Please enter your survey code: \_\_\_\_\_

Coastal communities are facing ongoing threats from coastal hazards, such as storms and flooding. These hazards have many effects, including flooded or damaged homes and buildings, erosion, and loss of beaches, dunes, and coastal wetlands. Hurricane Sandy is a recent example. Scientists expect these threats to continue in the future.

There are many ways that coastal communities can respond to the risks of coastal storms and flooding, but all of these involve tradeoffs. This survey asks for your opinions about these tradeoffs. The goal of the survey is to identify the types of policies that would be supported by you and others in your region. Your answers will be compiled with those of other respondents and sent to local officials to help them decide how to best protect your community.

This research study is being conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center on behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Your address was randomly selected from all addresses in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire and bordering communities in Massachusetts and Maine. We anticipate approximately 2,000 residents will respond, but our goal is to get as many as possible. By completing the survey, you are consenting to participate in this research. Although we hope that you will answer every question, you are free to skip any questions. Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will not be individually identified and your responses will be used for statistical purposes only.

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have questions about the research, please feel free to contact Andrew Smith at 603-862-2226 or by email at [andrew.smith@unh.edu](mailto:andrew.smith@unh.edu). If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, you may contact Dr. Julie Simpson in UNH Research Integrity Services at 603-862-2003 or Julie.Simpson@unh.edu to discuss them. By clicking "I Agree" you are agreeing to participate in this study.

1. How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in your community?

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Not at all | Minor | Moderate | Major | Unsure |
| Coastal storms |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coastal flooding |  |  |  |  |  |
| Riverine flooding |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shoreline erosion |  |  |  |  |  |

1. How do you think the following will change in the next 10 years?

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Decrease | Stay about the same | Increase | Unsure |
| Coastal storms |  |  |  |  |
| Coastal flooding |  |  |  |  |
| Riverine flooding |  |  |  |  |
| Shoreline erosion |  |  |  |  |

1. Please rate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly  disagree | Disagree | Neither | Agree | Strongly  agree |
| It is important to manage estuarine and coastal lands in coastal New Hampshire, no matter how high the costs. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I am against any more regulations and government spending. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My household should not have to pay any amount to restore estuarine and coastal lands in coastal New Hampshire. |  |  |  |  |  |
| It is often difficult for me to find time to take surveys. |  |  |  |  |  |

1. What is your sex?

* Male
* Female
* Other

1. In what year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you own or rent property on or near a body of water, such as a river, stream, wetland, pond, or ocean?
   * Yes
   * No
3. Are you a seasonal or year-round resident of the Seacoast region of New Hampshire?

* Seasonal resident (I live in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire only part of the year)
* Year-round resident (I live in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire all year)
* Neither (I do not live in the Seacoast region of New Hampshire during any part of the year)

1. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

* Yes
* No

1. What is your race? (select all that apply)

* White/Caucasian
* Black/African American
* Asian
* Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander
* American Indian/Alaskan Native
* Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

* Less than 9th grade
* 9th to 12th grade, no diploma
* High school graduate (includes equivalency)
* Some college, no degree
* Associate's degree
* Bachelor's degree
* Graduate or professional degree

1. What was your annual household income in 2020?

* Less than $10,000
* $10,000 to $19,999
* $20,000 to $29,999
* $30,000 to $39,999
* $40,000 to $49,999
* $50,000 to $59,999
* $60,000 to $74,999
* $75,000 to $99,999
* $100,000 to $149,999
* $150,000 to $199,999
* $200,000 or more

1. How many people, including yourself, live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many of these people are at least 18 years old? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_