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

## **Cayuga County Hazard Mitigation Survey**



#### 1. Please indicate your age range: Response Response Percent Count 18 to 30 5 5.4% 31 to 40 11.8% 11 41 to 50 24.7% 23 51 to 60 30.1% 28 60 or over 28.0% 26 answered question 93 skipped question 0

## 2. Please indicate what municipality you live in Cayuga County:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Auburn (c)	26.7%	24
Aurelius (t)	2.2%	2
Aurora (v)	15.6%	14
Brutus (t)	2.2%	2
Cato (t)	1.1%	1
Cato (v)	0.0%	0
Cayuga (v)	1.1%	1
Conquest (t)	1.1%	1
Fair Haven (v)	1.1%	1
Fleming (t)	6.7%	6
Genoa (t)	3.3%	3
Ira (t)	1.1%	1
Ledyard (t)	0.0%	0
Locke (t)	1.1%	1
Mentz (t)	1.1%	1
Meridian (v)	0.0%	0
Montezuma (t)	3.3%	3
Moravia (t)	0.0%	0
Moravia (v)	1.1%	1
Niles (t)	0.0%	0
Owasco (t)	4.4%	4
Port Byron (v)	2.2%	2
Scipio (t)	2.2%	2

Sempronius (t)	0.0%	0
Sennett (t)	8.9%	8
Springport (t)	1.1%	1
Sterling (t)	1.1%	1
Summerhill (t)	0.0%	0
Throop (t)	3.3%	3
Union Springs (v)	1.1%	1
Venice (t)	1.1%	1
Victory (t)	0.0%	0
Weedsport (v)	5.6%	5
	answered question	90
	skipped question	3

3. How long have you lived in Cayuga County?				
		Response Percent	Response Count	
Less than 1 year		0.0%	0	
1 to 5 years		2.2%	2	
6 to 9 years		3.3%	3	
10 to 19 years		15.4%	14	
20 years or more		79.1%	72	
	an	swered question	91	
	s	kipped question	2	

4. Do you own or rent your	place of residence?	
	Response Percent	Response Count
Own	88.9%	80
Rent	11.1%	10
	answered question	90
	skipped question	3
5. What is your zip code?		
		Response Count
		89
	answered question	89
	skipped question	4
6. What is your home address localized hazard areas such	ess? (optional, will be kept confidential - only used to idern as flooding)	ntify
		Response Count
		58
	answered question	58
	skipped question	35

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

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 (least)	11.8%	10
2	11.8%	10
3	44.7%	38
4	27.1%	23
5 (Most)	4.7%	4
	answered question	85
	skipped question	8

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

	Response Percent	Response Count
I have taken precautionary measures to protect my property through retrofits or when constructed	20.7%	17
I have a preparedness kit consisting of basic supplies and materials for my family and myself	57.3%	47
I have identified the location of the nearest severe weather shelter	24.4%	20
I have a personal family emergency preparedness plan, and have discussed it with my family and others for whom I have responsibility	34.1%	28
I have at least two methods for receiving emergency notifications and for information during severe weather or other potential emergency situations	51.2%	42
I have insurance policies to cover losses from specific risks (e.g. flood insurance)	29.3%	24
I have received emergency preparedness information from a government source (e.g., federal, state, or local emergency management)	37.8%	31
I have used local news or other media to obtain information	79.3%	65
I have recieved information from schools and other academic institutions	24.4%	20
I have attended meetings that have dealt with disaster preparedness	32.9%	27

Other (please specify)	7.3%	6
	answered question	82
	skipped question	11

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 Cayuga 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	Rating Count
Dam Failure	1.6% (1)	85.2% (52)	13.1% (8)	1.6% (1)	0.0% (0)	61
Drought	30.3% (20)	36.4% (24)	34.8% (23)	18.2% (12)	0.0% (0)	66
Earthquake	7.9% (5)	73.0% (46)	22.2% (14)	3.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	63
Extreme Temperatures	27.3% (18)	43.9% (29)	36.4% (24)	9.1% (6)	3.0% (2)	66
Flooding - Property	9.8% (6)	57.4% (35)	31.1% (19)	6.6% (4)	1.6% (1)	61
Flooding - Basement	20.6% (14)	26.5% (18)	50.0% (34)	14.7% (10)	2.9% (2)	68
Flooding - 1st Floor	0.0% (0)	79.3% (46)	20.7% (12)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	58
Flooding - Above 1st Floor	0.0% (0)	96.6% (56)	3.4% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	58
Flooding - Street	6.8% (4)	54.2% (32)	35.6% (21)	3.4% (2)	5.1% (3)	59
Hail	37.7% (26)	39.1% (27)	44.9% (31)	1.4% (1)	0.0% (0)	69
Hazardous Material Spill	13.3% (8)	43.3% (26)	40.0% (24)	11.7% (7)	1.7% (1)	60
Hazmat in Transit	11.3% (7)	48.4% (30)	33.9% (21)	11.3% (7)	4.8% (3)	62
Hurricane\Tropical Storm	18.2% (12)	30.3% (20)	48.5% (32)	12.1% (8)	1.5% (1)	66
Ice Storm	42.1% (32)	14.5% (11)	50.0% (38)	15.8% (12)	5.3% (4)	76
Landslide	0.0% (0)	91.5% (54)	8.5% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	59
Oil or Gasoline Spill	13.3% (8)	50.0% (30)	38.3% (23)	6.7% (4)	1.7% (1)	60

Severe Storms	43.2% (32)	12.2% (9)	43.2% (32)	17.6% (13)	8.1% (6)	74
Severe Winter Storms (Blizzard, Heavy Snow, Ice)	50.7% (37)	13.7% (10)	37.0% (27)	23.3% (17)	6.8% (5)	73
Tornado	6.6% (4)	34.4% (21)	47.5% (29)	11.5% (7)	3.3% (2)	61
Utility Failure	47.4% (36)	9.2% (7)	44.7% (34)	21.1% (16)	9.2% (7)	76
Vehicular Mass Transit	0.0% (0)	79.3% (46)	19.0% (11)	1.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	58
Wildfire	0.0% (0)	80.0% (48)	11.7% (7)	8.3% (5)	0.0% (0)	60
Other	3.4% (1)	86.2% (25)	10.3% (3)	0.0% (0)	3.4% (1)	29
				answei	red question	84
				skipp	ed question	9

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	29.8%	25
County and/or Local Gov't. Websites	20.2%	17
Local Government E-Mail	19.0%	16
Police, Fire, EMS, 9-1-1	15.5%	13
Telephone Book	0.0%	0
Informational Brochures	15.5%	13
Public Meetings, Workshops, or Public Awareness Events	6.0%	5
Schools	3.6%	3
TV News	77.4%	65
TV Advertising	1.2%	1
Radio News	35.7%	30
Radio Advertisements	3.6%	3
Outdoor Advertisements	3.6%	3
Internet	39.3%	33
Chamber of Commerce	0.0%	0
Fire Department/EMS Agency	15.5%	13
Academic Institutions	1.2%	1
Books	0.0%	0
Public Library	3.6%	3

1	1.2%	,	Other (please specify)
84	answered question		
9	skipped question		

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

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	5.9%	5
No	80.0%	68
Not Sure	14.1%	12
	answered question	85
	skipped question	8

## 12. Do you have flood insurance?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	9.5%	8
No	90.5%	76
	answered question	84
	skipped question	9

#### 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	25.0%	19
Don't need it/located on high ground	43.4%	33
It is too expensive	7.9%	6
Not familiar with it/don't know about it	13.2%	10
Insurance company will not provide	1.3%	1
I believe that my homeowners insurance will cover me	9.2%	7
	answered question	76
	skipped question	17

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

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	1.2%	1
No	98.8%	84
	answered question	85
	skipped question	8

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.

Count	
1	
1	answered question

Response

92

skipped question

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	27.8%	22
No	72.2%	57
	answered question	79
	skipped question	14

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	9.1%	7
No	41.6%	32
Not Applicable	49.4%	38
	answered question	77
	skipped question	16

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

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	67.5%	52
No	18.2%	14
Not sure	14.3%	11
	answered question	77
	skipped question	16

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	3.8%	3
Between \$5,000 and \$9,999	11.4%	9
Between \$1,000 and \$4,999	31.6%	25
Less than \$1,000	11.4%	9
Nothing	13.9%	11
Don't know	27.8%	22
	answered question	79
	skipped question	14

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	41.6%	32
Insurance premium discount	71.4%	55
Low interest rate loan	39.0%	30
Property tax break or incentive	80.5%	62
Partial grant funding	68.8%	53
None	6.5%	5
Other (please specify)	2.6%	2
	answered question	77
	skipped question	16

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	59.5%	44
No	9.5%	7
Not sure	31.1%	23
	answered question	74
	skipped question	19

22. What types of projects do you believe local, county, state or federal government agencies s in order to reduce the damage and disruption of natural hazards in Cayuga County? Rank thes on a scale of 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, school, and hospital buildings	12.1% (8)	16.7% (11)	10.6%	21.2% (14)	9.1% (6)	9.1% (6)	10.6% (7)	1.5%	4.5% (3)	4.5%
Retrofit infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems	16.7% (11)	21.2% (14)	18.2% (12)	7.6% (5)	16.7% (11)	7.6% (5)	4.5% (3)	4.5% (3)	3.0% (2)	0.0%
Work on improving the damage resistance of utilities (electricity, communications, etc.)	22.7% (15)	13.6%	22.7% (15)	12.1% (8)	9.1% (6)	6.1% (4)	0.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5% (3)
Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls or levees	12.1% (8)	7.6% (5)	10.6% (7)	18.2% (12)	15.2% (10)	10.6% (7)	9.1% (6)	9.1% (6)	4.5% (3)	3.0% (2)
Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges and causeways	4.5% (3)	7.6% (5)	12.1% (8)	24.2% (16)	22.7% (15)	15.2% (10)	4.5% (3)	4.5% (3)	3.0% (2)	1.5% (1)
Strengthen codes, ordinances and plans to require higher hazard risk management standards and/or provide greater control over development in high hazard areas	6.1% (4)	12.1% (8)	3.0% (2)	3.0% (2)	9.1% (6)	28.8% (19)	12.1% (8)	7.6% (5)	12.1% (8)	6.1% (4)
Buy out flood prone properties and maintain as open-space	10.6% (7)	3.0% (2)	1.5% (1)	1.5% (1)	1.5% (1)	7.6% (5)	18.2% (12)	7.6% (5)	13.6%	34.89
Inform property owners of ways they can mitigate damage to their properties	3.0%	7.6% (5)	7.6% (5)	4.5%	7.6% (5)	9.1% (6)	21.2% (14)	27.3% (18)	12.1% (8)	0.0%
Provide better information about hazard risks and high-hazard areas	7.6% (5)	9.1% (6)	4.5% (3)	7.6% (5)	4.5% (3)	4.5% (3)	9.1% (6)	15.2% (10)	25.8% (17)	12.1 <sup>9</sup> (8)
Assist vulnerable property owners with securing funding to mitigate their properties	4.5% (3)	1.5% (1)	9.1% (6)	0.0%	4.5% (3)	1.5% (1)	10.6% (7)	18.2% (12)	16.7% (11)	33.3 (22

skipped

# 23. Other Comments: Response Count 4 answered question 4 skipped question 89

Page 2	Q5. What is your zip code?	
1	13021	Mar 20, 2013 6:04 AM
2	13140	Mar 19, 2013 8:11 AM
3	13021	Mar 15, 2013 9:43 AM
4	13021	Jan 15, 2013 2:42 PM
5	13092	Dec 31, 2012 3:40 PM
6	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:39 PM
7	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:37 PM
8	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:34 PM
9	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:31 PM
10	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:27 PM
11	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:26 PM
12	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:18 PM
13	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:15 PM
14	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:12 PM
15	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:10 PM
16	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:04 PM
17	13026	Dec 18, 2012 2:02 PM
18	13026	Dec 18, 2012 1:56 PM
19	13026	Dec 18, 2012 11:14 AM
20	13021	Nov 29, 2012 9:13 AM
21	13021	Nov 23, 2012 10:12 PM
22	13140	Nov 16, 2012 1:51 PM
23	13140	Nov 13, 2012 1:00 PM
24	13021	Nov 8, 2012 11:15 AM
25	13080	Nov 6, 2012 3:29 PM
26	13160	Nov 5, 2012 3:17 PM
27	13021	Nov 5, 2012 2:34 PM

Page 2, Q5. What is your zip code?			
28	13071	Nov 5, 2012 10:45 AM	
29	13021	Nov 5, 2012 10:25 AM	
30	13166	Nov 5, 2012 10:07 AM	
31	13034	Nov 5, 2012 9:47 AM	
32	13166	Nov 5, 2012 7:42 AM	
33	13021	Nov 4, 2012 12:36 PM	
34	13071	Nov 2, 2012 12:25 PM	
35	13021	Nov 2, 2012 10:01 AM	
36	13021	Nov 2, 2012 8:49 AM	
37	13021	Nov 2, 2012 8:43 AM	
38	13021	Nov 2, 2012 8:43 AM	
39	13021	Nov 2, 2012 8:41 AM	
40	13021	Nov 2, 2012 8:39 AM	
41	13034	Nov 2, 2012 7:42 AM	
42	13160	Nov 1, 2012 11:02 PM	
43	13021	Nov 1, 2012 6:01 PM	
44	13021	Nov 1, 2012 5:19 PM	
45	13021	Nov 1, 2012 4:21 PM	
46	13118	Nov 1, 2012 3:56 PM	
47	13021	Nov 1, 2012 3:21 PM	
48	13021	Nov 1, 2012 2:45 PM	
49	13021	Nov 1, 2012 1:39 PM	
50	13021	Nov 1, 2012 1:15 PM	
51	13021	Nov 1, 2012 1:13 PM	
52	13021	Nov 1, 2012 1:00 PM	
53	13021	Nov 1, 2012 12:47 PM	
54	13021	Nov 1, 2012 12:37 PM	

Page 2, Q5. What is your zip code?		
55	13166	Nov 1, 2012 12:28 PM
56	13156	Nov 1, 2012 12:25 PM
57	13021	Nov 1, 2012 12:20 PM
58	13034	Nov 1, 2012 12:18 PM
59	13021	Nov 1, 2012 12:03 PM
60	13117	Nov 1, 2012 11:59 AM
61	13118	Nov 1, 2012 11:40 AM
62	45220	Nov 1, 2012 11:25 AM
63	13021	Nov 1, 2012 11:22 AM
64	13034	Nov 1, 2012 10:50 AM
65	13166	Nov 1, 2012 10:48 AM
66	13140	Nov 1, 2012 10:47 AM
67	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:46 AM
68	13139	Nov 1, 2012 10:45 AM
69	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:44 AM
70	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:42 AM
71	13166	Nov 1, 2012 10:42 AM
72	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:36 AM
73	13074	Nov 1, 2012 10:34 AM
74	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:26 AM
75	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:25 AM
76	13080	Nov 1, 2012 10:22 AM
77	13166	Nov 1, 2012 10:22 AM
78	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:16 AM
79	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:15 AM
80	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:14 AM
81	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:13 AM

Page 2, Q5. What is your zip code?				
82	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:12 AM		
83	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:07 AM		
84	13021	Nov 1, 2012 10:05 AM		
85	13033	Nov 1, 2012 9:58 AM		
86	13021	Oct 24, 2012 11:45 AM		
87	13156	Oct 19, 2012 10:57 AM		
88	13021	Oct 2, 2012 1:49 PM		
89	13021	Sep 21, 2012 2:46 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 Cayuga County? (Please check all that apply)				
1	living a life style not exculsively dependent on infrastructure	Mar 20, 2013 11:21 AM		
2	have a generator	Nov 5, 2012 2:38 PM		
3	participated in preparedness events at work	Nov 2, 2012 10:10 AM		
4	Fire Dept training	Nov 2, 2012 7:49 AM		
5	Bottled water, generator, gas on hand, boz with medical supplies, candles.	Nov 1, 2012 10:04 AM		

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 social media Nov 2, 2012 8:46 AM

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 They won't insure because my primary heat source is wood Mar 20, 2013 11:21 AM

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 need more grant programs

battery radio etc.

whole house generator

6

Nov 5, 2012 7:47 AM

Oct 19, 2012 11:00 AM

## 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)

2 Do not own my home

Nov 1, 2012 12:25 PM

Page 4, Q23. Other Comments:				
1	Not much will happen until Cayuga County suffers from a Irene or Lee. Many have forgotten the Labor Day storms. Also, the current state of deniers who refuse to believe in climate change or science will hamper any attempts at change. The local towns and villages don't have the money or the will power to make residents strengthen their homes. And any move to stronger codes will meet with resistance and flag waving and cries of "Don't tread on me!" Of course, these people will be first in line for help when the disaster hits. The best way is to reach out to the local town and village boards to get buy in. Let them prepare as they need to take charge when the worst happens. Also, have someone from the Mohawk Valley come in and show photos of the damage that took place to Pattersonville and Rotterdam Junction. I am sure they were not ready either.	Mar 19, 2013 8:29 AM		
2	Our greatest concern is what trucks carry across the highway, Route 90 through our village and others.	Dec 18, 2012 2:36 PM		
3	my scale runs from 1 lowest to 10 the highest.	Nov 5, 2012 10:56 AM		
4	Flood insurance is expensive and a homeowner can pay and never get help unless the area is deemed a disaster. It is not much of an insurance plan. I think it would be safer if flood prone properties were bought out. These areas could be turned into parks or sports areas for the public (we need more of this type of property in Cayuga County anyway).	Nov 5, 2012 10:27 AM		