

Hurricane Matthew Community Recovery Study for Lumberton,  
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*Center for Risk-Based Community Resilience Planning*  
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Our research in Lumberton focuses on community recovery following the flooding that occurred due to Hurricane Matthew in early October 2016. We are returning to Lumberton this year to follow up our initial study in November 2016. We will be collecting information from businesses like yours to gain knowledge on the impacts and the recovery from Hurricane Matthew and the flooding. We hope to learn from your experiences to help communities better prepare for similar events in the future.

This research is part of a five-year project that will be carried out by experts from engineering, the social sciences, economics, and many other disciplines. This community was selected as one of our five research locations around the country that we hope to learn from. Our field team will be in Lumberton from January 19 through 29, 2017.

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