

# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT**

(Personal Interview)

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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

1. How serious of a threat is flooding on the (Project) River to the economic well being of this part of the state?

Not at All Serious	Slightly Serious	Somewhat Serious	Quite Serious	Extremely Serious
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2. How seriously are people's lives and safety threatened by floods on the (Project Area)?

Not at All Serious	Slightly Serious	Somewhat Serious	Quite Serious	Extremely Serious
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3. Should people living or farming in flood-prone areas should expect to be flooded?

They Should Not Expect Any Risk.	They Should Expect a Slight Risk.	They Should Expect Somewhat of a Risk.	Should Expect a Serious Risk.	They Should Expect a Very Serious Risk.
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4. How serious a problem are floods that affect only agricultural land?

Not at All Serious	Slightly Serious	Somewhat Serious	Quite Serious	Extremely Serious
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5. How adequately protected are most of the towns on the (Project) area are already adequately protected from flooding?

Not at All Protected	Slightly Protected	Somewhat Protected	Well Protected	Very Well Protected
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6. How serious an impact has upstream farming practices caused for flooding?

Not at All Serious	Slightly Serious	Somewhat Serious	Quite Serious	Extremely Serious
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7. How serious is the (Project Area) flooding compared to other problems in the area?

Much Less Serious than Other Problems	Less Serious than Other Problems	About the Same as Other Problems	More Serious than Other Problems	Much Less More than Other Problems
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8. If you moved here as an adult, were you aware of potential flood problems when you first came to this area?     yes     no     doesn't apply

9. Have you experienced flood problems since living here?     yes     no

10. How closely involved have you been with the (Project) flood control study?  
(Check as many of the following as apply)

reading news articles

being on the study mailing list

discussing it with family and friends

talking with officials

attending meetings

writing letters

other: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Are you receiving enough information about the (Agency) flood damage reduction study to satisfy your interest?     yes     no

Thank you very much for your assistance. The remaining questions apply only to people who have personally been involved in a flood on the (Project Site). If you were ever involved in a (Project Area) flood, please take a few minutes more to answer these important questions.

For Flood Victims:

12. How many floods here have affected you?     1-5     6 or more

13. When was the most recent flood you experienced here? \_\_\_\_\_

13a. Did you have to evacuate?     yes     no     partially

14. Was anyone in your home injured because of the flood?     yes     no

15. Did your home have any property damage or loss?     yes     no

16. If you farm, did you have any agricultural losses due to any aspect of the flood (such as erosion, crop loss, delayed planting, or storage damage)?

yes     no     doesn't apply

17. Were you carrying flood insurance at the time of the flood?     yes     no

18. There are city levees in some parts of the (Project Area). If those levees did not exist, would you say that you would be living in the floodplain (that is, might your home be subject to flooding)? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

19. Which of the following have you experienced in your present residence because of floods? (Check all that apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_ cracks in basement walls, floor, or foundation

\_\_\_\_\_ cracking or settlement in yard

\_\_\_\_\_ water damages to house or structure

\_\_\_\_\_ water damage to contents (furniture, appliances, personal effects, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ storm water backup

\_\_\_\_\_ sanitary sewer backup

\_\_\_\_\_ evacuation from home

\_\_\_\_\_ transportation disruption

\_\_\_\_\_ lost income because of missed work or business closings

\_\_\_\_\_ bodily injury

\_\_\_\_\_ anxiety, mental distress

\_\_\_\_\_ disruption to your property by emergency flood fighting

\_\_\_\_\_ lowered property values

\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ none

20. What action, if any, have you taken in the last 5 years to lessen the threat of flooding?  
(Check all that apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_ participated in any type of emergency flood fighting

\_\_\_\_\_ bought flood insurance

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to higher elevation

\_\_\_\_\_ built levee around property

\_\_\_\_\_ floodproofed or modified structure

\_\_\_\_\_ none of the above

\_\_\_\_\_ does not apply: not in floodplain

The next few questions ask your opinions on some of the alternative measures for flood damage reduction being considered by the (Agency).

Although you may never be affected personally by any of these alternative measures, please answer each question as if it applied to you. Your answers will help us to understand what most people might be concerned about.

21. If a new levee or floodwall were built near your home, what major concerns would you have? (Check all that apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_ its distance from the home

\_\_\_\_\_ its visibility from the home

\_\_\_\_\_ its appearance

\_\_\_\_\_ the type of construction (concrete floodwall or earthen levee)

\_\_\_\_\_ safety during floods

\_\_\_\_\_ impact on activities around the home

\_\_\_\_\_ impact on property value

\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

22. If your home had to be removed because of a flood protection alternative, what would be your single biggest concerns? (Check only **one**.)

\_\_\_\_\_ getting a fair price for your property and moving expense

\_\_\_\_\_ finding a good neighborhood to move to

\_\_\_\_\_ locating a suitable house or apartment to live in

\_\_\_\_\_ maintaining old friendships after moving

\_\_\_\_\_ finding good schools for your family

\_\_\_\_\_ high cost of financing a new home

\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

23. If your home had to be removed because of a flood protection alternative, where would you prefer to live instead? (Check all that would apply.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ List areas where one could move; section of city

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

24. If your home were floodproofed (for example, if it were elevated or provided with basement closures), what would be your greatest concerns? (Check all that would apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_ appearance of the home

\_\_\_\_\_ change in market value

\_\_\_\_\_ change in use of the home

\_\_\_\_\_ disruption during construction work

\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

25. If a permanent levee is constructed to protect Project Area some homes will be outside the levee (that is, unprotected from the river by the permanent levee). What do you think should be done about this? (Check all that would apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Nothing, it is the owners' problem.

\_\_\_\_\_ Require the owners to move to the protected area.

\_\_\_\_\_ The City should buy the properties from the owners and remove the structures.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Federal Government should buy the properties from the owners and remove the structures.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(Agency) must consider the impacts that its projects) may have on prehistoric and historic resources. To help us collect as much information as possible, please answer the following few questions.

26. Do you know of any areas in (Project Area) where you can find Indian arrowheads, pottery, flakes, bones, or other artifacts? If so, please describe the general location and the type of artifacts. (This information will only be used by our archeologist during this study.)

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27. Which houses or buildings do you feel may be architecturally or historically important in (Project Area). Please give the addresses or building name.

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28. Do you know of any people living in (Project Area) who are considered local historians or arrowhead collectors? If so, please give their names, addresses, and phone numbers so that we can contact them to help our cultural resources study.

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The city may have an opportunity to add areas and facilities to its park system as part of the flood damage reduction project. The next two questions deal with recreation in (Project Area).

29. If the city decides to expand its park system, what facilities or areas do you think should be developed? (Check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> hiking trail  | <input type="checkbox"/> flower gardens | <input type="checkbox"/> fishing areas  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> picnic areas  | <input type="checkbox"/> play areas     | <input type="checkbox"/> campgrounds    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> nature trails | <input type="checkbox"/> ball fields    | <input type="checkbox"/> other          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> skating areas | <input type="checkbox"/> tennis courts  | <input type="checkbox"/> nothing needed |

30. How could the city's present park system be improved? (Check all that apply.)

- larger facilities
- greater variety of activities
- better maintenance
- better locations
- other: \_\_\_\_\_
- nothing needed

31. Do you carry flood insurance?  yes  no

32. If you do not carry insurance, why not? (Check all that would apply.)

- not required
- did not know it was available
- only buy it if a flood is predicted
- too expensive
- not important
- other: \_\_\_\_\_



33. On the map on this page, a "Census Block Number" has been colored. Have we correctly marked the area in which you live? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

If an incorrect area is colored, please circle the correct Block Number on the map, or write in your address here (for block verification purposes only):

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Township \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Map of (Project Area)  
With Block Numbers Indicated

The next few questions attempt to discuss how well people are being informed about the (Project) study and how the (Agency) can improve the public participation process.

34. Are you receiving enough information about the (Agency's) (Project) flood damage reduction study to satisfy your interests? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

35. How would you like to be kept informed about this study?

\_\_\_\_ public meetings

\_\_\_\_ newspaper

\_\_\_\_ radio and TV

\_\_\_\_ brochures

\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

36. After the historic floods, many people expressed their frustration and need for a more permanent solution to the city's flooding problems. What do you think would be a good solution to (Project) area's flooding problem? (Check all that apply.)

\_\_\_\_\_ permanent new levees and floodwalls

\_\_\_\_\_ present city levees, combined with emergency flood fighting, and flood forecasting (as in (Year))

\_\_\_\_\_ channel modifications to reduce flood levels

\_\_\_\_\_ relocating most-frequently flooded structures

\_\_\_\_\_ raising and/or flood proofing most-frequently flooded structures

\_\_\_\_\_ flood insurance and floodplain zoning

\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_