

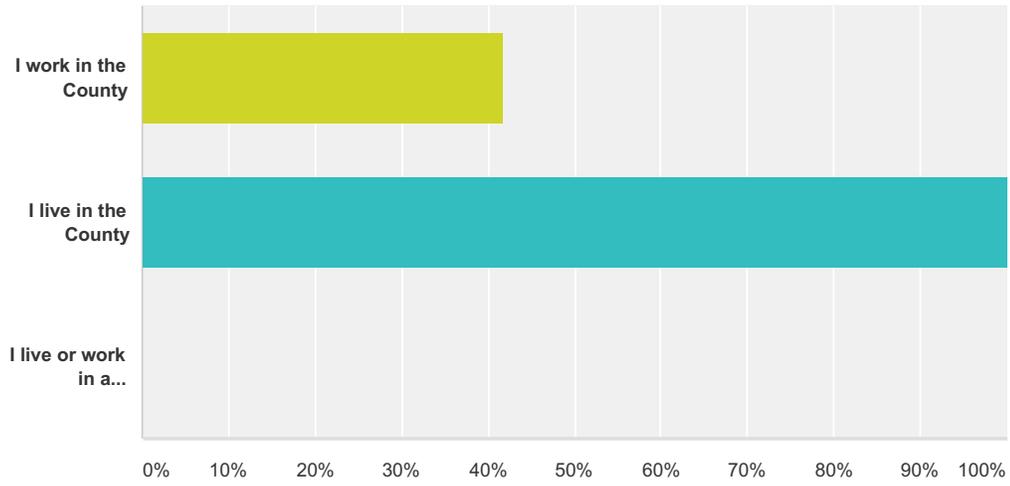


Appendix D: Public Input

This appendix contains the Public Survey and responses, as well as the comments received by the public during the open comment period. The draft plan was posted for comment on December 7th, 2015 and comments that are made before December 31st, 2015 will be included in this plan update.

Q1 Do you live or work in Middlesex County? Check all that apply.

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
I work in the County	41.67% 10
I live in the County	100.00% 24
I live or work in a neighboring County.	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 24	

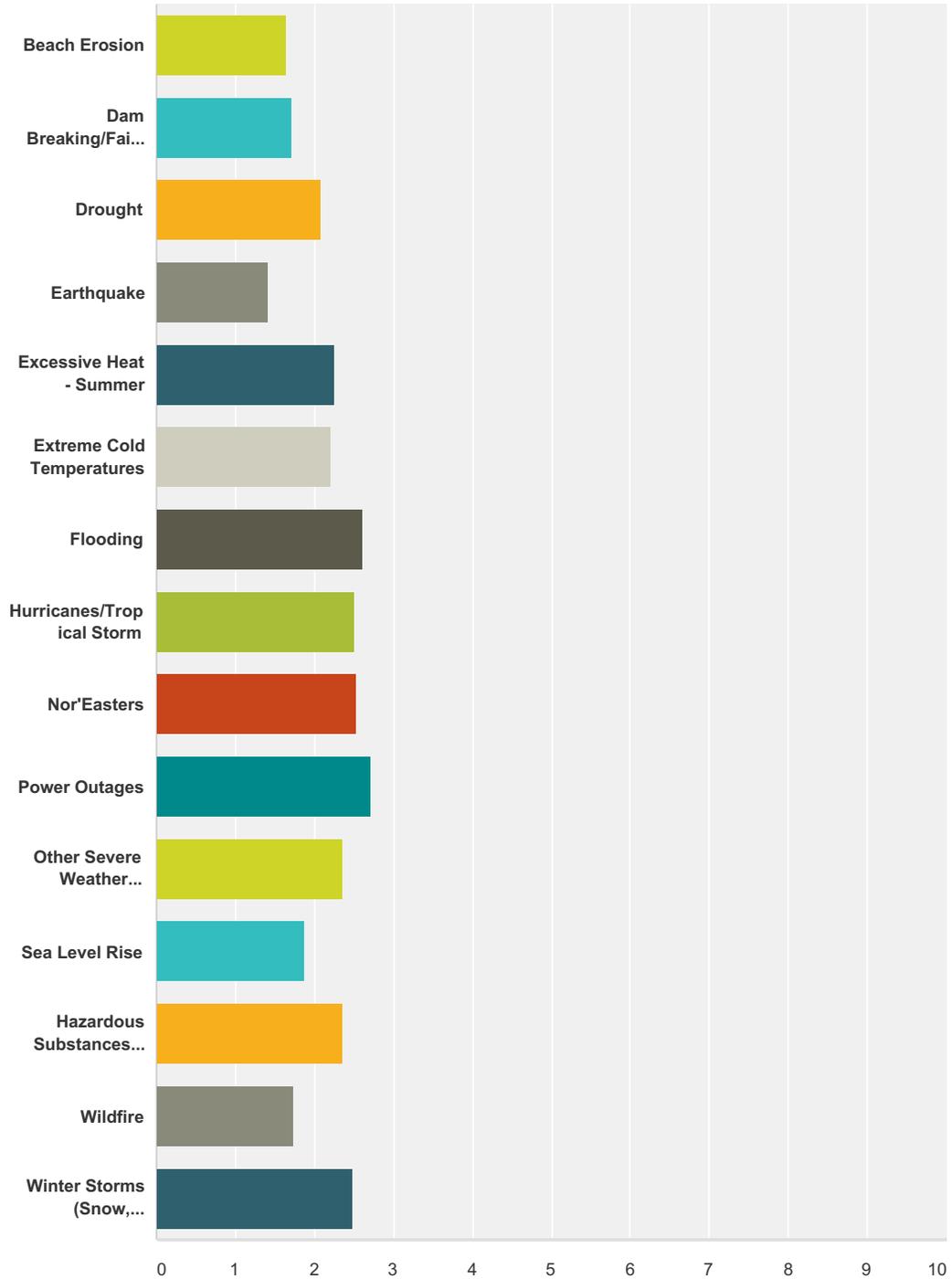
Q2 What is your zipcode?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 4

#	Responses	Date
1	08852	11/2/2015 3:37 PM
2	08904	7/31/2015 10:12 AM
3	08816	7/30/2015 9:45 AM
4	08904	7/30/2015 9:20 AM
5	08879	7/30/2015 8:27 AM
6	07080	7/17/2015 2:16 PM
7	08882	7/1/2015 11:04 AM
8	08882	6/17/2015 1:55 PM
9	07735	5/31/2015 12:30 PM
10	08882	5/12/2015 9:49 PM
11	08022	5/12/2015 8:17 AM
12	08882	5/11/2015 9:20 AM
13	08882	5/9/2015 4:23 PM
14	08882	5/7/2015 8:50 AM
15	08882	5/5/2015 6:46 PM
16	08882	5/5/2015 1:44 PM
17	08882	5/5/2015 8:31 AM
18	08882	5/5/2015 8:20 AM
19	08882	5/4/2015 11:04 PM
20	08882	5/4/2015 8:17 PM

Q3 Below are a list of potential hazards. How concerned are about each hazard affecting your town?

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0



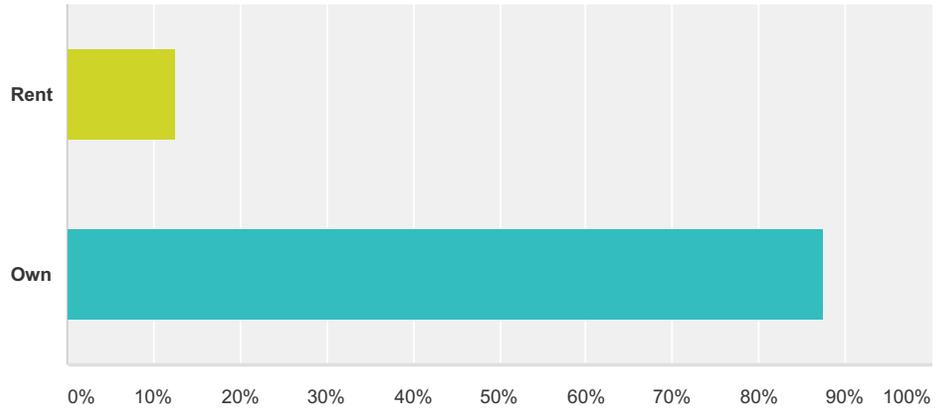
	Not Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Very Concerned	Total	Weighted Average
Beach Erosion	50.00% 11	36.36% 8	13.64% 3	22	1.64

Dam Breaking/Failure	47.62% 10	33.33% 7	19.05% 4	21	1.71
Drought	18.18% 4	54.55% 12	27.27% 6	22	2.09
Earthquake	63.64% 14	31.82% 7	4.55% 1	22	1.41
Excessive Heat - Summer	21.74% 5	30.43% 7	47.83% 11	23	2.26
Extreme Cold Temperatures	26.09% 6	26.09% 6	47.83% 11	23	2.22
Flooding	4.35% 1	30.43% 7	65.22% 15	23	2.61
Hurricanes/Tropical Storm	8.33% 2	33.33% 8	58.33% 14	24	2.50
Nor'Easters	8.70% 2	30.43% 7	60.87% 14	23	2.52
Power Outages	0.00% 0	29.17% 7	70.83% 17	24	2.71
Other Severe Weather (Tornadoes, High Winds, Hail)	8.70% 2	47.83% 11	43.48% 10	23	2.35
Sea Level Rise	34.78% 8	43.48% 10	21.74% 5	23	1.87
Hazardous Substances (Chemical plants, oil trains, etc)	13.04% 3	39.13% 9	47.83% 11	23	2.35
Wildfire	39.13% 9	47.83% 11	13.04% 3	23	1.74
Winter Storms (Snow, Blizzards, Ice Storms)	13.04% 3	26.09% 6	60.87% 14	23	2.48

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	chemical in our water and beaches	5/4/2015 8:17 PM

Q4 Do you rent or own your home?

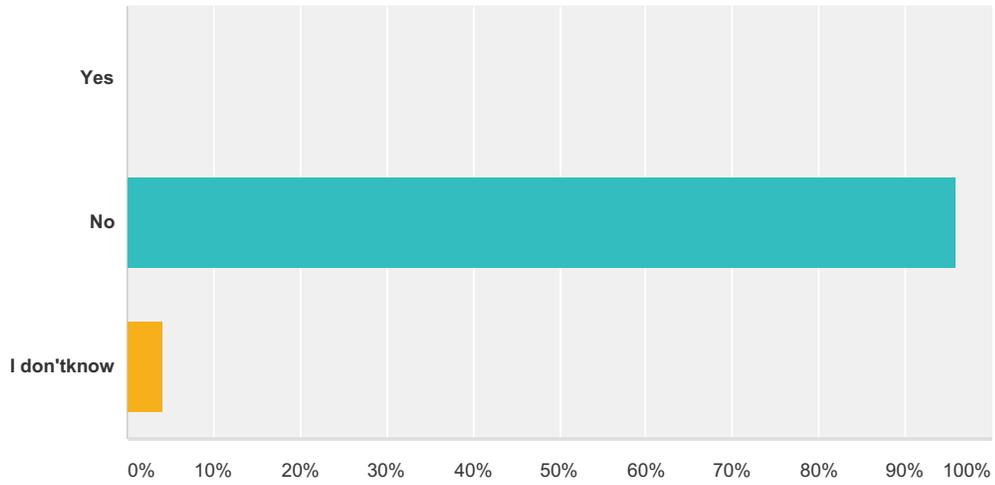
Answered: 24 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Rent	12.50% 3
Own	87.50% 21
Total	24

Q5 Is your home located in a flood zone?

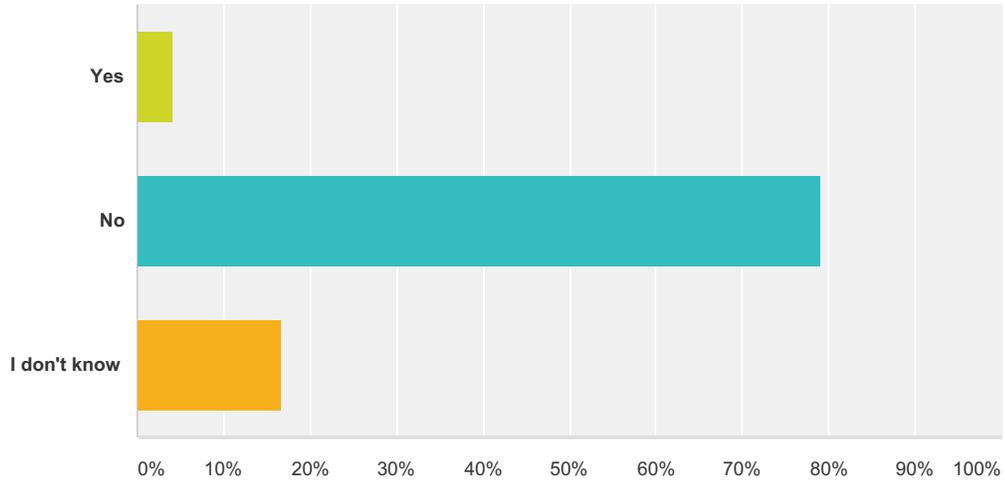
Answered: 24 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	0.00% 0
No	95.83% 23
I don'tknow	4.17% 1
Total	24

Q6 Do you have flood insurance? Note: Regular home-owners and rental insurance policies do not protect against flooding.

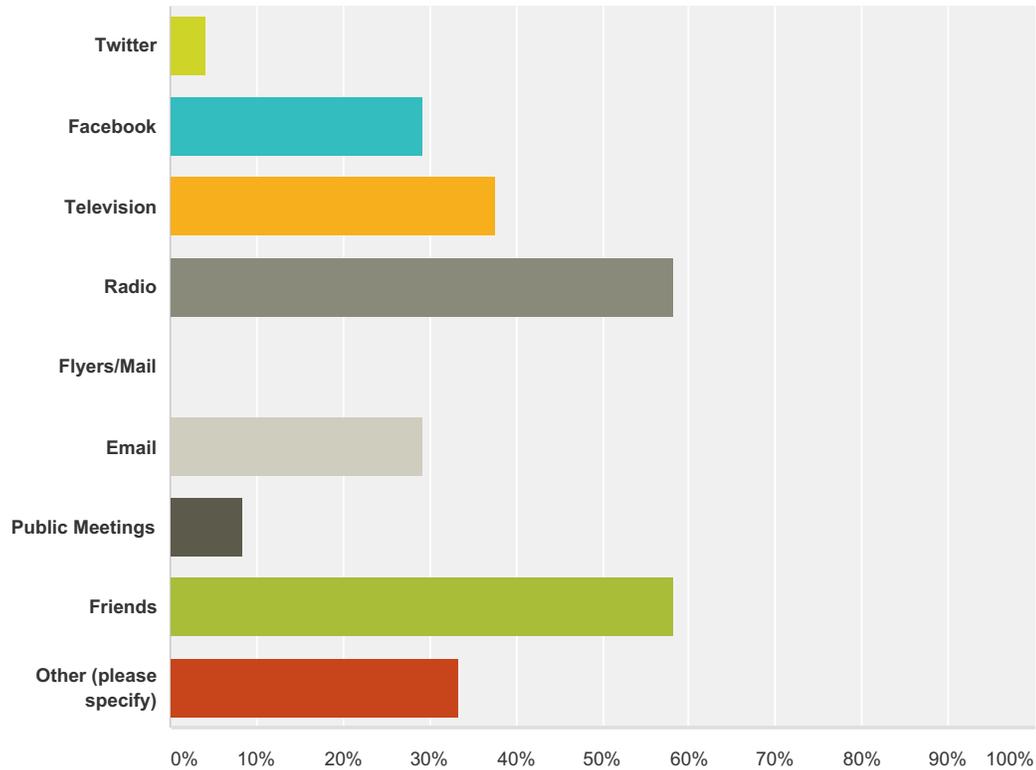
Answered: 24 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	4.17% 1
No	79.17% 19
I don't know	16.67% 4
Total	24

Q7 During/after Sandy or any other recent storm event, how did you get information about what was going on in your community? Check all that apply

Answered: 24 Skipped: 0



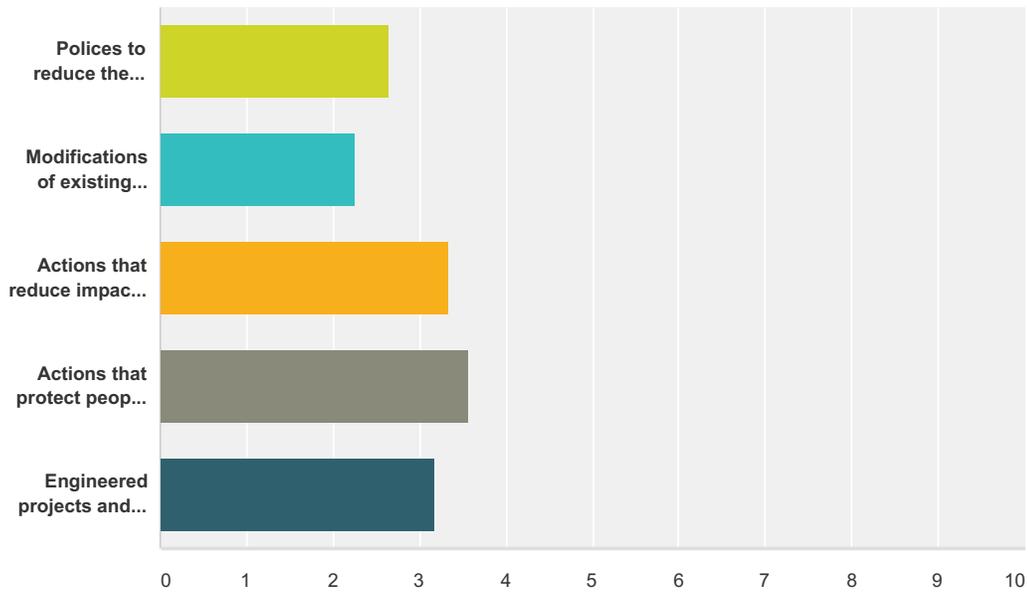
Answer Choices	Responses
Twitter	4.17% 1
Facebook	29.17% 7
Television	37.50% 9
Radio	58.33% 14
Flyers/Mail	0.00% 0
Email	29.17% 7
Public Meetings	8.33% 2
Friends	58.33% 14
Other (please specify)	33.33% 8
Total Respondents: 24	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Nixle. Great stuff!	11/2/2015 3:37 PM

2	Internet (but not twitter/facebook)	7/31/2015 10:12 AM
3	robo-calls from municipal OEM Director	7/30/2015 9:45 AM
4	Word of mouth..during/after the storm there was no electricity.	7/30/2015 9:35 AM
5	automated phone messages	6/17/2015 1:55 PM
6	when we had power	5/5/2015 8:34 AM
7	just moved in last month	5/5/2015 8:31 AM
8	Family	5/5/2015 8:19 AM

Q8 There are many types of projects governments can do to help protect individuals and property from disasters. Please rank the projects below in the order that you think is most important for your community.

Answered: 23 Skipped: 1



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Score
Polices to reduce the impact of hazards (e.g. zoning, planning, building codes)	8.70% 2	13.04% 3	34.78% 8	21.74% 5	21.74% 5	23	2.65
Modifications of existing homes and buildings to protect them from hazard (e.g. elevation of electrical equipment, floodproofing)	4.35% 1	21.74% 5	4.35% 1	34.78% 8	34.78% 8	23	2.26
Actions that reduce impact of hazards and restore ecological function (e.g. property acquisition, land preservation, wetland and stream restoration)	30.43% 7	13.04% 3	26.09% 6	21.74% 5	8.70% 2	23	3.35
Actions that protect people and property during or immediately after an event (e.g. warning systems, evacuations)	30.43% 7	21.74% 5	26.09% 6	17.39% 4	4.35% 1	23	3.57
Engineered projects and structures that reduce the impact of hazards (e.g. seawalls, levees, stormwater facilities)	26.09% 6	30.43% 7	8.70% 2	4.35% 1	30.43% 7	23	3.17

Q9 What steps/projects do you think government could do to reduce the risk of future damage of disasters in your neighborhood/community?

Answered: 9 Skipped: 15

#	Responses	Date
1	Construct Crab Island Dam on the Raritan River that was conceived in the 1960s/70s but never came to fruition. This would offer tremendous flood control benefits to all upstream tributaries.	7/30/2015 9:45 AM
2	Environment prevention initiatives to lessen risk of future disasters and damage to communities.	7/30/2015 9:35 AM
3	strategic open space acquisitions around all residential zones; introduction/explanation of emergency evacuation practices by municipal officials to residents well in advance of storms; installation of green infrastructure along all roadways including major arterials; upgrade the town's out-of-date infrastructure/utilities (specifically, replace water mains that are constantly failing and bury electrical wires underground); town-wide tree inventory/maintenance of unhealthy/hazardous trees	7/30/2015 9:20 AM
4	Reduce new development	7/30/2015 8:27 AM
5	Projects to protect critical infrastructure	7/17/2015 2:16 PM
6	Provide laws that require evacuation when ordered by local officials.	5/31/2015 12:30 PM
7	Engineered projects and structures to keep flooding to a minimum in the town.	5/7/2015 8:50 AM
8	Dredging the South River, building a levee to hold back the South River from rising during another hurricane	5/5/2015 6:46 PM
9	dredge the Raritan River, hasn't been done since Seabolt closed in South River also the town allowed the new property owners to build up their property which allows Water Street area to flood more.	5/5/2015 8:34 AM