



SOMERSET COUNTY

# HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

## SOMERSET COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

FINAL PLAN UPDATE  
JULY 2019

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### APPENDIX H

*Prepared by the Somerset County  
Mitigation Planning Committee*








This appendix provides a summary report including the public input and response to the online citizen hazard mitigation survey of 2013.<sup>1</sup>

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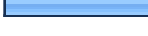










<sup>1</sup>

A new hazard mitigation survey was not conducted during the 2014-2019 plan maintenance phase. Appendix content herein from the 2014 HMP was reviewed and has been incorporated into this latest update of the document without revision.

1. Please indicate your age range:

		Response Percent	Response Count
18 to 30		2.3%	3
31 to 40		9.3%	12
41 to 50		26.4%	34
<b>51 to 60</b>		<b>33.3%</b>	<b>43</b>
60 or over		28.7%	37
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>129</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>2</b>

## 2. Please indicate in which municipality you live:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Township of Bedminster		4.6%	6
Township of Bernards		2.3%	3
Borough of Bernardsville		3.1%	4
Borough of Bound Brook		3.8%	5
Township of Branchburg		6.9%	9
Township of Bridgewater		11.5%	15
Borough of Far Hills		0.0%	0
Township of Franklin		18.3%	24
Township of Green Brook		0.8%	1
<b>Township of Hillsborough</b>		<b>21.4%</b>	<b>28</b>
Borough of Manville		6.1%	8
Borough of Millstone		1.5%	2
Township of Montgomery		6.1%	8
Borough of North Plainfield		2.3%	3
Borough of Peapack-Gladstone		0.0%	0
Borough of Raritan		0.8%	1
Borough of Rocky Hill		0.8%	1
Borough of Somerville		7.6%	10
Borough of South Bound Brook		0.8%	1
Township of Warren		0.8%	1
Borough of Watchung		0.8%	1
Somerset County		0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>			<b>131</b>

skipped question 0

### 3. How long have you lived here?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 1 year		3.1%	4
1 to 5 years		8.4%	11
6 to 9 years		16.8%	22
10 to 19 years		27.5%	36
20 years or more		44.3%	58
answered question			131
skipped question			0

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Own		94.7%	124
Rent		5.3%	7
answered question			131
skipped question			0






### 5. What is your zip code?

	Response Count
	130
answered question	130
skipped question	1











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

	Response Count
	76
answered question	76
skipped question	55

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
1 (least)		4.2%	5
2		14.2%	17
3		36.7%	44
4		37.5%	45
5 (Most)		7.5%	9
	answered question		120
	skipped question		11

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
I have taken precautionary measures to protect my property though retrofits or when constructed		22.0%	26
I have a preparedness kit consisting of basic supplies and materials for my family and myself		66.9%	79
I have identified the location of the nearest severe weather shelter		44.1%	52
I have a personal family emergency preparedness plan, and have discussed it with my family and others for whom I have responsibility		44.1%	52
I have at least two methods for receiving emergency notifications and for information during severe weather or other potential emergency situations		76.3%	90
I have insurance policies to cover losses from specific risks (e.g. flood insurance)		42.4%	50
I have received emergency preparedness information from a government source (e.g., federal, state, or local emergency management)		60.2%	71
<b>I have used local news or other media to obtain information</b>		<b>81.4%</b>	<b>96</b>
I have recieved information from schools and other academic institutions		25.4%	30
I have attended meetings that have dealt with disaster preparedness		31.4%	37

Other (please specify)		11.9%	14
<b>answered question</b>			<b>118</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>13</b>

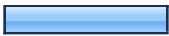

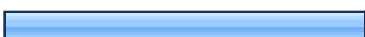




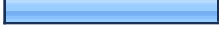





**9. In the past 10 years, which of the following types of hazard events have you or someone in your household experienced, or sustained damage as a result of, and how concerned are you about the following natural hazards impacting the area, within Somerset County? (In the first column indicate if you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





	Have Experienced	Not Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Very Concerned	Extremely Concerned	Rating Count
Dam Failure	1.1% (1)	<b>93.5% (87)</b>	6.5% (6)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	93
Drought	35.3% (36)	32.4% (33)	<b>49.0% (50)</b>	6.9% (7)	2.9% (3)	102
Earthquake	26.0% (26)	<b>68.0% (68)</b>	24.0% (24)	2.0% (2)	1.0% (1)	100
Extreme Temperatures	<b>46.7% (49)</b>	28.6% (30)	42.9% (45)	12.4% (13)	1.9% (2)	105
Flooding - Property	19.4% (18)	<b>46.2% (43)</b>	23.7% (22)	16.1% (15)	7.5% (7)	93
Flooding - Basement	<b>32.4% (33)</b>	31.4% (32)	28.4% (29)	18.6% (19)	11.8% (12)	102
Flooding - 1st Floor	6.7% (6)	<b>65.2% (58)</b>	19.1% (17)	5.6% (5)	7.9% (7)	89
Flooding - Above 1st Floor	1.2% (1)	<b>81.4% (70)</b>	7.0% (6)	3.5% (3)	8.1% (7)	86
Flooding - Street	26.6% (25)	<b>40.4% (38)</b>	29.8% (28)	12.8% (12)	8.5% (8)	94
Hail	41.4% (41)	39.4% (39)	<b>44.4% (44)</b>	6.1% (6)	0.0% (0)	99
Hurricane/Tropical Storm	<b>69.6% (80)</b>	1.7% (2)	31.3% (36)	31.3% (36)	14.8% (17)	115
Ice Storm	<b>52.8% (56)</b>	15.1% (16)	45.3% (48)	21.7% (23)	6.6% (7)	106
Landslide	1.2% (1)	<b>91.8% (78)</b>	5.9% (5)	1.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	85
Severe Storms	<b>65.8% (73)</b>	4.5% (5)	37.8% (42)	27.9% (31)	10.8% (12)	111
Severe Winter Storms (Blizzard, Heavy Snow, Ice)	<b>70.4% (81)</b>	6.1% (7)	32.2% (37)	33.0% (38)	9.6% (11)	115






Tornado	8.8% (8)	35.2% (32)	<b>42.9% (39)</b>	18.7% (17)	3.3% (3)	91
Utility/Power Failure	<b>76.1% (89)</b>	2.6% (3)	18.8% (22)	23.1% (27)	35.0% (41)	117
Wildfire	3.4% (3)	<b>58.0% (51)</b>	28.4% (25)	9.1% (8)	1.1% (1)	88
Other	0.0% (0)	<b>75.5% (37)</b>	10.2% (5)	6.1% (3)	8.2% (4)	49
<b>answered question</b>						<b>121</b>
<b>skipped question</b>						<b>10</b>

**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.**



		Response Percent	Response Count
Newspaper		24.2%	29
County and/or Town/Borough Websites		44.2%	53
Township/Borough E-Mail		54.2%	65
Police, Fire, EMS, 9-1-1		16.7%	20
Telephone Book		0.0%	0
Informational Brochures		8.3%	10
Public Meetings, Workshops, or Public Awareness Events		19.2%	23
Schools		3.3%	4
TV News		31.7%	38
TV Advertising		0.8%	1
Radio News		25.0%	30
Radio Advertisements		2.5%	3
Outdoor Advertisements		0.8%	1
<b>Internet</b>		<b>55.8%</b>	<b>67</b>

Chamber of Commerce		0.0%	0
Fire Department/EMS Agency		10.8%	13
Academic Institutions		1.7%	2
Books		0.0%	0
Public Library		3.3%	4
Other (please specify)		10.0%	12
<b>answered question</b>			<b>120</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>11</b>

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		10.0%	12
No		81.7%	98
Not Sure		8.3%	10
<b>answered question</b>			<b>120</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>11</b>

### 12. Do you have flood insurance?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		10.8%	13
No		89.2%	107
<b>answered question</b>			<b>120</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>11</b>

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

		Response Percent	Response Count
I don't need it/my property has never flooded		35.2%	37
<b>Don't need it/located on high ground</b>		<b>42.9%</b>	<b>45</b>
It is too expensive		6.7%	7
Not familiar with it/don't know about it		6.7%	7
Insurance company will not provide		5.7%	6
I believe that my homeowners insurance will cover me		2.9%	3
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>105</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>26</b>



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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		0.0%	0
<b>No</b>		<b>100.0%</b>	<b>120</b>
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>120</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>11</b>




**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.**

	Response Count
	0
answered question	0
skipped question	131




**16. Did you consider the impact a natural disaster could have on your home before you purchased/moved into your home?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		40.0%	46
No		60.0%	69
	answered question		115
	skipped question		16







**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?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		7.9%	9
No		32.5%	37
Not Applicable		59.6%	68
	answered question		114
	skipped question		17








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

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		91.2%	104
No		5.3%	6
Not sure		3.5%	4
<b>answered question</b>			<b>114</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>17</b>




**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.**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Over \$10,000		10.5%	12
<b>Between \$5,000 and \$9,999</b>		<b>26.3%</b>	<b>30</b>
Between \$1,000 and \$4,999		22.8%	26
Less than \$1,000		9.6%	11
Nothing		7.9%	9
Don't know		22.8%	26
<b>answered question</b>			<b>114</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>17</b>

**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)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Building permit fee waiver		61.9%	70
Insurance premium discount		72.6%	82
Low interest rate loan		36.3%	41
<b>Property tax break or incentive</b>		<b>82.3%</b>	<b>93</b>
Partial grant funding		64.6%	73
None		7.1%	8
Other (please specify)		4.4%	5
<b>answered question</b>			<b>113</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>18</b>

**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?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		70.8%	80
No		5.3%	6
Not sure		23.9%	27
<b>answered question</b>			<b>113</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>18</b>

**22. What types of projects do you believe local, county, state or federal government agencies should fund in order to reduce the damage and disruption of natural hazards in Somerset County? Rank the importance on a scale of one to ten. (Drag and drop your choice to the appropriate location on the scale.)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Retrofit and strengthen essential facilities such as police, schools, hospitals	13.3% (15)	<b>17.7%</b> ( <b>20</b> )	12.4% (14)	15.0% (17)	13.3% (15)	9.7% (11)	7.1% (8)	6.2% (7)	1.8% (2)	3.5% (4)
Retrofit infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems	9.7% (11)	19.5% (22)	<b>21.2%</b> ( <b>24</b> )	14.2% (16)	16.8% (19)	6.2% (7)	3.5% (4)	4.4% (5)	4.4% (5)	0.0% (0)
Work on improving the damage resistance of utilities (electricity, communications, water/wastewater facilities etc.)	<b>48.7%</b> ( <b>55</b> )	15.9% (18)	11.5% (13)	8.8% (10)	6.2% (7)	5.3% (6)	0.9% (1)	0.9% (1)	0.9% (1)	0.9% (1)
Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls or levees	6.2% (7)	8.8% (10)	<b>19.5%</b> ( <b>22</b> )	<b>19.5%</b> ( <b>22</b> )	10.6% (12)	9.7% (11)	8.8% (10)	3.5% (4)	4.4% (5)	8.8% (10)
Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges and causeways	1.8% (2)	7.1% (8)	12.4% (14)	16.8% (19)	<b>21.2%</b> ( <b>24</b> )	19.5% (22)	7.1% (8)	5.3% (6)	6.2% (7)	2.7% (3)
Strengthen codes, ordinances and plans to require higher hazard risk management standards and/or provide greater control over development in high hazard areas	6.2% (7)	5.3% (6)	4.4% (5)	6.2% (7)	9.7% (11)	17.7% (20)	<b>24.8%</b> ( <b>28</b> )	9.7% (11)	6.2% (7)	9.7% (11)
Buy out flood prone properties and maintain as open-space	5.3% (6)	9.7% (11)	6.2% (7)	4.4% (5)	4.4% (5)	11.5% (13)	<b>17.7%</b> ( <b>20</b> )	12.4% (14)	12.4% (14)	15.9% (18)
Inform property owners of ways they can mitigate damage to their properties	1.8% (2)	8.8% (10)	7.1% (8)	6.2% (7)	2.7% (3)	8.8% (10)	15.0% (17)	<b>31.9%</b> ( <b>36</b> )	12.4% (14)	5.3% (6)
Provide better information about hazard risks and high-hazard areas	5.3% (6)	1.8% (2)	2.7% (3)	3.5% (4)	8.8% (10)	5.3% (6)	11.5% (13)	15.9% (18)	<b>29.2%</b> ( <b>33</b> )	15.9% (18)
Assist vulnerable property owners with securing funding to mitigate their properties	1.8% (2)	5.3% (6)	2.7% (3)	5.3% (6)	6.2% (7)	6.2% (7)	3.5% (4)	9.7% (11)	22.1% (25)	<b>37.2%</b> ( <b>42</b> )

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**23. Other Comments:**

**Response  
Count**

22

**answered question**

**22**

**skipped question**

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108	08844	Apr 9, 2013 4:08 PM

**Page 2, Q5. What is your zip code?**

109	08853	Apr 9, 2013 4:04 PM
110	08844	Apr 9, 2013 4:01 PM
111	08876	Apr 9, 2013 4:00 PM
112	08876	Apr 9, 2013 3:59 PM
113	08873	Apr 9, 2013 3:57 PM
114	08540	Apr 9, 2013 3:54 PM
115	08844	Apr 9, 2013 3:52 PM
116	08502	Apr 9, 2013 3:51 PM
117	08502	Apr 9, 2013 3:49 PM
118	08807	Apr 9, 2013 3:46 PM
119	07062	Apr 9, 2013 3:44 PM
120	08807	Apr 9, 2013 3:43 PM
121	08807	Apr 9, 2013 3:41 PM
122	08502	Apr 9, 2013 3:38 PM
123	08876	Apr 9, 2013 3:38 PM
124	08844	Apr 9, 2013 3:35 PM
125	08844	Apr 9, 2013 3:35 PM
126	07979	Apr 9, 2013 3:29 PM
127	08873	Apr 9, 2013 3:27 PM
128	08873	Apr 9, 2013 3:25 PM
129	07921	Apr 9, 2013 3:24 PM
130	08876	Apr 4, 2013 1:53 PM

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

1	member of Community Emergency Response Team	May 22, 2013 3:32 PM
2	none	May 8, 2013 6:16 PM
3	Member of local and county CERT	Apr 18, 2013 10:53 AM
4	keep some foods that do not require cooking and water	Apr 15, 2013 10:23 PM
5	I WAS AN INSURANCE AGENT IN THE FL KEYS	Apr 14, 2013 1:01 PM
6	CERT Trainee Class in Hillsborough	Apr 13, 2013 2:37 PM
7	Red Cross certified supervisor	Apr 13, 2013 6:09 AM
8	Public Safety/Emergency Services training	Apr 12, 2013 8:17 PM
9	I'm a member of C.E.R.T.	Apr 10, 2013 6:22 PM
10	Generator	Apr 10, 2013 4:03 PM
11	CERT member	Apr 9, 2013 9:27 PM
12	internet research	Apr 9, 2013 6:47 PM
13	I'm an American Red Cross DAT Responder	Apr 9, 2013 4:16 PM
14	Former soldier, law officer and OEM volunteer	Apr 9, 2013 4:12 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	all call to residents	Apr 14, 2013 12:16 PM
2	Reverse 911 calls	Apr 13, 2013 9:27 AM
3	LEPC Meetings	Apr 12, 2013 8:17 PM
4	Nixle (instant message alerting service)	Apr 11, 2013 8:50 AM
5	C.E.R.T. And training through work	Apr 10, 2013 6:22 PM
6	Internet	Apr 10, 2013 11:30 AM
7	Nixle	Apr 10, 2013 8:45 AM
8	Public Safety Web Sites	Apr 9, 2013 5:55 PM
9	smartphone	Apr 9, 2013 3:51 PM
10	Of course, these only work if we have power and/or internet.	Apr 9, 2013 3:44 PM
11	text messages	Apr 9, 2013 3:39 PM
12	Reverse 9-1-1	Apr 9, 2013 3:27 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	the opportunity to put our power lines underground	Apr 14, 2013 12:20 PM
2	Cost	Apr 13, 2013 2:24 PM
3	A professional home evaluation of risk.	Apr 10, 2013 7:01 PM
4	Assistance from the Community to offset out of pocket expenses	Apr 9, 2013 5:12 PM
5	I don't own and I wouldn't buy in a flood area or around one.	Apr 9, 2013 4:33 PM



**Page 4, Q23. Other Comments:**

1	RIP OUT THE DAM/SPILL WAY IN ANN VAN MIDDLEWORTH PARK IN HILLSBORO. IT CAUSES THE ROCYEBROOK TO BACK UP INTO AREAS ABOVE IT THAT DID NOT PREVIOUSLY FLOODING.	Apr 28, 2013 12:10 PM
2	Not living in a flood-prone area, the biggest problem I've experienced is power outages, which also affects gas stations and other businesses. Hardening the electrical system should be a high priority.	Apr 26, 2013 2:31 PM
3	Re: being informed of being in a flood zone when we purchased our home: We bought in 2000, the year after Floyd, and were told we were in a 100-year zone. Our flood insurance was fairly low, but skyrocketed after the 2007 nor-easter. We were hoping that that flood was a fluke. We built a 2 story garage so we could move our valuables there; we also finished our attic so we could move things there. We had basement flooding in 2010, then Irene hit in 2011 and really did us in. Then Sandy came (which didn't cause flooding, just power outages and a lot of damage from falling trees). What we would like to do is sell, but that doesn't seem like a real option.	Apr 24, 2013 10:40 PM
4	Provide information on available shelters where folks can go b/4 disasters hit insuring their safety and well being.	Apr 13, 2013 2:42 PM
5	Government can only do so much. People need to be held more accountable for purchasing their properties near hazards...rivers, railroad tracks, chemical plants, etc. It's one thing if a storm is a fluke, it's another if it's repeated.	Apr 13, 2013 9:31 AM
6	No matter how much information is available no one can predict what may happen. I think their should be more affordable insurance.	Apr 13, 2013 6:16 AM
7	Budget a plan for supplemental funding for emergency services agencies in Somerset County that provide technical rescue services,with the monies to be used for training and equipment.	Apr 12, 2013 8:37 PM
8	We are very unhappy with JCPL. We do not have any confidence in their ability to provide consistent and reliable power to our household. They obviously have not invested any money in maintaining and upgrading the power grid in our county. Too bad that we are stuck with them. If there were alternative sources of power we would consider changing.	Apr 12, 2013 2:09 PM
9	Require gas stations to have emergency generators and to test them monthly. This was a big problem after Sandy. Require electric utilities to bury distribution lines so that they cannot be damaged by falling trees. Have ready stop signs which can be positioned after a power failure to mitigate blacked-out traffic signals by converting lights into four-way stops. Florida does this. Remind citizens of priority rules in four-way stops as part of the preparation for an expected power outage. Improve communication to residents after a crisis. Specifically, install and utilize the Nixle municipal IM service. South Brunswick Twp. did a great job using Nixle to help citizens after Sandy, but we hardly heard anything from Franklin Twp.	Apr 11, 2013 9:02 AM
10	I could not "drag and drop" above items. Depends on priority; preventative/precautionary vs. damage remediation. 6 should be 1 9 should be 2; preventative (realtor disclosure/public document risk assessment/history) 8 should be 3 3 should be 4 2 should be 5 4 should be 6 1 should be 7 10 should	Apr 10, 2013 7:01 PM

**Page 4, Q23. Other Comments:**

be 8 7 should be 9 5 should be 10

11	Hope I see positive response to the survey. I hope it's not like the current Federal Gov's response to Gun control and Federal budget preparation by Congress and the President.	Apr 10, 2013 11:37 AM
12	make sure county mitigation plan includes wording associated with sheltering in public buildings such as schools and that generators (supporting all lighting, emergency, heating and cooling) are something that should be in each facility, if possible.	Apr 10, 2013 9:50 AM
13	Levees and floodwalls may solve a problem for a certain area, but they have to create a problem for someone else.	Apr 10, 2013 9:10 AM
14	My town has repeatedly failed to do anything to plan for or mitigate hazards. We couldn't even direct traffic during a power outage that affected major roads in our area. We are reliant on volunteer EMS and Fire with inadequate training and infrastructure to handle evacuations of medical facilities or flood response. Our town has done nothing to develop a CERT program to enable volunteer responders to supplement and surge during an event and handle these infrequent but significant problems. The County has meetings and publishes reports, but nothing else. It's pretty bad that small towns in Oklahoma have better Emergency Preparedness capabilities than we do.	Apr 9, 2013 5:59 PM
15	The only thing that really concerns me is the wooded area between my development (Beacon Hill) and the adjacent development (Society Hill). If there were to ever be a fire, I would be concerned about it spreading to my building, which is very close to the woods.	Apr 9, 2013 5:18 PM
16	I am awaiting an approval from FEMA for a grant to assist with the mitigation of my home. The borough and I would like to relocate my home out of the flood plain. I have also been told that there is county land that has been designated for the purpose of relocating my home and my neighbors home, as a land swap. This is incredibly wonderful news and very much appreciated, however, the county has yet to contact either one of us regarding the assignment of that land. It would be extremely helpful if the county could act promptly on such decisions and processes in order to expedite the resolution of this outstanding issue. The sooner we can move our homes out of the flood plain the sooner we can have peace of mind! I look forward to hearing from someone very soon! Best regards. thank you.	Apr 9, 2013 5:12 PM
17	Question 22 wants rating from 1 to 10. With 1 being what, most important or least important??? I didn't answer because I didn't know how to.	Apr 9, 2013 4:42 PM
18	I continue to see houses being built where major flooding as occurred. I think permits to build should be recalled if the houses haven't been started, money refunded and land purchased from owner then place a deed restriction on the property. There's a reason that Lost Valley in Manville was a sod farm for years but tax revenue was more important, turn the valley into a park. It's cheaper to buy them out before they build. This is the same for many other areas too. If a house has more than a certain percentage lost, say 40% don't allow it to be rebuilt. The other thing is there are so many houses sitting empty and full of mold and now they are being sold and rebuilt to rent out, what standards are being used?	Apr 9, 2013 4:33 PM

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These are more people who will need shelter when the next flood comes. What about the health hazards of partially rebuild these houses or our we going to wait for major health problemsto occur again? We know it's not safe don't allow these houses to be rebuild and occupied. Don't allow these houses to continue to sit empty,place a time limit and then knock them down and sue the owners for the costs.

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| 19 | I ask that the county stop spending money on studies of the areas that flood that result in no action being taken. The Army Corps of Engineers has been studying the flooding of Manville, Boundbrook and other areas in Somerset for years. yet what have we done to correct the infrastructure so it doesn't flood? Nothing! I'm sure the people in Lodi and Passaic feel the same way about their counties. The money wasted on the endless studies could have been used to buy out the people who want to leave. At least there should have been some resolution by now. | Apr 9, 2013 4:15 PM |
| 20 | For Q22 - government agencies should also regulate development in areas that could change the hazard for existing developed areas (i.e. consider effects of new development on the potential for flooding in other areas even if new development isn't in a high hazard area).   | Apr 9, 2013 4:13 PM |
| 21 | It is a sad commentary on the state of our infrastructure when my local municipality suggests that I purchase a generator due to the risk of loss of electricity to my home in bad weather. This is something I would expect to hear in India or possibly China, but surely not in the US. The government (US, State, County, and Local) should be forcing utility companies to improve their grids and not be suggesting that citizens purchase generators.   | Apr 9, 2013 4:09 PM |
| 22 | When looking for a house, my number one concern was that it NOT be near water, not even a brook, and it isn't.   | Apr 9, 2013 3:46 PM |