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Overview

The Guadalupe Blanco River Authority prepared public surveys that asked a wide range of questions concerning the opinions of the public regarding natural and man-caused hazards. This fifteen-question survey was made available on the websites of the GBRA. This survey was also distributed in hard copy format at public meetings and stakeholder events throughout the planning process.

A total of 77 surveys were collected, the results of which are analyzed in this Appendix. The purpose of the surveys was twofold: 1) to solicit public input during the planning process and 2) to help the city to identify any potential actions or problem areas.

The online survey was the most accessible version. The first page is pictured below. Survey results are depicted on the following pages, showing the percentage of responses for each answer.

For questions that did not provide a multiple choice answer, or that

Figure B-1. Screenshot of Public Survey

GBRA Public Participation Survey

* 1. Please state the jurisdiction (city and county) where you reside.

2. Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a disaster?
 Yes
 No
 If "Yes", please explain:

3. How concerned are you about the possibility of our community being impacted by a disaster?
 Extremely concerned
 Somewhat concerned
 Not concerned

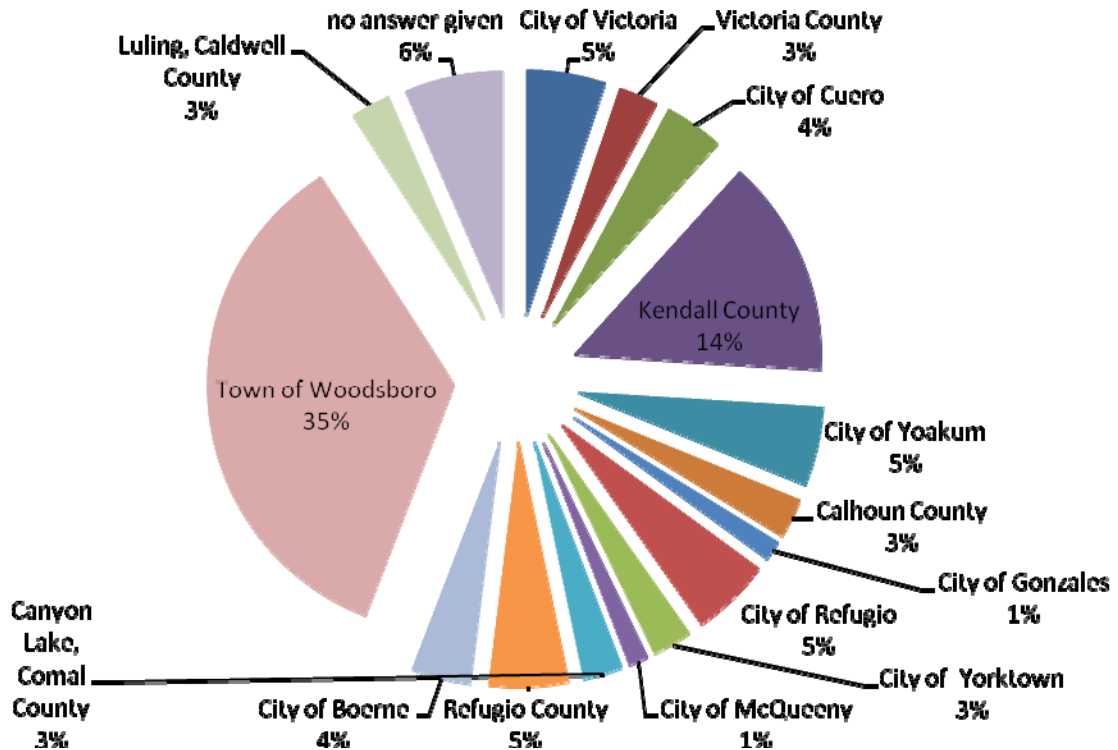
4. Please select the one hazard you think is the highest threat to your neighborhood:
 Dam / Levee Failure
 Drought
 Earthquake
 Expansive Soils
 Extreme Heat
 Flood
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 Hurricane / Tropical Storm
 Land Subsidence
 Severe Winter/Ice Storm
 Severe Thunderstorm / High Wind
 Tornado
 Wildland Fire

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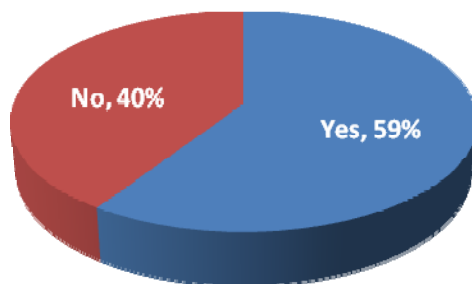
required an explanation, comments are included as they were entered on the survey itself and are not in any particular ranking order.

Survey Results

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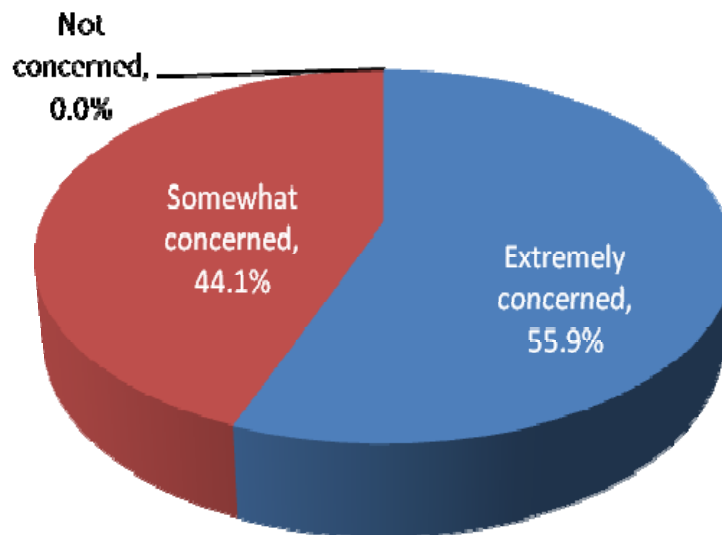


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If “yes”, what hazard have you endured¹?

- Tornado
- Flood
- Hurricane

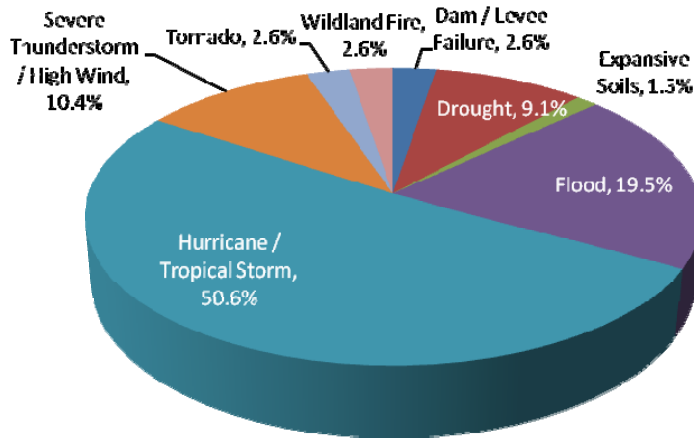
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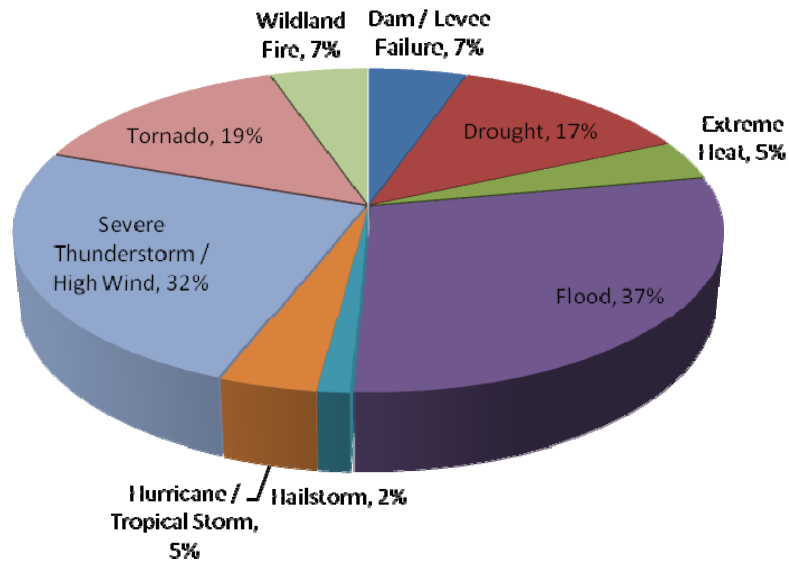
¹ Responses entered may not be specific to GBRA jurisdictions as some survey participants could have endured a hazard in another location.

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4. Please select the one hazard you think is the highest threat to your neighborhood:

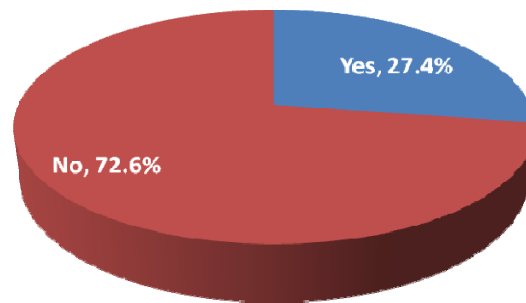


5. Please select the one hazard you think is the second highest threat to your neighborhood:



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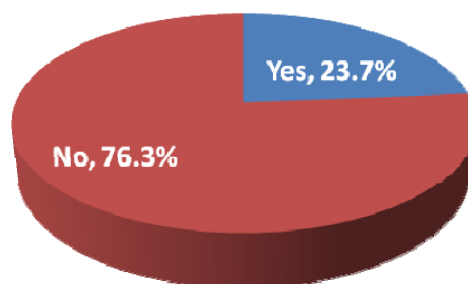
6. Is there another hazard not listed above that you think is a wide-scale threat to your neighborhood?



If “yes”, please explain what hazards you think are a wide-scale threat that are not listed?

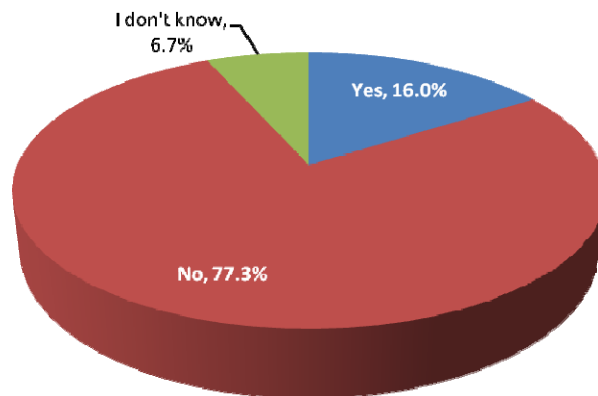
- Proposed nuclear power plant
- Illegal immigrants
- Boat traffic on lakes
- Gang violence
- Water supply

7. Is your home located in a floodplain?

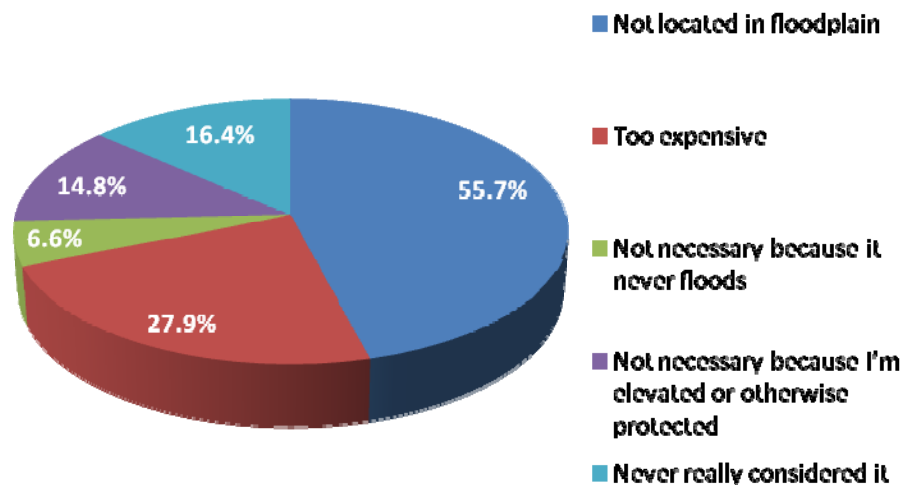


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8. Do you have flood insurance?

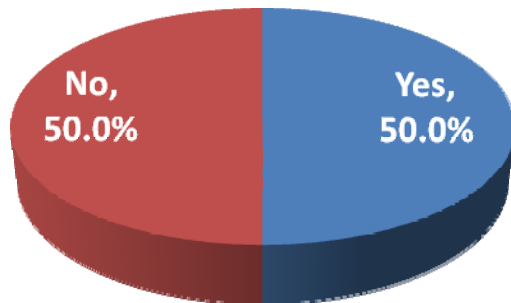


9. If you don't have flood insurance, why not?



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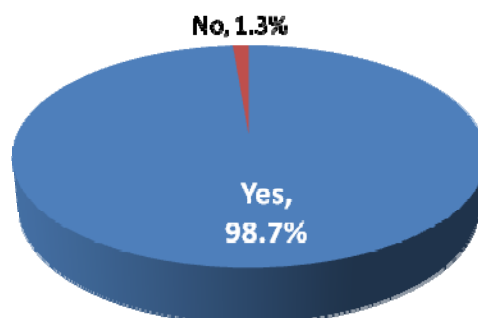
10. Have you taken any actions to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?



10(a) What have you done?

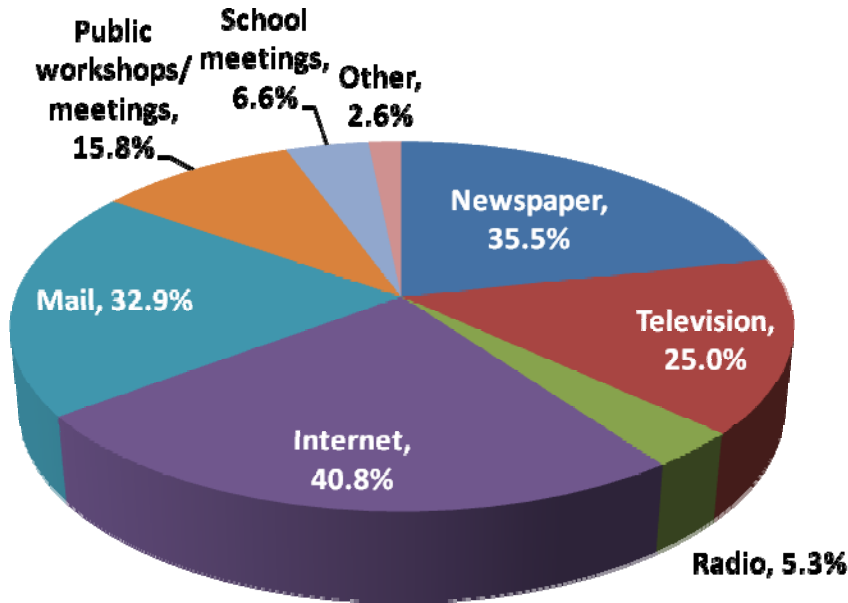
- elevated structure
- purchased weather radios
- weatherized windows and doors
- winterized pipes
- keep trees trimmed
- hurricane proof construction
- installed fire alarms

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



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12. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home and neighborhood more resistant to hazards²?



13. In your opinion, what are some steps your local government could take to reduce or eliminate the risk of future hazard damages in your neighborhood³?

- Control water use. Require rain catchment on all new construction
- Obtain and implement early warning systems
- Plant trees
- Drainage projects to resolve these issues
- Make known where the flood plains are.
- Better fire and EMS coverage
- Advanced warning system for flash food areas
- Brush control
- Improve and enforce current ordinances
- Improve communication among leaders and residents
- Keep residences free of junk that will be blown around by wind and washed down the sewer

² Results total more than 100 percent as participants selected more than one type of communication.

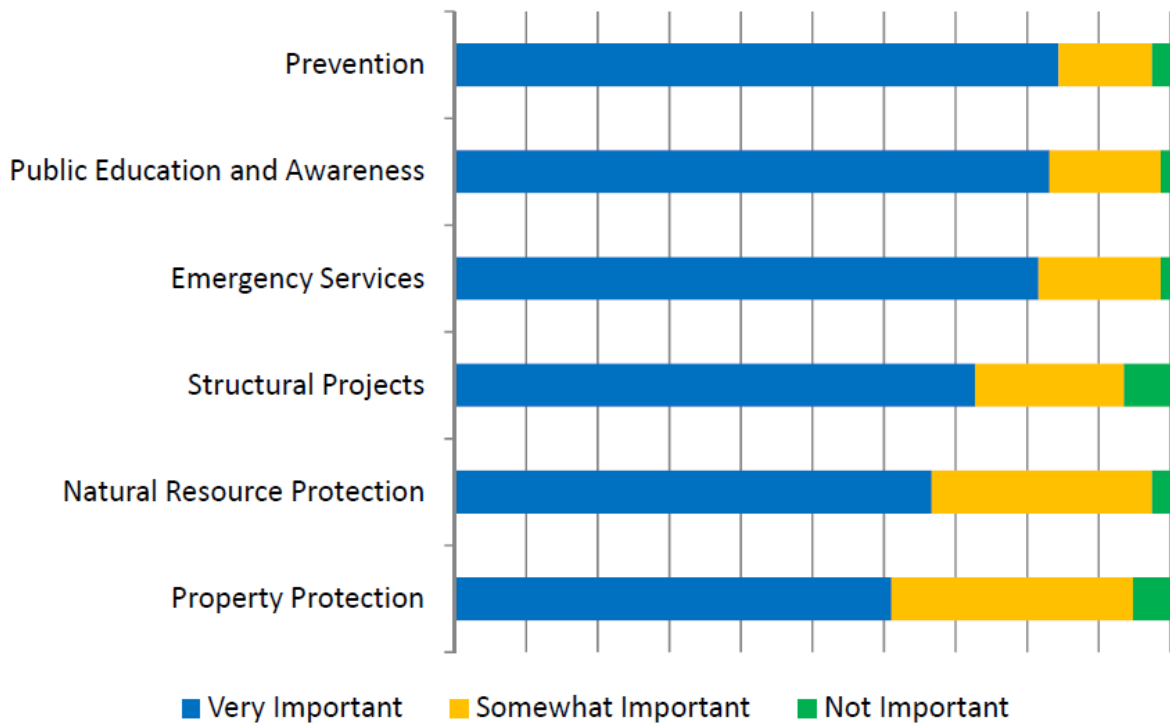
³ Answers for questions 13 and 14 are entered as they appeared in the survey.

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14. 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?

- There will be issue if the nuclear plant is constructed
- Illegal immigrants
- Boat traffic on lakes
- Gang violence

15. 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.



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	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Property Protection	61.0%	33.8%	5.2%
Natural Resource Protection	66.7%	30.8%	2.6%
Structural Projects	72.7%	20.8%	6.5%
Emergency Services	81.6%	17.1%	1.3%
Public Education and Awareness	83.1%	15.6%	1.3%
Prevention	84.4%	13.0%	2.6%

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

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.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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.

STRUCTURAL PROJECTS

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 modifications, retaining walls and storm sewers.

NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

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.

PROPERTY PROTECTION

Actions that involve the modification of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removal from the hazard area. Examples include: acquisition, relocation, evaluation, structural retrofits, and storm shutters.

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PREVENTION

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.