

**Two-Year Post-Hurricane Matthew Field Study in Lumberton, North Carolina**  
**Business Recovery Survey**  
**Consent Script**

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Hello, my name is *(interviewer name)* and I am a researcher from *(name of university or National Institute of Standards and Technology)* in the *(department name/Engineering Laboratory)*. We are conducting a research study on recovery following the flooding that occurred in Lumberton, N.C. from Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence. We would like to speak with you about how this event affected your business. In particular, we are interested in learning about the process of recovering from the flooding.

This study is part of a larger project led by **Center of Excellence for Risk-Based Community Resilience Planning at Colorado State University**. This project is led by Drs. John van de Lindt and Bruce Ellingwood, both Professors from the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department and is funded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

We would like to ask you some brief survey questions about your business's experience after the flood as well as some details about your business during this time. Participation will take approximately fifteen minutes. Your participation is voluntary. If you decide to participate in the study, you may withdraw your consent and stop participation at any time without penalty.

We will be collecting information about the damage to your business, the repair process, and how the flood disrupted your business's employees, supply chain, and revenues. When we report and share our findings, we will combine the data from all participants into summary statistics and tables so no unique individual or business can be identified. There are NO KNOWN RISKS or direct benefits to you. We hope to gain more knowledge on how you and others were affected by Hurricane Matthew and the flooding, so that we can learn from your experiences to help communities better prepare for similar events in the future.

So again, we would like to speak with **an owner or manager of the business**. **Would that person be you and would you be willing to participate?**

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