously promote and maintain better early warning and emergency communications.	
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Goal 2: Promote hazard avoidance, especially in floodplains.	1. Minimize future risk of losses associated with structures, including repetitive loss structures.	
	2. Reduce flooding potential through planning, training, and outreach.	
	3. Encourage and facilitate the development or revision of comprehensive plans and zoning/land use ordinances to limit development in high-hazard areas.	
Goal 3: Reduce the damages and functional loss from natural and non-natural hazards to existing and future public and private assets, including structures, critical facilities, and infrastructure.	1. Identify the current risks of critical facilities and infrastructure from hazards, and determine actions to lessen those risks in the future.	
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	4. Encourage and/or perform maintenance and updates to reduce long-term vulnerability to high hazard potential dams.	

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Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
Goal 4: Preserve and enhance the effectiveness of natural resources, including woodlands, streams, rivers, wetlands, floodplains and riparian buffers to provide resiliency benefits.	1. Encourage and/or provide maintenance and restoration of streams and rivers and associated floodplains to naturally provide flood mitigation.	
	2. Encourage regulation of and/or regulate development in priority conservation areas, including floodplains, to minimize flood damage.	
Goal 5: Develop, prioritize, and implement cost-effective, long-term actions that will reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Thoroughly assess the community, established capabilities, and identify specific cost-effective actions for improvement, relative to existing and future hazard risks.	
	2. Establish mitigation action priorities, encourage, and track progress.	
Goal 6: Improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Better integrate hazard mitigation planning with comprehensive planning and land use regulations.	
	2. Identify and promote “best practices” for municipal regulation of land use in zoning and subdivision ordinances and official maps.	
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	4. Incorporate hazard mitigation planning into existing municipal policy.	
Goal 7: Enhance planning and emergency response efforts among federal, state, county, and local emergency management personnel to protect public health and safety.	1. Continually improve communication capabilities, training, and coordination for hazard events.	
	2. Continually improve the planning for shelters, evacuation routes, and disaster recovery.	
	3. Continue the promotion of disaster resiliency in the business community.	
	4. Maintain and/or upgrade emergency response equipment and resources.	

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Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
Goal 8: Improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Encourage and/or provide education and outreach to increase awareness of hazards and opportunities for mitigation.	
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New Goal:	<i>New Objective 1:</i>	
	<i>New Objective 2:</i>	
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	<i>New Objective 4:</i>	



Goal and Objective Review Worksheet

Community/Organization:

Upper Merion Township

Name and Title:

Peter Christ Fire Commissioner

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Goal and Objective Review Worksheet

Community/Organization: WEISENBERG

Name and Title: FRANK BARTHOLOMEW EINC

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Community/Organization:	Borough of Bangor	Name and Title:	Stephen Reider, Borough Manager
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Community/Organization:	Lower Mount Bethel	Name and Title:	Jennifer Smethers, Township Manager/Treasurer/EMC
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	2. Reduce flooding potential through planning, training, and outreach.	
	3. Encourage and facilitate the development or revision of comprehensive plans and zoning/land use ordinances to limit development in high-hazard areas.	
Goal 3: Reduce the damages and functional loss from natural and non-natural hazards to existing and future public and private assets, including	1. Identify the current risks of critical facilities and infrastructure from hazards, and determine actions to lessen those risks in the future.	For goal 3, maybe add equipment
	2. Encourage and/or perform regular maintenance and upgrades of existing drainage systems potentially impacting critical facilities.	
	3. Encourage and/or provide backup power resources (generators) for critical facilities.	

Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
structures, critical facilities, and infrastructure.	4. Encourage and/or perform maintenance and updates to reduce long-term vulnerability to high hazard potential dams.	
Goal 4: Preserve and enhance the effectiveness of natural resources, including woodlands, streams, rivers, wetlands, floodplains and riparian buffers to provide resiliency benefits.	1. Encourage and/or provide maintenance and restoration of streams and rivers and associated floodplains to naturally provide flood mitigation.	
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Proposed Goals and Objectives		Comments
management personnel to protect public health and safety.	4. Maintain and/or upgrade emergency response equipment and resources.	Identify grant sources to do this.
Goal 8: Improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Encourage and/or provide education and outreach to increase awareness of hazards and opportunities for mitigation.	
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New Goal:	New Objective 1:	
	New Objective 2:	
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Goal and Objective Review Worksheet

Joseph Sipel Fire Chief

Community/Organization:	Borough of Wilson	Name and Title:	
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	2. Continuously promote and maintain better early warning and emergency communications.	No Change
	3. Provide added protection for vulnerable populations.	No Change
Goal 2: Promote hazard avoidance, especially in floodplains.	1. Minimize future risk of losses associated with structures, including repetitive loss structures.	No Change
	2. Reduce flooding potential through planning, training, and outreach.	No Change
	3. Encourage and facilitate the development or revision of comprehensive plans and zoning/land use ordinances to limit development in high-hazard areas.	No Change
Goal 3: Reduce the damages and functional loss from natural and non-natural hazards to existing and future public and private assets, including structures, critical facilities, and infrastructure.	1. Identify the current risks of critical facilities and infrastructure from hazards, and determine actions to lessen those risks in the future.	No Change
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	3. Encourage and/or provide backup power resources (generators) for critical facilities.	No Change
	4. Encourage and/or perform maintenance and updates to reduce long-term vulnerability to high hazard potential dams.	No Change

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Goal 6: Improve local regulations to reduce the impacts of natural and non-natural hazards.	1. Better integrate hazard mitigation planning with comprehensive planning and land use regulations.	No Change
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	2. Continually improve the planning for shelters, evacuation routes, and disaster recovery.	No Change
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	4. Maintain and/or upgrade emergency response equipment and resources.	No Change

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New Goal:	<i>New Objective 1:</i>	
	<i>New Objective 2:</i>	
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Hazard Prioritization Matrix

Community/Organization: Borough of Alburtis

Name and Title: Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager

Purpose: To determine the Risk Factor (RF) for each hazard.

Instructions: Review the Risk Factor calculations in the table below from the 2018 plan, which are based on the Degree of Risk definitions provided on the back of the worksheet. If you believe any of these risk factors need to be updated, please make note of those requested changes in the Notes column, the Comments space provided below, or directly in the table.

Natural Hazards	Probability	Impact	Extent	Warning	Duration	Notes
Extreme Temperature	3	3	3	1	3	Agree with rankings
Flood	4	2	2	3	3	Agree with rankings
Winter Storm	3	2	4	2	2	Agree with rankings
Windstorm / Tornado	23	3	3	3	2	Feel like windstorms are becoming more frequent
Invasive Species	4	1	3	1	4	Feel like this is accurate
Drought	2	2	4	1	4	Agree with rankings
Pandemic/Infectious Disease	3	23	23	22	4	Feel like on the rise with climate change
Radon	4	1	2	1	4	Agree with the rankings
Subsidence / Sinkhole	3	2	1	4	1	Agree with the rankings, but on the rise
Wildfire	2	2	2	3	2	Agree with rankings, but on the rise
Lightning	4	1	1	3	1	Agree with rankings
Earthquake	1	1	4	4	1	Agree with the rankings
Hailstorm	2	1	2	3	1	Agree with the rankings
Landslide	1	1	1	4	1	Agree with the rankings

Comments:

Flood; I believe one of the Biggest problems on the rise is people not obeying warning signs; then getting stuck in Flooded roadways
 Infectious Disease; I believe this will be more frequent with the rapid changes to our climate.
 overall - I believe many of these hazards can coincide with others as like a causal effect category; the extreme temps
 have potential to increase the rates of droughts, wildfires, infectious Diseases, Sinkholes, and Floods.

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Risk Assessment Category	Degree of Risk			Weight Value
	Level	Criteria	Index	
Probability: What is the likelihood of a hazard event occurring in a given year?	Unlikely	Less than 1% annual probability	1	30%
	Possible	Between 1% and 49.9% annual probability	2	
	Likely	Between 50% and 90% annual probability	3	
	Highly Likely	Greater than 90% annual probability	4	
Impact: In terms of injuries, damage, or death, would you anticipate impacts to be minor, limited, critical, or catastrophic when a significant hazard event occurs?	Minor	Very few injuries, if any. Only minor property damage and minimal disruption on quality of life. Temporary shutdown of critical facilities.	1	30%
	Limited	Minor injuries. More than 10% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for more than one day.	2	
	Critical	Multiple deaths / injuries possible. More than 25% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for more than a week.	3	
	Catastrophic	High number of deaths / injuries possible. More than 50% of property in affected area damaged or destroyed. Complete shutdown of critical facilities for 30 days or more.	4	
Spatial Extent: How large of an area could be impacted by a hazard event? Are impacts localized or regional?	Negligible	Less than 1% of area affected	1	20%
	Small	Between 1% and 10.9% of area affected	2	
	Moderate	Between 11% and 25% of area affected	3	
	Large	Greater than 25% of area affected	4	
Warning Time: Is there usually some lead-time associated with the hazard event? Have warning measures been implemented?	More than 24 hours	Self-Defined	1	10%
	12 to 24 hours	Self-Defined	2	
	6 to 12 hours	Self-Defined	3	
	Less than 6 hours	Self-Defined	4	
Duration: How long does the hazard event usually last?	Less than 6 hours	Self-Defined	1	10%
	Less than 24 hours	Self-Defined	2	
	Less than 1 week	Self-Defined	3	
	More than 1 week	Self-Defined	4	

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Hazard Prioritization Matrix

Community/Organization: Borough of Bangor

Name and Title: Stephen Reider, Borough Manager

Purpose: To determine the Risk Factor (RF) for each hazard.

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Winter Storm	3	2	4	2	2	
Windstorm / Tornado	2	3	3	3	2	
Invasive Species	4	1	3	1	4	
Drought	2	2	4	1	4	
Pandemic/Infectious Disease	3	2	2	1	4	
Radon	4	1	2	1	4	
Subsidence / Sinkhole	3	2	1	4	1	
Wildfire	2	2	2	3	2	
Lightning	4	1	1	3	1	
Earthquake	1	1	4	4	1	
Hailstorm	2	1	2	3	1	
Landslide	1	1	1	4	1	

Comments:

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Hazard Prioritization Matrix

Community/Organization: Hanover Township LC

Name and Title: Chris Spadaccia EMC

Purpose: To determine the Risk Factor (RF) for each hazard.

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Windstorm / Tornado	2	3	3	3	2	
Invasive Species	4	1	3	1	4	
Drought	2	2	4	1	4	
Pandemic/Infectious Disease	3	2	2	1	4	
Radon	4	1	2	1	4	
Subsidence / Sinkhole	<u>4</u>	2	1	4	<u>2</u>	
Wildfire	2	2	2	3	2	
Lightning	4	1	1	3	1	
Earthquake	1	1	4	4	1	
Hailstorm	2	1	2	3	1	
Landslide	1	1	1	4	1	

Comments:



Hazard Prioritization Matrix

Community/Organization:

Lehigh County Authority

Name and Title:

Liesel Gross, CEO

Purpose: To determine the Risk Factor (RF) for each hazard.

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Winter Storm	3	2	4	2	2	
Windstorm / Tornado	2	3	3	3	2	
Invasive Species	4	1	3	1	4	
Drought	2	2	4	1	4	
Pandemic/Infectious Disease	3	② 3	2	① 3	4	expand impact / warning - my
Radon	4	1	2	1	4	lead time but
Subsidence / Sinkhole	3	2	1	4	1	nearly immediate
Wildfire	2	2	2	3	2	need to respond
Lightning	4	1	1	3	1	based on state
Earthquake	1	1	4	4	1	federal declaration
Hailstorm	2	1	2	3	1	
Landslide	1	1	1	4	1	

Comments:

1/18/24
Tom will send updates

Hazard Risk	Human-made (or Other) Hazards	Probability	Impact	Extend	Warning	Duration	Risk Factor
	Environmental Hazards						
	Utility Interruption						
*	Gas / Liquid Pipelines	4	2	2	4	2	
	Drug Overdose						
	Urban Fire / Explosion						
	Transportation Crashes						
	Building Collapse						
	Civil Disturbance (Mass-Gathering)						
	Dam Failure						
	Levee Failure						
	Terrorism						
*	Cyber-Terrorism	4	3	3	4	4	
	Nuclear Incident						

13 TOTAL Hazards

- added Gas / Liquid Pipelines
- edited Mass Gathering to Civil Disturbance
- added Explosion to Urban Fire



Hazard Prioritization Matrix

Community/Organization: Lower Mount Bethel Township

Name and Title: Jennifer Smethers, Manager/EMC

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Winter Storm	3	2	4	2	2	
Windstorm / Tornado	2	3	3	3	2	
Invasive Species	4	1	3	1	4	
Drought	2	2	4	1	4	
Pandemic/Infectious Disease	3	2	2	1	4	Prob - 2
Radon	4	1	2	1	4	
Subsidence / Sinkhole	3	2	1	4	1	Impact - 3
Wildfire	2	2	2	3	2	
Lightning	4	1	1	3	1	
Earthquake	1	1	4	4	1	
Hailstorm	2	1	2	3	1	Prob - 3
Landslide	1	1	1	4	1	Prob -2, Extent 2

Comments:

We have steep slopes along road that have had landslides and they are very likely to continue with impacts on roads, stream and access.

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Name and Title: DONALD DERGMU - EMC

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Comments:

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Hazard Prioritization Matrix

Community/Organization: Wiseen Berg

Name and Title: FRANK BARTHOLOMEW EMC

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Subsidence / Sinkhole	3 ↓	2	1	4	1	Extent ↑, many properties impacted Probability ↓, likely 2
Wildfire	2	2	2	3	2	
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Comments:



Hazard Prioritization Matrix

Joseph Sipel Fire Chief

Community/Organization:	Borough of Wilson	Name and Title:	
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Community/Organization: Borough of Alburtis

Name and Title: Stephen Nemeth, Borough Manager

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Capability and Capacity Building	Improve post-disaster capabilities, including processing FEMA/PEMA paperwork and qualified damage assessment personnel	5
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Community/Organization:

Allen Twp

Name and Title:

Gary Krill EME

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Community/Organization: city of Bethlehem Name and Title: Bob Novakowack Em

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Name and Title: **DWAYNE TILLMAN
Zoning Admin.**

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Name and Title: **CARL A. MANGES PLANNING**
ADMINISTRATOR

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	Increase emergency notifications, communication, and traffic control capabilities	4
	Conduct and facilitate community and public outreach for residents and businesses to promote hazard risk reduction	3
Human-Caused Hazard Action Categories	Conduct hazardous materials mitigation projects, including inventories, planning, education, and certifications	3
	Reduce risk associated with high-hazard potential dams	3
	Reduce risk associated with other dams and levees	2
Other Natural Hazard Categories	Replace or retrofit bridges	3
	Reduce risk associated with wildfire	1
	Install backup power at critical facilities	1
	Conduct other non-flood-related retrofits of critical facilities	1
	Work to minimize tree/electric line conflicts	1
	Conduct geotechnical/sinkhole evaluation (adopt construction standards, remediation)	4
	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	2

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Community/Organization: Hanover Township LC Name and Title: Chris Spadaccia EMC

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	Conduct storm drainage and flooding projects at non-critical facilities	1
	Restore or stabilize streams and floodplain	1
NFIP Compliance	Create opportunities for continuing education and certifications for Floodplain Administrators	1
	Participate in the Community Rating System	1
	Obtain/archive elevation certificates	1
	Maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, including enforcement of floodplain management requirements, floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach	1
	Begin and/or continue the process of adopting higher regulation of floodplains and carbonate bedrock areas	1
Capability and Capacity Building	Improve post-disaster capabilities, including processing FEMA/PEMA paperwork and qualified damage assessment personnel	3
	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations	3
	Continue to support implementation, monitoring, maintenance and updating of the plan	3
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	None —	

Strategy Assessment Survey



Community/Organization:

LEHIGH TWP NORCO

Name and Title:

SCOTT REHRIG EMC

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	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	

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Community/Organization: Lehigh Twp

Name and Title: Michael Rehny Deputy EMC

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	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	

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Strategy Assessment Survey



Community/Organization:	Lower Mount Bethel	Name and Title:	Jennifer Smethers, Manager/EMC
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Flood Mitigation	Retrofit structures in flood-prone areas, with emphasis on repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties	5
	Conduct storm drainage and flood control projects at critical facilities, including relocation	5
	Conduct storm drainage and flooding projects at non-critical facilities	2
	Restore or stabilize streams and floodplain	4
NFIP Compliance	Create opportunities for continuing education and certifications for Floodplain Administrators	3
	Participate in the Community Rating System	3
	Obtain/archive elevation certificates	3
	Maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, including enforcement of floodplain management requirements, floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach	5
	Begin and/or continue the process of adopting higher regulation of floodplains and carbonate bedrock areas	4
Capability and Capacity Building	Improve post-disaster capabilities, including processing FEMA/PEMA paperwork and qualified damage assessment personnel	5
	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations	4
	Continue to support implementation, monitoring, maintenance and updating of the plan	3
	Work with regional agencies to develop damage assessment capabilities through training programs, certification of qualified individuals such as floodplain managers	4
	Integrate hazard mitigation into local plans and ordinances	3
	Increase emergency notifications, communication, and traffic control capabilities	3
	Conduct and facilitate community and public outreach for residents and businesses to promote hazard risk reduction	3
Human-Caused Hazard Action Categories	Conduct hazardous materials mitigation projects, including inventories, planning, education, and certifications	2
	Reduce risk associated with high-hazard potential dams	4
	Reduce risk associated with other dams and levees	3
Other Natural Hazard Categories	Replace or retrofit bridges	4
	Reduce risk associated with wildfire	4
	Install backup power at critical facilities	5
	Conduct other non-flood-related retrofits of critical facilities	5
	Work to minimize tree/electric line conflicts	5
	Conduct geotechnical/sinkhole evaluation (adopt construction standards, remediation)	5

Action Category Group	Action Category	Priority Score
	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	4
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Community/Organization: N. Catasaugus Borough Name and Title: Greg Scheffer EMC

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Flood Mitigation	Retrofit structures in flood-prone areas, with emphasis on repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties	N/A
	Conduct storm drainage and flood control projects at critical facilities, including relocation	N/A
	Conduct storm drainage and flooding projects at non-critical facilities	4
	Restore or stabilize streams and floodplain	N/A
NFIP Compliance	Create opportunities for continuing education and certifications for Floodplain Administrators	5
	Participate in the Community Rating System	2
	Obtain/archive elevation certificates	2
	Maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, including enforcement of floodplain management requirements, floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach	3
	Begin and/or continue the process of adopting higher regulation of floodplains and carbonate bedrock areas	N/A
Capability and Capacity Building	Improve post-disaster capabilities, including processing FEMA/PEMA paperwork and qualified damage assessment personnel	5
	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations	5
	Continue to support implementation, monitoring, maintenance and updating of the plan	5
	Work with regional agencies to develop damage assessment capabilities through training programs, certification of qualified individuals such as floodplain managers	5
	Integrate hazard mitigation into local plans and ordinances	5
	Increase emergency notifications, communication, and traffic control capabilities	5
	Conduct and facilitate community and public outreach for residents and businesses to promote hazard risk reduction	5
Human-Caused Hazard Action Categories	Conduct hazardous materials mitigation projects, including inventories, planning, education, and certifications	5
	Reduce risk associated with high-hazard potential dams	5
	Reduce risk associated with other dams and levees	5
Other Natural Hazard Categories	Replace or retrofit bridges	N/A
	Reduce risk associated with wildfire	3
	Install backup power at critical facilities	5
	Conduct other non-flood-related retrofits of critical facilities	2
	Work to minimize tree/electric line conflicts	3
	Conduct geotechnical/sinkhole evaluation (adopt construction standards, remediation)	3
	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	N/A

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Community/Organization: North Whitehall Twp Name and Title: Don Jacobs D. Eng.
EMA

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	Restore or stabilize streams and floodplain	
NFIP Compliance	Create opportunities for continuing education and certifications for Floodplain Administrators	
	Participate in the Community Rating System	
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	Maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, including enforcement of floodplain management requirements, floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach	
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	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	

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Community/Organization: South, Whitehall Twp.

Name and Title: John B. Frantz, Fire Marshal

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Flood Mitigation	Retrofit structures in flood-prone areas, with emphasis on repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties	3
	Conduct storm drainage and flood control projects at critical facilities, including relocation	4
	Conduct storm drainage and flooding projects at non-critical facilities	5
	Restore or stabilize streams and floodplain	4
NFIP Compliance	Create opportunities for continuing education and certifications for Floodplain Administrators	3
	Participate in the Community Rating System	2
	Obtain/archive elevation certificates	2
	Maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, including enforcement of floodplain management requirements, floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach	5
	Begin and/or continue the process of adopting higher regulation of floodplains and carbonate bedrock areas	3
Capability and Capacity Building	Improve post-disaster capabilities, including processing FEMA/PEMA paperwork and qualified damage assessment personnel	3
	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations	3
	Continue to support implementation, monitoring, maintenance and updating of the plan	3
	Work with regional agencies to develop damage assessment capabilities through training programs, certification of qualified individuals such as floodplain managers	4
	Integrate hazard mitigation into local plans and ordinances	3
	Increase emergency notifications, communication, and traffic control capabilities	5
	Conduct and facilitate community and public outreach for residents and businesses to promote hazard risk reduction	3
Human-Caused Hazard Action Categories	Conduct hazardous materials mitigation projects, including inventories, planning, education, and certifications	3
	Reduce risk associated with high-hazard potential dams	2
	Reduce risk associated with other dams and levees	2
Other Natural Hazard Categories	Replace or retrofit bridges	5
	Reduce risk associated with wildfire	2
	Install backup power at critical facilities	5
	Conduct other non-flood-related retrofits of critical facilities	2
	Work to minimize tree/electric line conflicts	5
	Conduct geotechnical/sinkhole evaluation (adopt construction standards, remediation)	3
	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	3

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Community/Organization:

Upper Merion Township

Name and Title:

Peter D. Christ Fac Commissioner

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	Conduct storm drainage and flooding projects at non-critical facilities	4
	Restore or stabilize streams and floodplain	3
NFIP Compliance	Create opportunities for continuing education and certifications for Floodplain Administrators	4
	Participate in the Community Rating System	3
	Obtain/archive elevation certificates	2
	Maintain compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program, including enforcement of floodplain management requirements, floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach	5
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Capability and Capacity Building	Improve post-disaster capabilities, including processing FEMA/PEMA paperwork and qualified damage assessment personnel	4
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	Purchase or relocate structures in hazard prone areas	2

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Community/Organization: Upper Merion Township

Name and Title: Kyle Walbert - Assistant Zoning Officer

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	Conduct storm drainage and flooding projects at non-critical facilities	3
	Restore or stabilize streams and floodplain	4
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Joseph Sipel Fire Chief

Community/Organization:	Borough of Wilson	Name and Title:	
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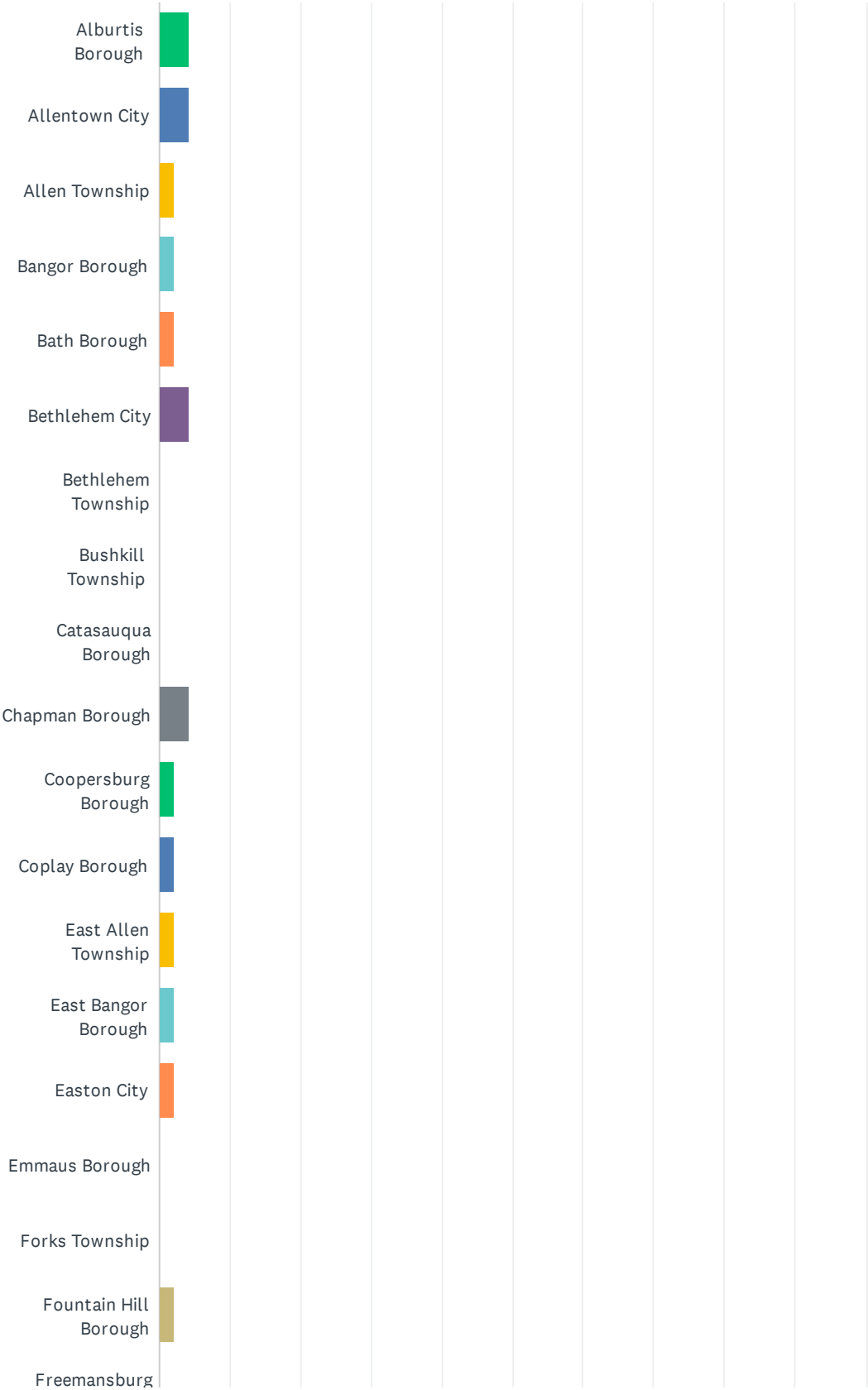
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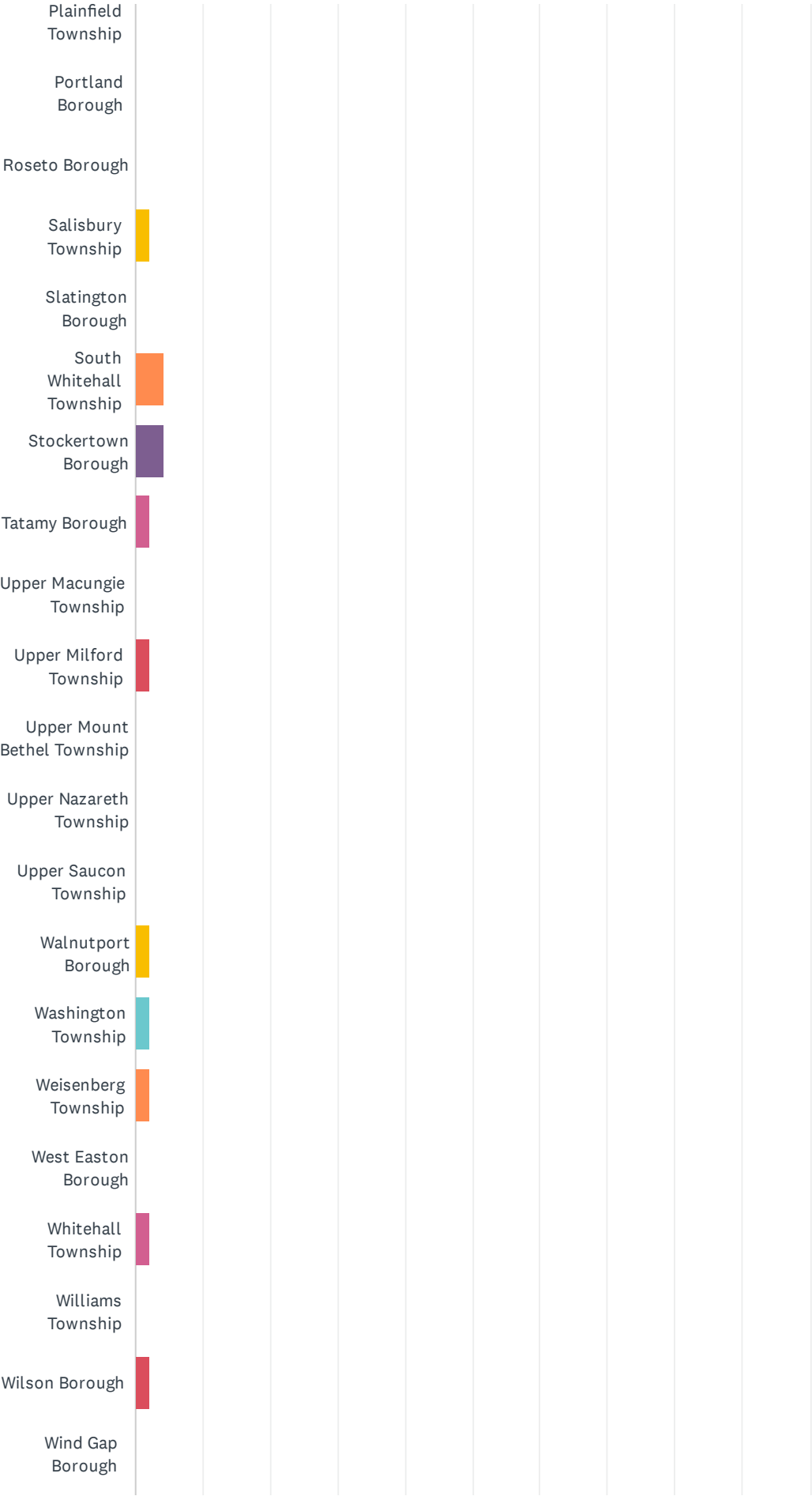
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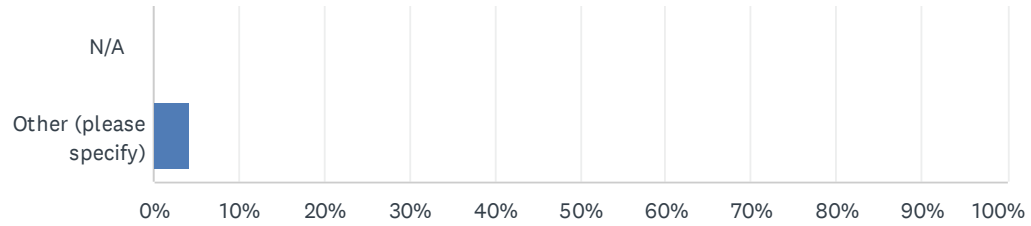
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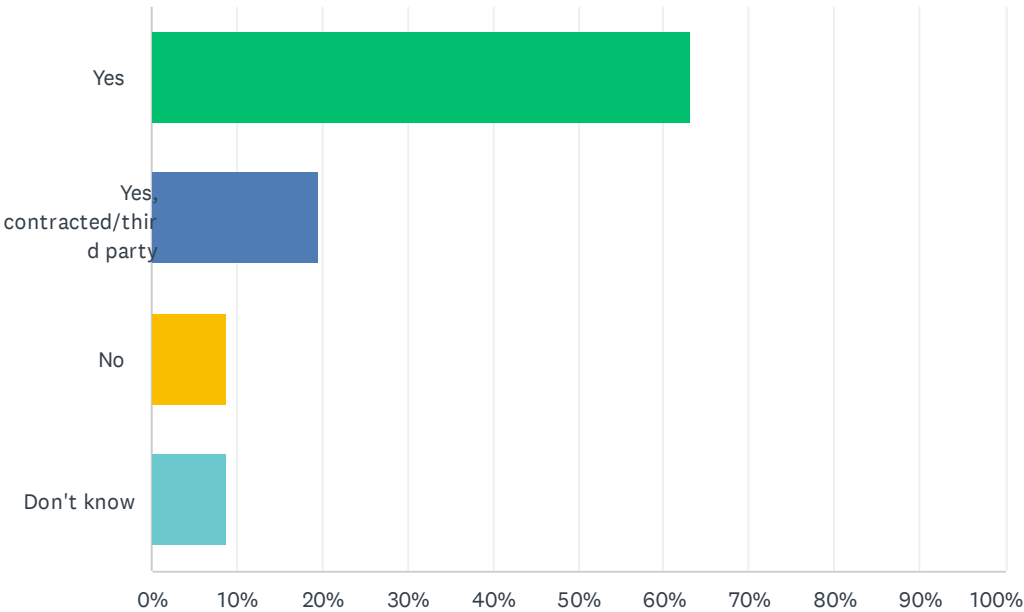
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Alburtis Borough	4.35%	2
Allentown City	4.35%	2
Allen Township	2.17%	1
Bangor Borough	2.17%	1
Bath Borough	2.17%	1
Bethlehem City	4.35%	2
Bethlehem Township	0.00%	0
Bushkill Township	0.00%	0
Catasauqua Borough	0.00%	0
Chapman Borough	4.35%	2
Coopersburg Borough	2.17%	1
Coplay Borough	2.17%	1
East Allen Township	2.17%	1
East Bangor Borough	2.17%	1
Easton City	2.17%	1
Emmaus Borough	0.00%	0
Forks Township	0.00%	0
Fountain Hill Borough	2.17%	1
Freemansburg Borough	0.00%	0
Glendon Borough	0.00%	0
Hanover Township	2.17%	1
Heidelberg Township	2.17%	1
Hellertown Borough	0.00%	0
Lehigh Township	0.00%	0
Lower Macungie Township	2.17%	1
Lower Milford Township	2.17%	1
Lower Mount Bethel Township	2.17%	1
Lower Nazareth Township	2.17%	1
Lower Saucon Township	0.00%	0
Lowhill Township	2.17%	1
Lynn Township	2.17%	1
Macungie Borough	2.17%	1

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Moore Township	2.17%	1
Nazareth Borough	2.17%	1
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Upper Mount Bethel Township	0.00%	0
Upper Nazareth Township	0.00%	0
Upper Saucon Township	0.00%	0
Walnutport Borough	2.17%	1
Washington Township	2.17%	1
Weisenberg Township	2.17%	1
West Easton Borough	0.00%	0
Whitehall Township	2.17%	1
Williams Township	0.00%	0
Wilson Borough	2.17%	1
Wind Gap Borough	0.00%	0
N/A	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	4.35%	2
TOTAL		46

Q2 Does your municipality have a floodplain administrator?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.04%	29
Yes, contracted/third party	19.57%	9
No	8.70%	4
Don't know	8.70%	4
TOTAL		46

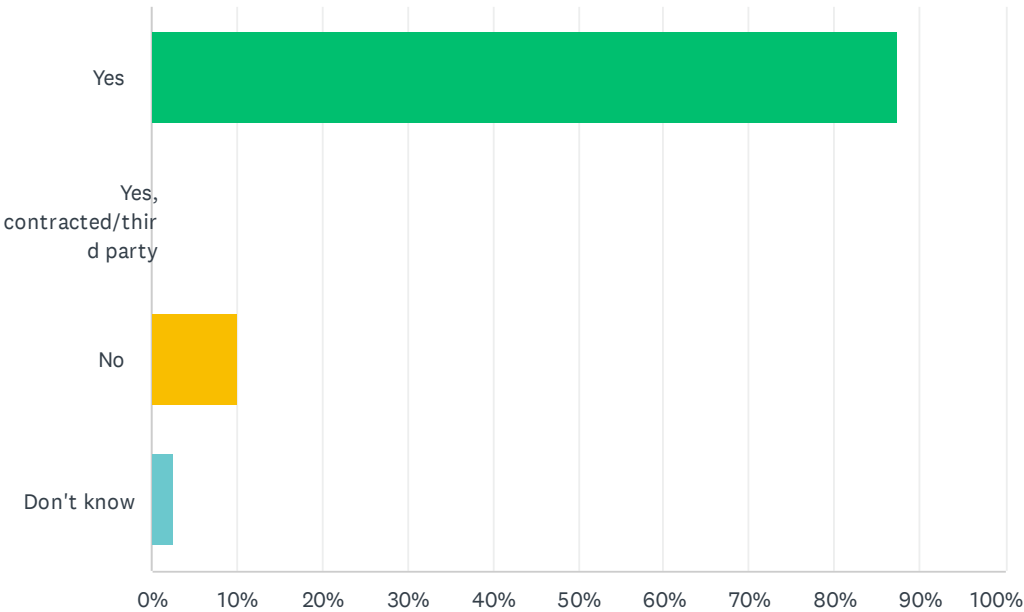
Q3 Floodplain administrator contact

Answered: 30 Skipped: 17

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	96.67%	29
Email	93.33%	28
Phone number	93.33%	28
Company name (if third party)	53.33%	16

Q4 Does your municipality have a public works director?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		87.50%	35
Yes, contracted/third party		0.00%	0
No		10.00%	4
Don't know		2.50%	1
TOTAL			40

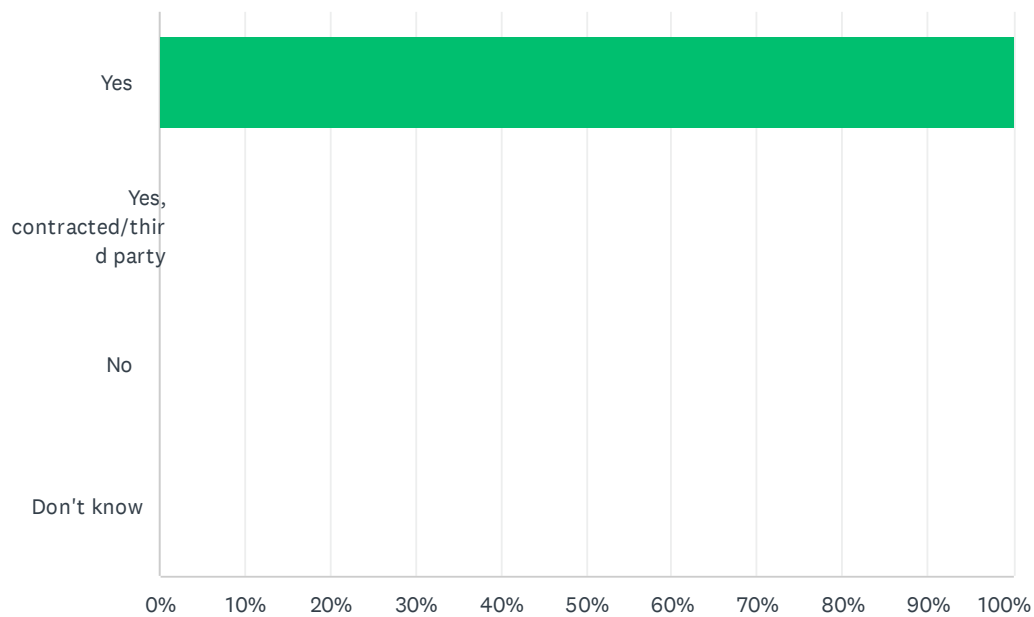
Q5 Public works contact

Answered: 32 Skipped: 15

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	32
Email	90.63%	29
Phone number	96.88%	31
Company name (if third party)	15.63%	5

Q6 Does your municipality have an emergency management coordinator?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	100.00%	39
Yes, contracted/third party	0.00%	0
No	0.00%	0
Don't know	0.00%	0
TOTAL		39

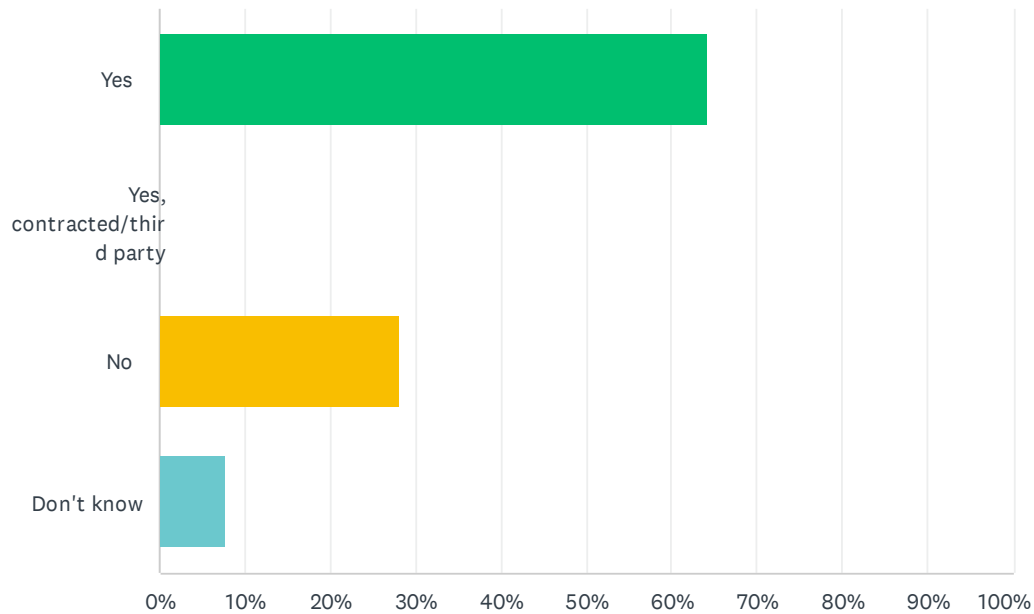
Q7 Emergency management contact

Answered: 36 Skipped: 11

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	36
Email	88.89%	32
Phone number	94.44%	34
Company name (if third party)	16.67%	6

Q8 Does your municipality have a planning staff/planning coordinator?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.10%	25
Yes, contracted/third party	0.00%	0
No	28.21%	11
Don't know	7.69%	3
TOTAL		39

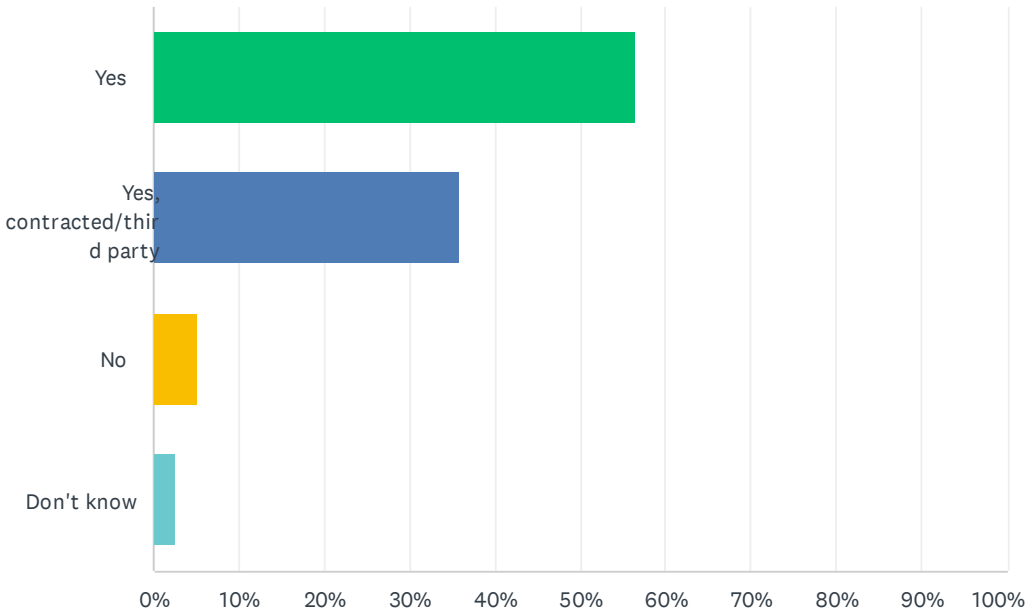
Q9 Planning staff/director contact

Answered: 22 Skipped: 25

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	22
Email	81.82%	18
Phone number	86.36%	19
Company name (if third party)	22.73%	5

Q10 Does your municipality have an engineer?

Answered: 39 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	56.41%	22
Yes, contracted/third party	35.90%	14
No	5.13%	2
Don't know	2.56%	1
TOTAL		39

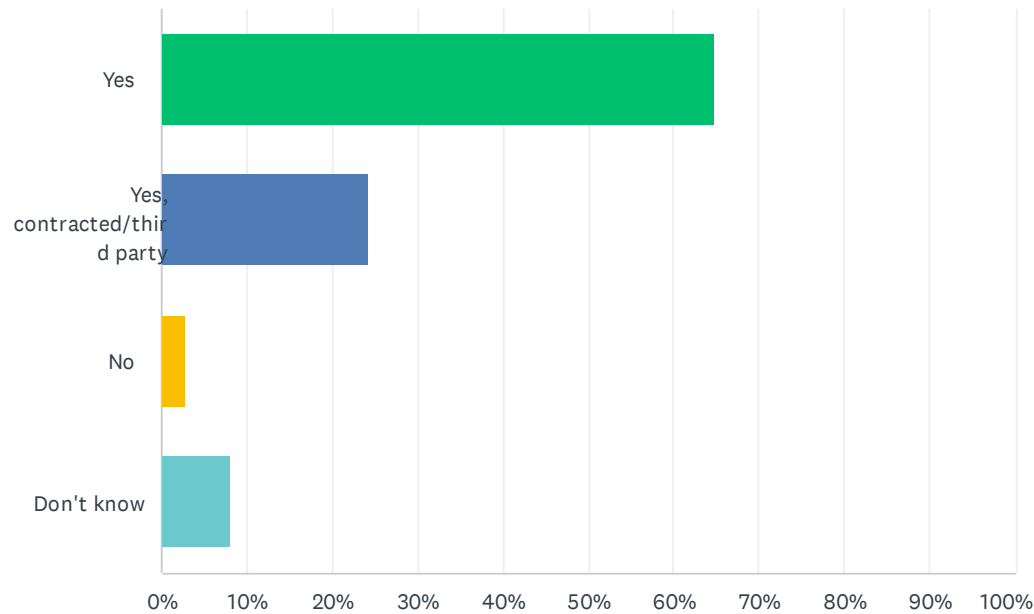
Q11 Engineering contact

Answered: 32 Skipped: 15

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	32
Email	84.38%	27
Phone number	90.63%	29
Company name (if third party)	65.63%	21

Q12 Does your municipality have a code official?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.86%	24
Yes, contracted/third party	24.32%	9
No	2.70%	1
Don't know	8.11%	3
TOTAL		37

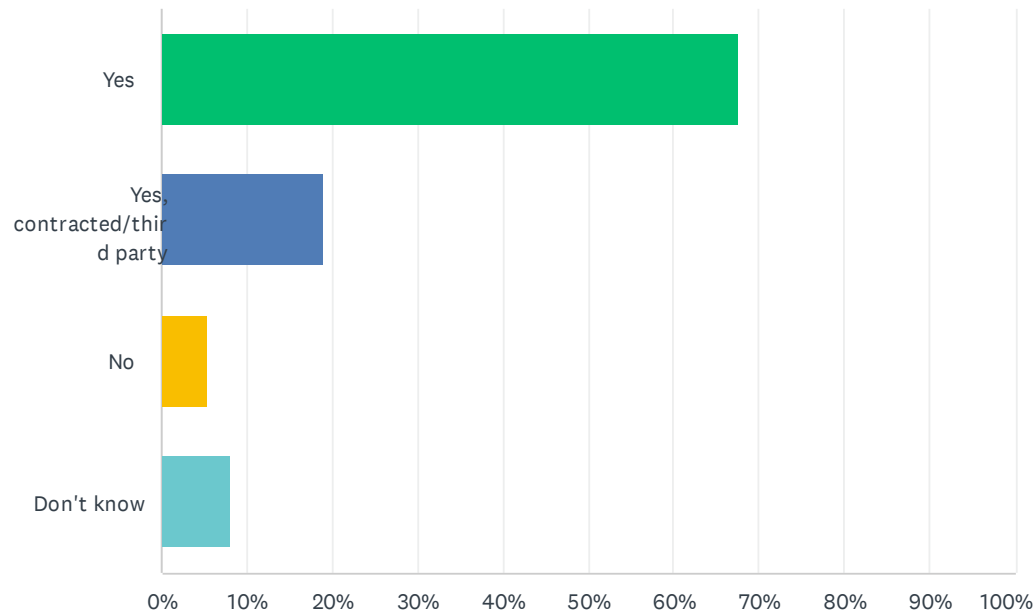
Q13 Municipal code contact

Answered: 31 Skipped: 16

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	96.77%	30
Email	80.65%	25
Phone number	87.10%	27
Company name (if third party)	51.61%	16

Q14 Does your municipality have a zoning officer?

Answered: 37 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.57%	25
Yes, contracted/third party	18.92%	7
No	5.41%	2
Don't know	8.11%	3
TOTAL		37

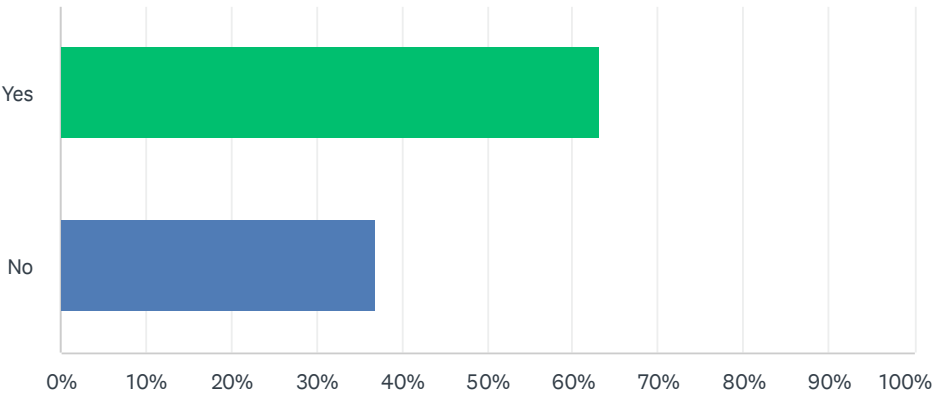
Q15 Zoning contact

Answered: 30 Skipped: 17

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	30
Email	80.00%	24
Phone number	83.33%	25
Company name (if third party)	43.33%	13

Q16 Does your municipality have a municipal manager?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		63.16%	24
No		36.84%	14
TOTAL			38

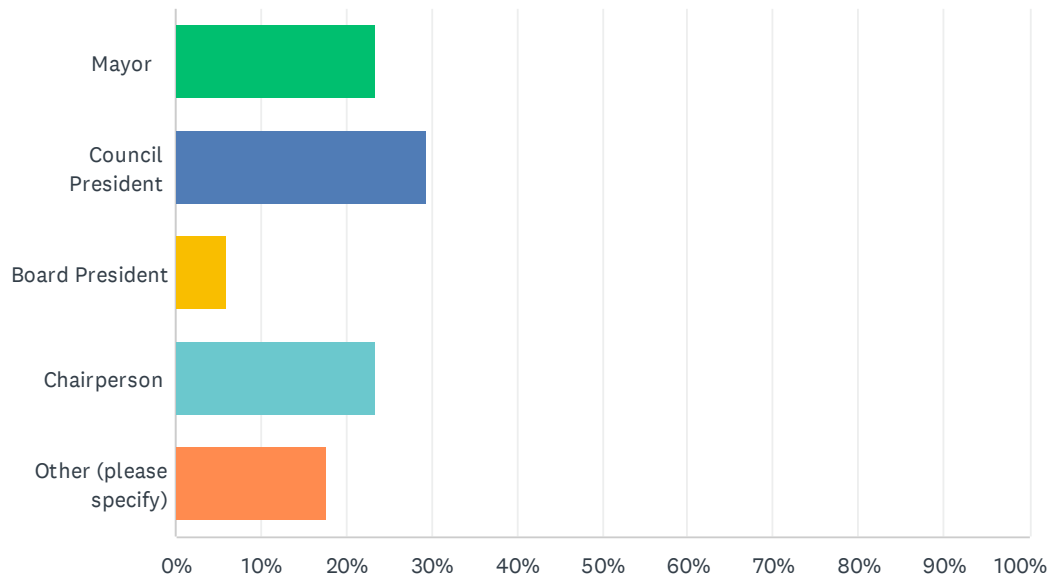
Q17 Municipal manager contact

Answered: 21 Skipped: 26

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	21
Email	100.00%	21
Phone number	95.24%	20

Q18 Which of the following best describes your head municipal official?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Mayor	23.53%	8
Council President	29.41%	10
Board President	5.88%	2
Chairperson	23.53%	8
Other (please specify)	17.65%	6
TOTAL		34

Q19 Head municipal contact

Answered: 34 Skipped: 13

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	34
Email	91.18%	31
Phone	91.18%	31

Northampton County Stakeholder groups

1. Local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities:

- *Including Public Works, local EM, local Floodplain Administration and GIS Depts.*

Entity / Agency	Primary Contact	Alternate Contact
Northampton County Conservation District	Dion Campbell dcampbell@norcopa.gov dcampbell@northamptoncounty.org	
Lehigh County Conservation District	Kevin Fredrick District Manager kfrederick@lehighconservation.org	
ALL Northampton County Public Works Emails	nc-publicworks@ncem-pa.org	
ALL Northampton County Local EMC Emails	localem@ncem-pa.org	
Local Floodplain Administration / Administrators		
County GIS		

2. Agencies that have the authority to regulate development:

- *Including zoning, planning, community & economic development departments, building officials, planning commissions or other elected officials.*

Entity / Agency	Primary Contact	Alternate Contact
Zoning		
Planning		
Community		
Northampton County Department of Community & Economic Development	Tina Smith Director 610-829-6310 tsmith@norcopa.gov	Marek Tomanek Deputy Director 610-829-6313 mtomanek@norcopa.gov
City of Bethlehem	econdev@bethlehem-pa.gov	
City of Easton	economicdevelopment@easton-pa.gov	
Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation	lvedc@lehighvalley.org	
Nazareth – Bath Regional Chamber of Commerce	canderson@nazarethchamber.com	
Small Business Development Center	insbdc@lehigh.edu	
The Chamber – Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce	Matt Powell VP, Government & External Affairs mattp@lehighvalleychamber.org	
Building Officials		
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission	Susan L. Rockwell Senior Environmental Planner 610-264-4544 srockwell@lvpc.org	
Other elected officials		

3. Neighboring communities:

- *Including adjacent local governments, special districts, such as those affected by similar events or may share a mitigation action or project that crosses boundaries. Neighboring communities may be partners in hazard mitigation and response activities, or may be where critical assets, such as dams, are located.*

Entity / Agency	Primary Contact	Alternate Contact
Adjacent Local Governments		
Warren County (NJ) EMA	Frank Wheatley Public Safety Director / OEM 908-835-2050 fwheatley@co.warren.nj.us	
Bucks County (PA) EMA	BucksEMA@buckscounty.org	
Carbon County (PA) EMA	Mark Nalesnik Coordinator 570-325-3097 ccema@ptd.net	
Monroe County (PA) EMA	Maryellen Keegan Director 570-992-4113 x7101 MKeegan@monroecountypa.gov	
Delaware River Basin Commission	contact@drbc.gov	
Special Districts		

4. Representatives of businesses, academia and other private organizations:

- *Including private utilities, or major employers that sustain community lifelines.*

Entity / Agency	Primary Contact	Alternate Contact
Met-Ed Electric (First Energy Corporation)	Thea Lind Regional External Affairs Consultant 610-250-2811 tlind@firstenergycorp.com	
PPL (Pennsylvania Power & Light)	Donna Webster 484-634-3079 dwebster@pplweb.com	
<u>Bangor Borough Authority</u>		
<u>Bath Borough Authority</u>		
Bethlehem Authority	Sandra Zapf Authority Administrative Assistance 10 E. Church Street, Room B-311, Bethlehem, PA 18018 610-865-2009 szapf@bethlehem-pa.gov	
East Bangor Municipal Authority	ebmadmin@ptd.net	
Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority	eajsasecretary@eajsa.com	
Easton Suburban Water Authority	info@eswater.net	
Hellertown Borough Authority	Service@hellertownwater.org	
Lehigh Township Municipal Authority	ltma@rcn.com	
Lower Saucon Authority	administrator@lowersauconauthority.org	
<u>Nazareth Borough Municipal Authority</u>		
Northampton Borough Municipal Authority	service@nbma.org	
Portland Borough Authority	pbwaterauthority@yahoo.com	
<u>Walnutport Authority Water and Sewer</u>		
Wind Gap Municipal Authority	Terry L. Miklas, Sr. Plant Operations Manager tlmwgma@frontier.com	

Lehigh – Northampton Airport Authority (<i>LNAA</i>)	Jennifer Bogari Emergency Manager 3311 Airport Rd, Allentown, PA 18109 484-425-0323 jbogari@lnaa.com	
Lehigh Valley Health Network (<i>LVHN</i>)	Ryan Hay Administrator, Public Safety & Emergency Operations Ryan_M.Hay@lvhn.org	
St. Luke's University Health Network (<i>SLUHN</i>)	Alan Lynch Director of Safety Alan.lynch@sluhn.org	Austin Boccardi Network Safety Officer Austin.boccardi@sluhn.org
Businesses		
ALL Northampton County School Emails	schools@ncem-pa.org	

5. Representatives of nonprofit organizations, including community-based organizations, that work directly with and/or provide support to underserved communities and socially vulnerable population, among others:

- *Including housing, healthcare, or social service agencies.*

Entity / Agency	Primary Contact	Alternate Contact
Northampton County Department of Human Services	Susan Wandalowski Director 610-829-4700 swandalowski@norcopa.gov	Robyn Barbosa Deputy Director 610-829-4700 rbarbosa@norcopa.gov
Nurture Nature Center	Rachel Hogan Carr Executive Director 518 Northampton St., Easton, PA 18042 610-253-4432 x101/610-217-8908 (c) rhogan@nurturenature.org	Keri Maxfield Art Director 518 Northampton St., Easton, PA 18042 610-253-4432 x 101 kmaxfield@nurturenature.org
American Red Cross – Pennsylvania Rivers Chapter	Danielle Henkel Disaster Program Manager 484-294-1631 Danielle.henkel@redcross.org	
Housing		
Healthcare		
Social Service agencies		