



Ready Community

Are We Ready?

Read each question below and circle the answer that best reflects your response

Knowledge		
1. Are elected and/or appointed officials knowledgeable about hazards in their area?	No	Yes
2. Do elected and/or appointed officials know what they and the community can do to reduce the effects of hazards?	No	Yes
3. Do citizens have memories of recent disasters or severe weather activity?	No	Yes
4. Do the citizens know about hazards in the community and steps they can take to reduce risks?	No	Yes
5. Is the community’s perception of potential risk in line with the actual risk (to the extent that risk is currently known)?	No	Yes
Support		
6. Do elected and appointed officials understand how local, state, and federal levels each support hazard mitigation and emergency management?	No	Yes
7. Is there something with which citizens are dissatisfied that might could be addressed within the context of disaster planning (i.e. tourism, economic development, blight, transportation issues) In other words, can the emergency plan contribute to other planning initiatives?	No	Yes
8. Is there an individual to serve as a champion to provide leadership and/or support for planning?	No	Yes
9. Is there an existing flood mitigation plan or other single hazard plan?	No	Yes
10. Is there an existing system for planning in the community (such as a planning department, community plan)?	No	Yes
11. Are there local people with planning capabilities that would be willing to collaborate?	No	Yes
12. Is there a history of community interest and/or involvement in environmental, recreational, or safety issues?	No	Yes
13. Is there an existing land use map (such as GIS system, contour map, soils map, topographic map) that can be used to better understand the hazards of the community?	No	Yes
14. Are the major employers, industries, and organizations that help shape the culture of the community willing to be involved?	No	Yes

Number of “No” answers _____ x 1 point each = _____ points

Number of “Yes” answers _____ x 5 points each = _____ points

Total “Are We Ready?” points: _____ **Total Points**

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