

Public Participation Survey

1. Please state the area (Port Lavaca, Seadrift, Point Comfort or Calhoun County) where you reside. _____
2. Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a disaster? Yes or No
If yes please explain: _____

3. How concerned are you about the possibility of our community being impacted by a disaster?
 Extremely concerned
 Somewhat concerned
 Not concerned
4. Please select the hazards you think is the highest threat to our area by number with 1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest threat.

____ Drought	____ Lightning
____ Earthquake	____ Pipeline
____ Erosion	____ Sea Level Rise
____ Extreme Cold	____ Severe Wind
____ Extreme Heat	____ Severe Weather
____ Flood	____ Storm Surge
____ Hazardous Material	____ Terrorism
____ Hail	____ Tsunami
____ Hurricane	____ Wildfire
____ Infectious Disease	
5. Is there another hazard not listed above that you think is a wide-scale threat to our area? Yes or No
If yes please explain: _____

6. Is your home located in a floodplain? Yes or No
7. Do you have flood insurance? Yes or No
8. If you don't have flood insurance, why not? _____
9. Have you taken any actions to make your home more resistant to hazards? Yes or No
If yes what have you done? _____

10. Are you interested in making your home more resistant to hazards? Yes or No
11. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home more resistant to hazards? (mail, internet, brochures, online, TV etc)

12. In your opinion, what are some steps your local government could take to reduce or eliminate the risk of future hazard damages in your neighborhood? _____
13. Are there any other issues regarding the reduction of risk and loss associated with hazards or disasters in the community that you think are important? _____
14. A number of community-wide activities can reduce our risk from hazards. In general, these activities fall into one of the following six broad categories. Please tell us how important you think each one is for our community to consider pursuing. Please answer using **Very Important, Somewhat Important or Not Important**
- Prevention _____
- Public Education & Awareness _____
- Emergency Services _____
- Structural Projects _____
- Natural Resource Protection _____
- Property Protection _____

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

Actions to inform citizens about hazard and the techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. Examples include: outreach projects, school education programs, library materials and demonstration events.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Actions that protect people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. Examples include: warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency response training and protection of critical emergency facilities or systems.

STRUCTURAL PROJECTS

Actions intended to lessen the impact of a hazard by modifying the natural progression of the hazard. Examples include: dams, levees, seawalls, detention/retention basins, channel modifications, retaining walls and storm sewers.

NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

Actions that, in addition to minimizing hazard losses, also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. Examples include: floodplain protections, habitat preservations and wetlands.

PROPERTY PROTECTION

Actions that involve the modification of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removal from the hazard area. Examples include: acquisition, relocation, evaluation, structural retrofits and storm shutters.

PREVENTION

Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are built. Examples include: planning and zoning, building codes, open space, preservation and floodplain regulations.

Please return completed survey to:

Calhoun County Floodplain Administration
211 S. Ann St., Suite 301
Port Lavaca, TX 77979

Due no later than July 1, 2016