



Rappahannock-Rapidan Region All-Hazard Mitigation Plan PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SURVEY

We need your help!

Our community is currently engaged in a planning process to become less vulnerable to disasters, and your participation is important to us!

The Counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock and their respective municipalities are working together to prepare a *Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan*. The purpose of this plan is to identify and assess our community's disaster risks and determine how to best minimize or manage those risks. Upon completion, the plan will be presented to each local governing body for adoption and then submitted to the Virginia Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and approval.

This survey questionnaire provides an opportunity for you to share your opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process. The information you provide will help us better understand your hazard concerns and identify area policies and projects that can help lessen the impact of future hazard events.

Please help us by completing this survey and returning it to:

Jeffrey Walker, AICP
Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission
420 Southridge Parkway, S.106
Culpeper, VA 22701

Surveys can also be faxed to: (540) 829-7452

If you have any questions regarding this survey, or would like to learn more about how you can participate in the development of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Region All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, please call (540) 829-7450 or e-mail us at planinfo@rrregion.org.

1. **What city/town do you live in?** _____
2. **Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a disaster?**
 Yes (please explain): _____
 No
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 hazard you think is the *highest threat* to your neighborhood:

- Dam Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Erosion
- Extreme Heat
- Flood
- Hail
- Hazardous Materials
- Hurricane
- Land Subsidence
- Landslide
- Lightning
- Major Urban Fire
- Pipeline Failure
- Severe Winter Storm
- Terrorism
- Tornado / Wind Storm
- Wildland Fire
- Other (please explain): _____

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

- Dam Failure
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Erosion
- Extreme Heat
- Flood
- Hail
- Hazardous Materials
- Hurricane
- Land Subsidence
- Landslide
- Lightning
- Major Urban Fire
- Pipeline Failure
- Severe Winter Storm
- Terrorism
- Tornado / Wind Storm
- Wildland Fire
- Other (please explain): _____

6. Is there another hazard not listed in this survey that you think is a wide-scale threat to your neighborhood?

- Yes (please explain): _____
- No

7. Is your home located in a floodplain?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

8. Do you have flood insurance?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

a. If "No", why not?

- Not located in floodplain
- Too expensive
- Not necessary because it never floods
- Not necessary because I'm elevated or otherwise protected
- Never really considered it
- Other (please explain): _____

9. Have you taken any actions to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

- Yes
- No

a. If "Yes", please explain:

10. Are you interested in making your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

- Yes
- No

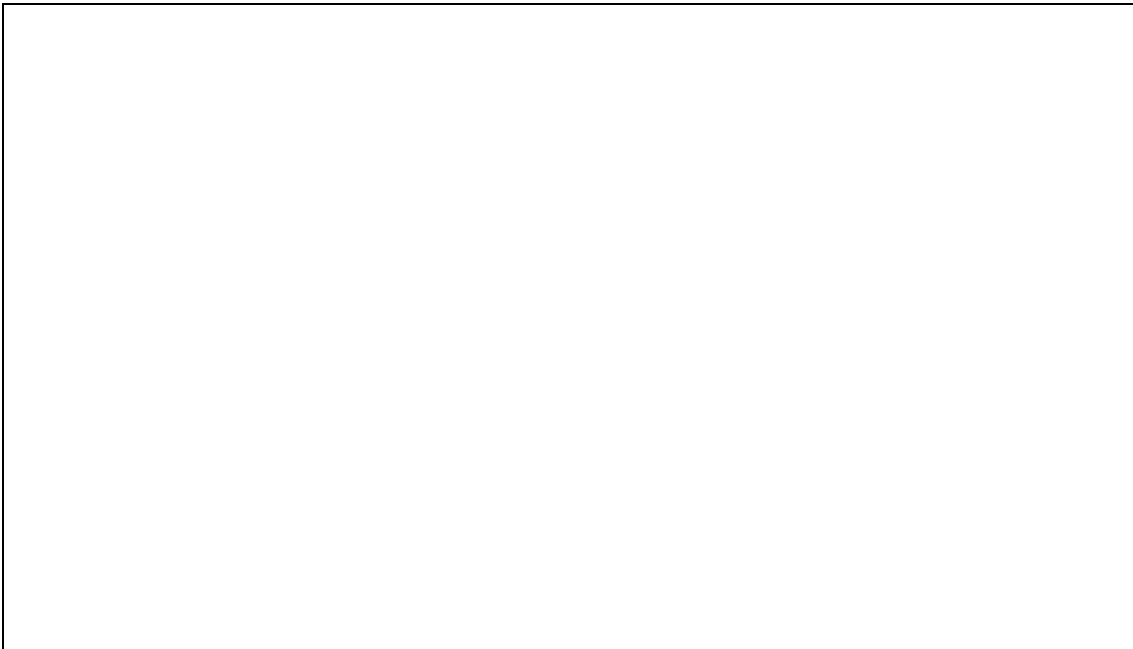
11. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home and neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

- Newspaper
- Television
- Radio
- Internet
- Mail
- Public workshops/meetings
- Other (please explain): _____

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 your community to consider pursuing.

Category	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
<p><u>1. Prevention</u> Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are built. Examples include planning and zoning, building codes, open space preservation, and floodplain regulations.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>2. Property Protection</u> Actions that involve the modification of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removal from the hazard area. Examples include acquisition, relocation, elevation, structural retrofits, and storm shutters.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>3. Natural Resource Protection</u> Actions that, in addition to minimizing hazard losses, also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. Examples include: floodplain protection, habitat preservation, slope stabilization, riparian buffers, and forest management.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>4. Structural Projects</u> Actions intended to lessen the impact of a hazard by modifying the natural progression of the hazard. Examples include dams, levees, seawalls, detention/retention basins, channel modification, retaining walls and storm sewers.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>5. Emergency Services</u> Actions that protect people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. Examples include warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency response training, and protection of critical emergency facilities or systems.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><u>6. Public Education and Awareness</u> Actions to inform citizens about hazards and the techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. Examples include outreach projects, school education programs, library materials and demonstration events.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!