This appendix provides a summary report including the public input and response to the online citizen hazard mitigation survey

Broome County Hazard Mitgation - Citizen Survey   SurveyMonkey

1. Please indicate your age range:

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
18 to 30		8.1%	16
31 to 40		11.1%	22
41 to 50		14.6%	29
51 to 60		**39.4%**	**78**
60 or over		26.8%	53
		AnsweredQuestion	**198**
		SkippedQuestion	**5**

2. Please indicate what municipality you live in Broome County:

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Barker		4.5%	9
Binghamton, City		**16.0%**	**32**
Binghamton, Town		8.5%	17
Chenango		8.0%	16
Colesville		0.5%	1
Conklin		5.0%	10
Deposit		0.5%	1
Dickinson		2.0%	4
Endicott		6.5%	13
Fenton		6.0%	12
Johnson City		10.0%	20
Kirkwood		2.5%	5
Lisle, Town		0.5%	1
Lisle, Village		0.0%	0
Maine		1.0%	2
Nanticoke		1.0%	2
Port Dickinson		1.0%	2
Sanford		1.0%	2
Triangle		0.0%	0
Union		10.5%	21
Vestal		13.0%	26
Whitney Point		0.5%	1
Windsor, Town		0.5%	1

Windsor, Village	▮	1.0%	2
		AnsweredQuestion	**200**
		SkippedQuestion	**3**

3. How long have you lived in Broome County?

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Less than 1 year	▮	1.0%	2
1 to 5 years	▭	7.5%	15
6 to 9 years	▭	6.0%	12
10 to 19 years	▭	10.0%	20
20 years or more	▭	**75.5%**	**151**
		AnsweredQuestion	**200**
		SkippedQuestion	**3**

4. Do you own or rent your place of residence?

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Own	▭	**89.9%**	**179**
Rent	▭	10.1%	20
		AnsweredQuestion	**199**
		SkippedQuestion	**4**

5. What is your zip code?

	ResponseCount
	200
AnsweredQuestion	**200**
SkippedQuestion	**3**

6. What is your home address? (optional, will be kept confidential - only used to identify localized hazard areas such as flooding)

	ResponseCount
	107
AnsweredQuestion	107
SkippedQuestion	96

7. Please rank how prepared you feel you and your household are for the probable impacts of natural hazard events likely to occur within Broome County. Rank on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 representing the most prepared.

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
1 (least)		4.7%	8
2		11.0%	19
3		34.9%	60
4		**36.6%**	**63**
5 (Most)		12.8%	22
		AnsweredQuestion	172
		SkippedQuestion	31

8. In what ways do you believe you are prepared for the probable impacts from natural hazard events that may occur within Broome County? (Please check all that apply)

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
I have taken precautionary measures to protect my property though retrofits or when constructed		44.6%	78
I have a preparedness kit consisting of basic supplies and materials for my family and myself		50.9%	89
I have identified the location of the nearest severe weather shelter		25.1%	44
I have a personal family emergency preparedness plan, and have discussed it with my family and others for whom I have responsibility		38.9%	68
I have at least two methods for receiving emergency notifications and for information during severe weather or other potential emergency situations		69.7%	122
I have insurance policies to cover losses from specific risks (e.g. flood insurance)		36.0%	63
I have received emergency preparedness information from a government source (e.g., federal, state, or local emergency management)		50.9%	89
I have used local news or other media to obtain information		**84.6%**	**148**
I have recieved information from schools and other academic institutions		21.1%	37
I have attended meetings that have dealt with disaster preparedness		30.9%	54
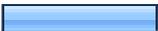
Other (please specify)		14.9%	26
	AnsweredQuestion		175
	SkippedQuestion		28

9. In the past 10 years, which of the following types of hazard events have you or someone in your household experienced, or sustained damage as a result of, within Broome County, and how concerned are you about the following natural hazards impacting the area? (In the first column indicate if you have experienced the hazard, then indicate your level of concern).

	Have Experienced	Not Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Very Concerned	Extremely Concerned	RatingCoun
Dam Failure	5.1% (7)	**60.9% (84)**	28.3% (39)	8.0% (11)	1.4% (2)	13
Drought	15.5% (22)	**45.8% (65)**	40.8% (58)	9.2% (13)	0.7% (1)	14
Earthquake	7.2% (10)	**76.3% (106)**	21.6% (30)	0.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	13
Extreme Temperatures	22.2% (32)	**46.5% (67)**	36.1% (52)	13.2% (19)	0.7% (1)	14
Flooding - Property	31.3% (47)	**35.3% (53)**	26.0% (39)	15.3% (23)	10.7% (16)	15
Flooding - Basement	**45.2% (71)**	28.0% (44)	33.8% (53)	14.0% (22)	10.2% (16)	15
Flooding - 1st Floor	7.5% (10)	**66.2% (88)**	11.3% (15)	12.0% (16)	7.5% (10)	13
Flooding - Above 1st Floor	1.6% (2)	**80.0% (100)**	9.6% (12)	4.8% (6)	4.0% (5)	12
Flooding - Street	28.5% (39)	**38.7% (53)**	29.9% (41)	8.0% (11)	10.2% (14)	13
Hail	**45.8% (70)**	38.6% (59)	38.6% (59)	8.5% (13)	0.7% (1)	15
Hurricane\Tropical Storm	42.9% (66)	22.1% (34)	**43.5% (67)**	14.9% (23)	7.1% (11)	15
Ice Storm	43.1% (66)	17.6% (27)	**45.8% (70)**	21.6% (33)	5.9% (9)	15
Landslide	4.8% (6)	**76.2% (96)**	18.3% (23)	4.8% (6)	0.0% (0)	12
Severe Storms	**44.5% (69)**	14.2% (22)	43.9% (68)	22.6% (35)	5.8% (9)	15
Severe Winter Storms (Blizzard, Heavy Snow, Ice)	**51.9% (82)**	15.8% (25)	41.8% (66)	20.9% (33)	7.0% (11)	15
Tornado	20.9% (29)	25.9% (36)	**49.6% (69)**	15.8% (22)	5.0% (7)	13
Utility Failure	**55.9% (90)**	17.4% (28)	32.9% (53)	21.7% (35)	14.9% (24)	16

Wildfire	1.6% (2)	**64.1% (82)**	28.9% (37)	4.7% (6)	1.6% (2)	12
Other	10.5% (6)	**71.9% (41)**	14.0% (8)	3.5% (2)	1.8% (1)	5
					AnsweredQuestion	17
					SkippedQuestion	2

10. Information on the impacts of and how to prepare for a natural disaster can be disseminated to the public in various ways. Of the information sources below, please identify the top three (3) that are MOST EFFECTIVE in providing you with information to make your home safer and better able to withstand the impact of natural hazard events.

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Newspaper - Press & Sun-Bulletin		35.8%	64
County and/or Local Gov't. Websites		24.0%	43
Local Government E-Mail		20.1%	36
Police, Fire, EMS, 9-1-1		16.8%	30
Telephone Book		1.1%	2
Informational Brochures		10.1%	18
Public Meetings, Workshops, or Public Awareness Events		12.8%	23
Schools		5.0%	9
TV News		**65.4%**	**117**
TV Advertising		7.8%	14
Radio News		45.8%	82
Radio Advertisements		6.1%	11
Outdoor Advertisements		1.1%	2
Internet		49.7%	89
Chamber of Commerce		1.1%	2

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Fire Department/EMS Agency		12.8%	23
Academic Institutions		2.2%	4
Books		1.7%	3
Public Library		1.7%	3
Other (please specify)		8.4%	15
		AnsweredQuestion	179
		SkippedQuestion	24

11. To the best of your knowledge is your property located in a designated floodplain?

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Yes		6.1%	11
No		**87.3%**	**158**
Not Sure		6.6%	12
		AnsweredQuestion	181
		SkippedQuestion	22

12. Do you have flood insurance?

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Yes		9.6%	17
No		**90.4%**	**161**
		AnsweredQuestion	178
		SkippedQuestion	25

13. If you do NOT have flood insurance, what is the primary reason?

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
I don't need it/my property has never flooded		19.0%	30
Don't need it/located on high ground		**61.4%**	**97**
It is too expensive		9.5%	15
Not familiar with it/don't know about it		4.4%	7
Insurance company will not provide		3.8%	6
I believe that my homeowners insurance will cover me		1.9%	3
		AnsweredQuestion	**158**
		SkippedQuestion	**45**

14. Do you or did you have problems getting homeowners/renters insurance due to risks from natural hazards?

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Yes		1.7%	3
No		**98.3%**	**176**
		AnsweredQuestion	**179**
		SkippedQuestion	**24**

15. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please identify the natural hazard risk that caused you to have problems obtaining homeowners/renters insurance.

	ResponseCount
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AnsweredQuestion	4
SkippedQuestion	199

16. Did you consider the impact a natural disaster could have on your home before you purchased/moved into your home?
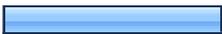
		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Yes		43.6%	75
No		**56.4%**	**97**
	AnsweredQuestion		172
	SkippedQuestion		31

17. Was the presence of a natural hazard risk zone (for example, flood zone) disclosed to you by a real estate agent, seller, or landlord before you purchased/moved into your home?

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Yes		8.9%	15
No		36.7%	62
Not Applicable		**54.4%**	**92**
	AnsweredQuestion		169
	SkippedQuestion		34

18. Would the disclosure of this type of information influence your decision to purchase/move into a home?

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Yes		**79.5%**	**136**
No		12.3%	21
Not sure		8.2%	14
		AnsweredQuestion	171
		SkippedQuestion	32

19. How much money would you be willing to spend on your current home to retrofit it from the impacts of potential future natural disasters within our community? Examples of retrofitting are: Elevating a flood-prone home; elevating utilities in flood-prone basements; retrofitting your roof, siding or windows to withstand high winds; removing threatening trees or branches.

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Over $10,000		8.8%	15
Between $5,000 and $9,999		14.1%	24
Between $1,000 and $4,999		**25.9%**	**44**
Less than $1,000		11.8%	20
Nothing		15.9%	27
Don't know		23.5%	40
		AnsweredQuestion	170
		SkippedQuestion	33

20. If available, which of the following incentives would help to encourage you to spend money to retrofit your home from the possible impacts of natural disasters? (Please check all that apply)

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Building permit fee waiver		34.3%	58
Insurance premium discount		60.4%	102
Low interest rate loan		33.7%	57
Property tax break or incentive		**69.2%**	**117**
Partial grant funding		60.9%	103
None		13.6%	23
Other (please specify)		8.3%	14
		AnsweredQuestion	**169**
		SkippedQuestion	**34**

21. If your property were located in a designated "high hazard" area, or had received repeated damages from a natural hazard event, would you consider a "buyout", elevation of the structure, or relocation offered by a public agency should it be made available?

		ResponsePercent	ResponseCount
Yes		**72.0%**	**121**
No		10.7%	18
Not sure		17.3%	29
		AnsweredQuestion	**168**
		SkippedQuestion	**35**

22. What types of projects do you believe local, county, state or federal government agencies s
to reduce the damage and disruption of natural hazards in Broome County? Rank these by imp
one to ten. (Drag and drop your choice to the appropriate location on the list.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Retrofit and strengthen essential facilities such as police, schools, hospitals	**18.3%** **(31)**	8.9% (15)	11.8% (20)	11.8% (20)	14.8% (25)	8.3% (14)	8.9% (15)	7.7% (13)	5.3% (9)	4.1% (7)
Retrofit infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems	14.2% (24)	**27.8%** **(47)**	15.4% (26)	11.2% (19)	9.5% (16)	8.9% (15)	3.6% (6)	4.1% (7)	3.0% (5)	2.4% (4)
Work on improving the damage resistance of utilities (electricity, communications, etc.)	16.0% (27)	**20.7%** **(35)**	16.0% (27)	13.0% (22)	11.2% (19)	3.6% (6)	5.3% (9)	3.6% (6)	5.9% (10)	4.7% (8)
Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls or levees	15.4% (26)	15.4% (26)	**18.9%** **(32)**	14.8% (25)	8.3% (14)	7.7% (13)	3.0% (5)	5.3% (9)	2.4% (4)	8.9% (15)
Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges and causeways	4.1% (7)	8.9% (15)	16.6% (28)	**19.5%** **(33)**	18.3% (31)	12.4% (21)	10.7% (18)	5.3% (9)	2.4% (4)	1.8% (3)
Strengthen codes, ordinances and plans to require higher hazard risk management standards and/or provide greater control over development in high hazard areas	5.9% (10)	5.9% (10)	7.7% (13)	11.2% (19)	15.4% (26)	**21.3%** **(36)**	10.1% (17)	7.7% (13)	4.1% (7)	10.7% (18)
Buy out flood prone properties and maintain as open-space	13.6% (23)	3.6% (6)	3.0% (5)	6.5% (11)	5.3% (9)	11.2% (19)	**19.5%** **(33)**	11.2% (19)	8.3% (14)	17.8% (30)
Inform property owners of ways they can mitigate damage to their properties	2.4% (4)	4.7% (8)	2.4% (4)	6.5% (11)	4.7% (8)	10.7% (18)	23.1% (39)	**24.9%** **(42)**	17.2% (29)	3.6% (6)
Provide better information about hazard risks and high-hazard areas	4.7% (8)	1.2% (2)	4.7% (8)	3.0% (5)	4.7% (8)	8.3% (14)	12.4% (21)	20.1% (34)	**25.4%** **(43)**	15.4% (26)
Assist vulnerable property owners with securing funding to mitigate their properties	5.3% (9)	3.0% (5)	3.6% (6)	2.4% (4)	7.7% (13)	7.7% (13)	3.6% (6)	10.1% (17)	26.0% (44)	**30.8%** **(52)**
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23. Other Comments:

	ResponseCount
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AnsweredQuestion	43
SkippedQuestion	160

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Page 2, Q5. What is your zip code?			
190	13903	22 of 31	Sep 11, 2012 12:50 PM
191	13760		Sep 10, 2012 10:56 AM
192	13760		Sep 8, 2012 10:34 PM
193	13903		Sep 5, 2012 6:41 PM
194	13865		Sep 4, 2012 9:14 PM
195	13905		Sep 4, 2012 11:18 AM
196	13850		Sep 3, 2012 3:25 PM
197	13790		Sep 3, 2012 11:29 AM
198	13754		Sep 2, 2012 2:45 PM
199	13903		Sep 1, 2012 7:20 PM
200	13833		Sep 1, 2012 11:48 AM

Page 3, Q8. In what ways do you believe you are prepared for the probable impacts from natural hazard events that may occur within Broome County? (Please check all that apply)

1	Volunteer EMS resources	Dec 12, 2012 3:58 PM
2	Generator and well water and firearms to protect from looting crazies.	Dec 11, 2012 2:20 PM
3	personal research	Dec 11, 2012 10:01 AM
4	Backwoods Home Magazine	Dec 10, 2012 8:32 AM
5	I work for the state an was involved in hurricane Irene and tropical storm Lee recovery efforts	Dec 6, 2012 8:45 PM
6	I am the Fire Chief	Dec 5, 2012 8:50 PM
7	I am aware of my surroundings and keep an eye open.	Dec 5, 2012 5:08 PM
8	Very much depends on the nature of the emergency.	Dec 5, 2012 4:18 PM
9	i am a volunteer firefighter	Dec 4, 2012 8:06 PM
10	Back up Generator for power failure, Protected residence from flood	Dec 4, 2012 4:59 PM
11	three sump pumps and a gas operated generator	Dec 4, 2012 11:25 AM
12	Finally bought a generator.	Dec 1, 2012 1:51 PM
13	My husband and I are first responders, and I also have national disaster response experience and training.	Nov 18, 2012 9:07 PM
14	On the job emergency training for Broome County.	Nov 15, 2012 9:16 AM
15	I rent so I can't do much	Nov 4, 2012 11:17 PM
16	i have a natural gas emergency generator- 14kw	Oct 26, 2012 5:31 PM
17	used fema resourses	Oct 24, 2012 1:39 PM
18	I don't live in a flood plai.	Oct 20, 2012 3:24 PM
19	Personal experience in past floods	Oct 19, 2012 2:16 PM
20	My house is in a flood plain on Old Vestal Road. I expect it to flood and the insurance did not pay enough to fix it because they only offered half the cost and the Town insists the home needs to be raised. I didn't have the money to raise it so between the two hurdels am letting it go back to the bank. No one should live in the Twin Orchards area anyhow because it floods. I am one of those who feel thru the cracks when it came to getting help. Sad that I had flood insurance and it was not enough. Sad that FEMA was not able to help.	Oct 13, 2012 7:21 AM
21	I am a trained first responder and have extensive emercency training	Oct 12, 2012 5:39 PM
22	we have flood proofed our basement	Oct 11, 2012 8:18 AM
23	Registered with FEMA for flood loans and grants.	Sep 27, 2012 8:56 AM

Page 3, Q8. In what ways do you believe you are prepared for the probable impacts from natural hazard events that may occur within Broome County? (Please check all that apply)

24	Have a project Hear necklace system	Sep 22, 2012 9:58 AM
25	Cleaned out my basement not much to get damaged in flood	Sep 11, 2012 12:54 PM
26	I chose to live on a hill far from any flooding.	Sep 3, 2012 3:30 PM

Page 3, Q10. Information on the impacts of and how to prepare for a natural disaster can be disseminated to the public in various ways. Of the information sources below, please identify the top three (3) that are MOST EFFECTIVE in providing you with information to make your home safer and better able to withs...

1	NYSEG	Dec 10, 2012 8:32 AM
2	information provided at work	Dec 6, 2012 8:45 PM
3	These choices are for Preparation, not during an actual event. A separate question should be included for that data.	Dec 5, 2012 4:18 PM
4	Alerts on cell phone	Dec 5, 2012 10:18 AM
5	NY Alert	Nov 19, 2012 7:35 AM
6	ny alert	Nov 16, 2012 10:08 AM
7	Text messages	Oct 19, 2012 2:16 PM
8	get informaiton at work	Oct 11, 2012 7:24 AM
9	social media	Sep 27, 2012 10:01 AM
10	Early alert telephone warning system and call.	Sep 27, 2012 8:56 AM
11	Would like to see direct mailings	Sep 21, 2012 6:07 AM
12	cell phone app	Sep 21, 2012 5:06 AM
13	at work - retired fr NYSEG	Sep 12, 2012 11:32 PM
14	Ideally, local government websites but in Broome County, officials don't update websites in a timely-enough manner	Sep 10, 2012 11:00 AM
15	24 hr radio reports, no music, locally owned channel	Sep 3, 2012 3:30 PM

Page 3, Q15. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please identify the natural hazard risk that caused you to have problems obtaining homeowners/renters insurance.

1	own barn, bridge over creek	Dec 4, 2012 11:25 AM
2	I have renters insurance that does not cover flood	Nov 27, 2012 4:00 PM
3	n/a	Nov 18, 2012 9:07 PM
4	For #13 I don't have flood insurance because I rent	Nov 4, 2012 11:17 PM

Page 4, Q20. If available, which of the following incentives would help to encourage you to spend money to retrofit your home from the possible impacts of natural disasters? (Please check all that apply)

1	bulk materials pricing, regulation waiver	Dec 11, 2012 10:13 AM
2	B-Dry (or equivalent) incentive for cellar	Dec 10, 2012 8:47 AM
3	I have built an energy efficient house.	Dec 4, 2012 5:06 PM
4	I rent and have no say of such decisions	Nov 27, 2012 4:06 PM
5	I rent, doesn't apply.	Nov 16, 2012 12:19 PM
6	Again, I rent. Not my house.	Nov 4, 2012 11:20 PM
7	If you are a small business owner, offer greater incentives if you also reside in Broome County.	Oct 23, 2012 5:33 PM
8	Let people take care of their own homes please.	Oct 23, 2012 12:51 PM
9	Too much $ to fix the issue	Oct 11, 2012 2:20 PM
10	ability to sell our house when ready	Oct 11, 2012 8:21 AM
11	No necessary - Have already done it! Nothing left to do	Oct 11, 2012 7:24 AM
12	free building survey like NYSEG energy audit	Sep 21, 2012 2:38 PM
13	I rent, so I wouldn't retrofit	Sep 1, 2012 7:34 PM
14	I do this without external incentive	Sep 1, 2012 1:11 PM

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1	#22 is one most or least important?	Dec 30, 2012 8:19 AM
2	I have experienced little problem where I live now. HOwever, I am very aware of dangers which could come, particularly from natural disasters causing a long term utility failure. I get tempted to buy a generator but being a woman living alone I am not sure I could manage one. I also am not certain of what to take if there was an evacuation. This worries me considerably and I have made a partial list of things to take but would welcome more information on how to prepare for something like this with info on what to take that as it would have to be done quickly. I own 3 animals and would never leave without them. I completely understand what happened with Katrina when people drowned because they would not leave their pets to go to shelters. NOw shelters are required to take pets but would they handle 3. HOw long could thepets survive in cages? I would love to have the County prepare in advance a place people could go with pets if they had to leave homes suddenly and explain how these pets would be kept safe. I am sure my biggest danger from a disaster would be staying when I should not due to fear of loosing my animals (and looting etc that could go on)..	Dec 29, 2012 3:58 PM
3	Our public service workers such as police and fire did a great job during our flood events. Property owners need to be more away of response plans and move the heck out of the flood prone areas. Turn the flood zones into either wetlands or park spaces to provide additional wildlife and opportunities (kayaking/waterfowl hunting/boating..etc).	Dec 11, 2012 2:29 PM
4	revamp regulation/code to permit inexpensive, simple mitigation. buik purchase necessary materials to resell to residents at great price, while providing cash flow for county (batteries, generators, MRE's, personal water treatment items.....) get the county's gold/precious metals from ny fed or wherever we have it stored and keep it locally.	Dec 11, 2012 10:13 AM
5	this part does not work the numbers in box are not correct*	Dec 10, 2012 7:55 PM
6	1. Just accurately define the floodplain and don't issue homeowner's insurance there. 2. No floodwalls, no levees. They just relocate the problem to somebody else's property and are never-ending$. 3. Let insurance companies assess risk and behave accordingly. 4. Get government OUT of the disaster recovery racket. Repeal FEMA and let us keep that tax money in our own pockets. Only real people in their own communities with appropriate homeowner's and other insurance can and should do disaster recovery. That's what voluntary associations do, and they do it cheaper and more effectively than government. Neighbors help neighbors.	Dec 10, 2012 8:47 AM
7	On high sheltered ground, not very suseptable to major problems.	Dec 7, 2012 4:42 PM
8	These are all good ideas some of which will be very costly. Do the "low hanging fruit first" I information can be provided immediately and inexpensively do that even if it is ranked last!	Dec 6, 2012 8:51 PM
9	Dredge the rivers, streams and use the material dredged , gravel, stone, soil, for roadway improvements and better drainage. Let property owners, and towns/countys, dredge and clear streams and straighten streams to protect the people. The flooding will only get worse as streams get more and more chocked	Dec 5, 2012 5:17 PM

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10	Broome and other counties should develop a Mutual Aid system similar to the volunteer fire departments for hazard assistance . Some of these programs hopefully already exist, but little is known about them by the general public. This way, the help will be quicker to come to the areas that need it most, and there should be less duplication of service, and greater overall security for those in need without leaving some areas unprotected. As the past has shown us, we should rely less on FEMA, and more on our local neighbors and Government when a natural, or man made disaster occurs.	Dec 5, 2012 4:41 PM
11	When we purchased our home 15 years ago it was not in a flood zone and hadn't flooded ever. With all the flooding in the past few years, we still haven't flooded and haven't come close. However, we are now in a flood zone and will be required to buy flood insurance after the first of the year by what we are hearing on the news. How are people on fixed incomes supposed to live? If our home hasn't flooded since it was built and the recent floods haven't come close to flooding us why are we being placed in a flood zone? I'm sorry that other homes around us were damaged, however our home sits higher that homes close to ours and that is the reason our home doesn't flood. There needs to be a better way of deciding what homes are placed in a flood zone.	Dec 5, 2012 1:24 PM
12	Need to clean out rivers, streams, ditches before storms come	Dec 5, 2012 10:39 AM
13	dredge the river free for the material	Dec 4, 2012 8:46 PM
14	Dredge the river and feeder creeks to provide a faster outflow of flood water.	Dec 4, 2012 8:10 PM
15	Get out of the flood plains, quit wasting money and risking lives.	Dec 4, 2012 5:25 PM
16	If you are stupid enough to buy a house in a low lying area next to a river, you deserve to lose it. Everyone in the twin tiers knows what has happened in the past several years and knows that it will happen again. If you want to stay and rebuild, get insurance or leave. Don't expect the taxpayer to bail you out anymore. Sounds harsh but get real. The tax money would be better spent on mitigation like flood plains, flood wall repair and strengthening, and necessary dredging.	Dec 1, 2012 1:59 PM
17	Stop the trend toward thinking the Fed Gov can come in and fix all the threats you have ignored since your property was built.	Nov 29, 2012 1:03 PM
18	Am confused about the infrastructure question, because bridges, roads, causeways, levees, etc. are all components of essential infrastructure. Also, one common local practice that is connected to both public awareness and improving drainage is to stop the antiquated, financially wasteful and wholly unnecessary practice of people pushing their leaves into the roads, causing traffic hazards, blocking drains and causing harmful water runoff. I've never seen this thing with leaves anywhere but upstate NY. Please require people to start bagging their leaves (in paper not plastic bags), use them as compost or chop them up with lawnmowers instead. Many communities nationwide already have ordinances to this effect. We also need better community information about animal preparedness, with space provided in or near Red Cross and other shelters for displaced pets. Additionally, with so much of the county's economy dependent	Nov 18, 2012 9:24 PM

on livestock and farming, towns and cities must ensure that vulnerable creeks and drainage beds are cleared of debris and safe from hazardous waste runoff, and help farmers and horse owners to prepare ahead for evacuation, safe chemical storage, etc. Lastly, the debris remaining from 2011 is a significant hazard -- in the next big storm or flood, I'm afraid all that stuff is going to pile up somewhere and block the flow of water upstream, worsening the flood situation.

19	dredge the rivers	Nov 16, 2012 3:45 PM
20	19. It's not that we are not willing to mitigate, but are not in a financial position to do so...nor can we borrow additional funds. We have taken inexpensive steps to help with future flooding, such as elevating personal property and purchasing a sump pump. 21. I think people need to be advised/educated that government cannot stop a natural disaster, and that it isn't a miracle worker. People cannot expect government to bail them out, because the resources are just not there.	Nov 13, 2012 9:31 AM
21	this would not allow me to number my preferance. I think the buyout is most important now	Nov 5, 2012 12:51 PM
22	Q 21 should be three different questions - I would consider one of those three options, but not all three. Q 22 is strange in that some of things on there - such as utilities - should be done but are (as currently done) not maintained by government at all.	Oct 31, 2012 10:01 AM
23	Dredge the rivers and creeks to allow water to flow properly.	Oct 26, 2012 8:04 AM
24	didn't understand question 22. Ranking was confusing because the computer didn't say weather 1 or 10 was the indicator of higher importance....like selecting 1 would be your top important priority and so ten would be 10th on your list of importance; it also would not allow you to rank these items of the same level of importance. So when I answered my questions I think I put them in the order of least to most importance, but then I am not sure.	Oct 26, 2012 7:37 AM
25	Enforce a 3 strikes rule re: 2006, 2011 in vulnerable flood prone region. DO NOT allow residents or businesses to return, unless it is personally financed and insured. Repair Joint Sewage Treatment Plant ASAP to full capacity. Make all construction, accountable, warranty. Litigation is expensive and avoidable if things are built, correctly, the first time. Tell FEMA to fund FULLY. Discuss Broome County regional fire protection/paid force, to protect, train, and equip FF's & EMS where buildings, insfrastructure, and and residents are clustered.	Oct 23, 2012 5:33 PM
26	Improving drainage and sewage is huge. I have been at homes where there was sewage in the back yard and river water in the front. But from what I gather raising roadways is going to make things worse for low lying areas. I have spent years rebuiliding flooded homes. For the money we spend to recover we should be able to come up with some mitigation. For some this means relocation and I will gladly vote for someone who is willing to make the hard decisions for the good of our future.	Oct 23, 2012 12:51 PM
27	WORK TO clean up creeks and rivers by removing,debris,gravel,island build-up,etc. which will increase floodway capacity...	Oct 15, 2012 1:13 PM
28	I would buy out homes in flood areas. The community zonning laws allowed	Oct 13, 2012 7:32 AM

	people to build there in error and the homes should be bought out, torn down using public funding. The home dealers and sellers should have to disclose potential homes that have problems. Also for contaminated homes as well from industrial pollution.	
29	I beleive that residential properties that have been flooded several times should be purchased by grant moneyand then rezoned to allow large companies to come in and fill in the area and build.	Oct 12, 2012 5:51 PM
30	Stop all devlopment on flood planes. Do not allow rebuilding of commercial areas on flood planes. Stop assisting multiple flood victims.	Oct 12, 2012 5:44 PM
31	*1 - Educate & Inform *2 - Repair & upgrade critical infrastructure. *3 - Avoid public funding of poor decisions made by residents.	Oct 11, 2012 1:14 PM
32	I have no clue whether 1 is most inportant or least important??????????????? and it didn't let me rank them anyway it kept goint back to the ranking that was there............... *	Oct 11, 2012 7:24 AM
33	Question 22 does not indicate whether 1 or 10 is the most or least important!! I ranked with 1 as most important *	Oct 7, 2012 7:48 PM
34	Stop building in flood prone areas.	Oct 7, 2012 3:42 PM
35	Questions 22 does not work. the pull down menus are defaulting to 1,2, 3, ...and will not allow ranking of choices. *	Oct 1, 2012 1:17 PM
36	Question 22 would not fill out correctly. Those are not my responses. Additionally, the local government should not be in the business of "buying out" landowners of floodplain properties. *	Sep 28, 2012 7:03 AM
37	In question number (22) 1 is the most important.*	Sep 27, 2012 9:03 AM
38	The rating system on question 22 is goofed up.*	Sep 24, 2012 9:28 AM
39	Above section is not working clearly or as intended. Make it more user friendly! Probably best to ignore my attempted rankings...............*	Sep 22, 2012 1:07 PM
40	Question 22 is not working properly.*	Sep 21, 2012 1:36 PM
41	Stop throwing construction waste from every bridge project into the rivers; clear out waste already there; impose large fines for polluting local rivers and enforce. (This is particularly unlikely because the culprits are politically connected.)	Sep 10, 2012 11:05 AM
42	The State, County and Municipalities should buyout flooded properties and make them into greenspace. Why are these people rebuilding in the same spot? Is it because they have no choices available to them? Elevate the roadways. I couldn't get to work at the hospital and I'm an emergency worker. People who fail to move after being flooded should buy flood insurance and/or move. Broome County should be required to buy them out and make the property into greenspace. People can't move if they can't afford to move.	Sep 3, 2012 3:42 PM
43	The survey wouldn't let me rate the statements in #22.* The most important to me in order of importance are: Buy out flood prone properties Replace	Sep 1, 2012 7:34 PM

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inadequate/vulnerable bridges & causeways Retrofit infrastructure Strengthen codes   Continuing to build and rebuild in flood prone areas is a complete waste of taxpayer money, and if people have a strong emotional attachment to their particular property it should be at their own expense - especially after two floods. Building new flood walls will only increase flooding in the areas before/after those walls, though I understand the need to protect downtown and other heavily populated areas.

*NOTE: Instructions to question number 22 were edited to respond to respondent comments about ranking.