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Community Characterization Survey Questions (Examples)

1. How large is your community/company/organization/institution/agency? What has been the recent growth profile?

2. How diverse is your community/company/organization/institution/agency....
a. Economically?
b. Demographically (e.g. age distribution)?

3. What are the prominent geographic features of your community/etc.?

4. What are the most important/influential institutions, organizations, or businesses in your community?

5. What are the "hot-button" social/political/leadership issues? Have these changed substantially over the past 5-10 years?

6. What is the land use profile in your community (%commercial/industrial/ residential/municipal)?

Community Hazards and Planning Information

7. What local/regional/global management challenges are you currently dealing with (storm water - surface runoff, supply chain, development or redevelopment, transportation, coastal access, public health - do not include hazard threat and impact information)?

8. What hazards have impacted you in the past?

9. What hazards have you experienced recently or are you concerned about experiencing soon?

10. Have you seen any changes in the weather or how often events are occurring?

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11. What information for your community/company/organization/agency is available already that describes these hazards, their impacts; what has happened and what is projected to happen?

12. Are there existing plans where you can review this information?

13. Are there people you can talk to about the hazard and climate change threats and impacts? (i.e. advisory panel, experts, hazard mitigation planners, private sector).

In your opinion, which of the following categories are most susceptible to natural hazards in your community? (Please rank the community assets in order of vulnerability, 1 being most vulnerable and 6 being least vulnerable.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6
People: Loss of life and/or injuries						
Economic: Business interruptions/closures, job losses, etc.						
Infrastructure: Damage/loss of roads, bridges, utilities, schools, etc.						
Cultural/Historic: Damage or loss of libraries, museums, historic properties, etc.						
Environmental: Damage, contamination or loss of forests, wetlands, waterways, etc.						
Governance: Ability to maintain order and/or provide public amenities and services						

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Natural hazards can have a significant impact on a community, but planning for these types of events can help lessen the impacts. The following statements will help us determine your priorities regarding planning for natural hazards in your community/company, organization/agency. Please tell us how important each statement is to you by checking the appropriate box for each.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Very Important	Not Important
Protecting private property					
Protecting critical facilities (transportation networks, hospitals, fire stations, etc.)					
Preventing development in hazard areas					
Enhancing function of natural assets (streams, wetlands, beaches, etc.)					
Protecting historic and cultural landmarks					
Protecting and reducing damage to utilities					
Strengthening emergency services (police, fire, ambulance, etc.)					
Promoting cooperation among public agencies, citizens, non-profits, academia, and businesses					