

## APPENDIX B: MITIGATION SURVEY

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### **Sample Cover Letter**

We need your help!

Our community is currently engaged in a planning process to become less vulnerable to disasters and your participation is important to us.

Jasper County is currently preparing a Jasper County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the unincorporated areas of Jasper County. The purpose of this plan is to identify and assess our community's disaster risks and determine how to best minimize or manage those risks. Upon completion, the plan will be presented to the Jasper County Board of Supervisors for adoption and then submitted to Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval.

This survey questionnaire provides an opportunity for you to share your opinions and participate in the mitigation planning process. The information you provide will help us better understand your hazard concerns and identify area policies and projects that can help lessen the impact of future hazard events.

Please help us by completing this survey and returning it to:

Surveys may also be faxed to:

If you have any questions regarding this survey or would like to learn more about how you can participate in the development of the Jasper County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, please call:

**Survey**

1. What community do you live in?

- Unincorporated (rural) Jasper County
  - Ira
  - Killduff
  - Vandalia
  - Galesburg
  - Newburg
- \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you every experienced or been impacted by a disaster?

- Yes (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- No

3. How concerned are you about the possibility of our community being impacted by a disaster?

- Extremely concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not concerned

4. Please select the hazard you think is the **HIGHEST** threat to your neighborhood:

Natural Disasters

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blizzards/Ice Storms/Winter Storms | <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding (Flash) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure                        | <input type="checkbox"/> High Wind        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hail             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Subsidence  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Cold                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lightning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding (Riverine)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tornadoes        |

Other Hazards

- Animal Feeding Operations
- Fire
- Hazardous Materials
- Terrorism
- Transportation Hazards
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please select the hazard you think is the **SECOND HIGHEST** threat to your neighborhood:

Natural Hazards

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blizzards/Ice Storms/Winter Storms | <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding (Flash) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dam Failure                        | <input type="checkbox"/> High Wind        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drought                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hail             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earthquake                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Subsidence  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Cold                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Landslide        |
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Other Hazards

- Animal Feeding Operations
- Fire
- Hazardous Materials
- Terrorism
- Transportation Hazards
- Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Is there a hazard not listed in this survey that you think is a threat to your neighborhood?

- Yes (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- No

7. Is your home located in a floodplain?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

8. Do you have flood insurance?

- I don't know
- Yes
- No  
If "NO," why not:
  - Not located in a floodplain
  - Too expensive
  - Not necessary because it never floods
  - Not necessary because I'm elevated
  - Never considered it
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you taken any actions to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

- Yes
- No

If "YES," please explain:

10. Are you interested in making your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

- Yes
- No

11. What is the most effective way for you to receive information about how to make your home and neighborhood more resistant to hazards?

- Newspaper
- Television
- Radio
- Internet
- Mail
- Public Workshops/meetings
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. In your opinion, what are some steps your local government could take to reduce or eliminate risk of future hazard damages in your neighborhood?

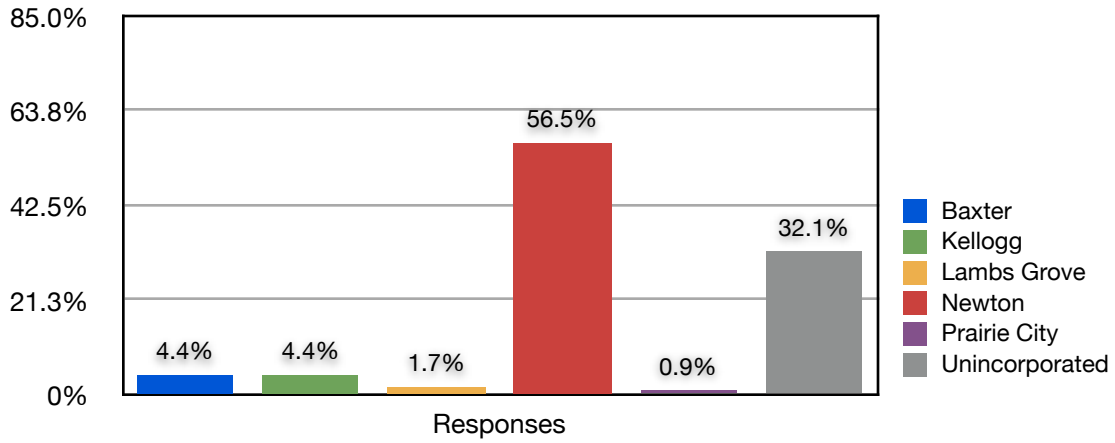
13. What are other issues regarding the reduction of risk and loss associated with hazards or disasters in the community you think are important?

14. In general, community-wide activities that can reduce risk from hazards fall into one of the following six categories. How important do you think each one is for your community?

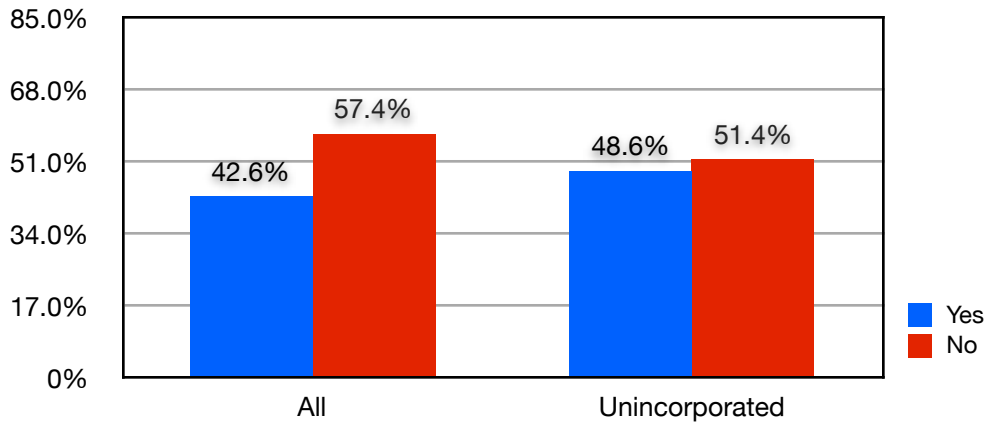
Category	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
<b>1. Prevention.</b> Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are constructed. Examples include: planning/zoning, building codes, open space preservation, and floodplain regulations.			
<b>2. Property Protection.</b> Actions that involve modifying existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removing them from the hazard area. Examples include: elevation, floodproofing, and using fire resistant materials.			
<b>3. Natural Resources Protection.</b> Actions that minimize hazard losses and preserve or restore natural resources. Examples include: floodplain protection, habitat preservation, slope stabilization, and forest management.			
<b>4. Structural Projects.</b> Actions that are intended to reduce the impact of a hazard by modifying the natural progression of the hazard. Examples include: dams, levees, detention/retention basins, and storm sewers.			
<b>5. Emergency Services.</b> Actions that protect people and property during and immediately after a hazard event. Examples include: warning systems, evacuation planning, emergency response training, and protection of critical emergency facilities or systems.			
<b>6. Public Education and Awareness.</b> Actions that inform citizens about hazards and the ways they protect themselves and their property. Examples include: outreach projects, school education, and library materials.			

## Summary of Responses

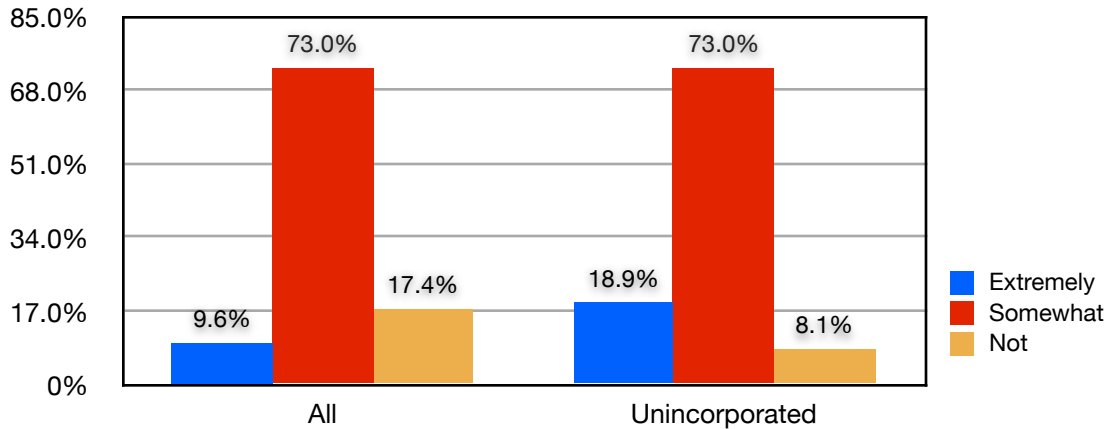
### Question 1: Community



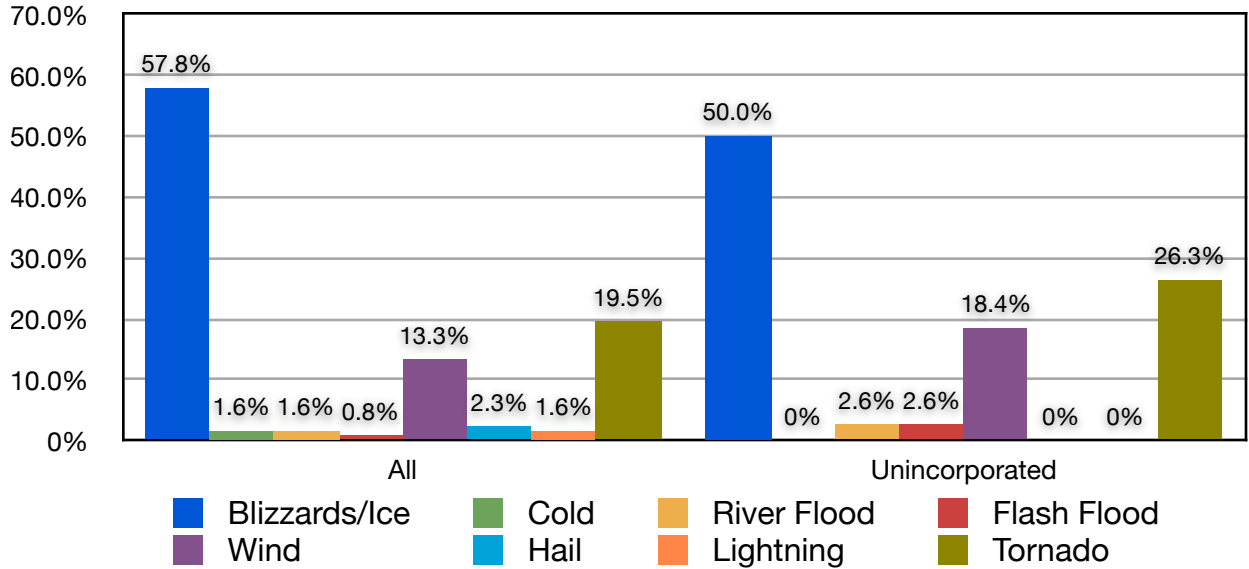
### Question 2: Experienced a Disaster



### Question 3: Concern About Disaster

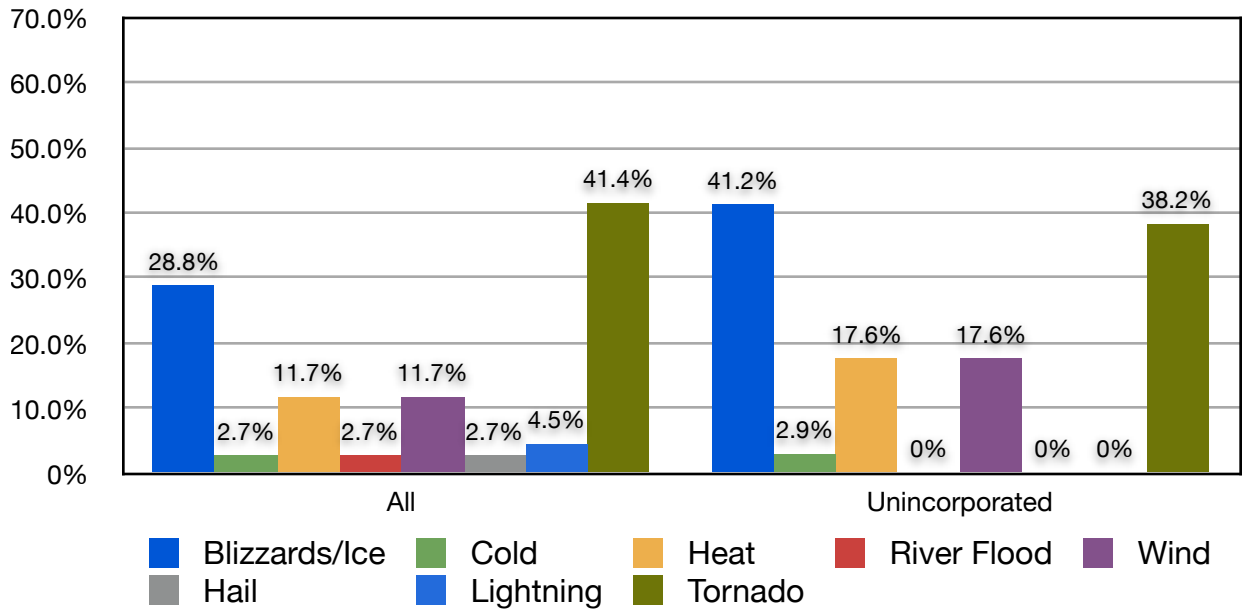


**Question 4: Natural Hazard Highest Threat**



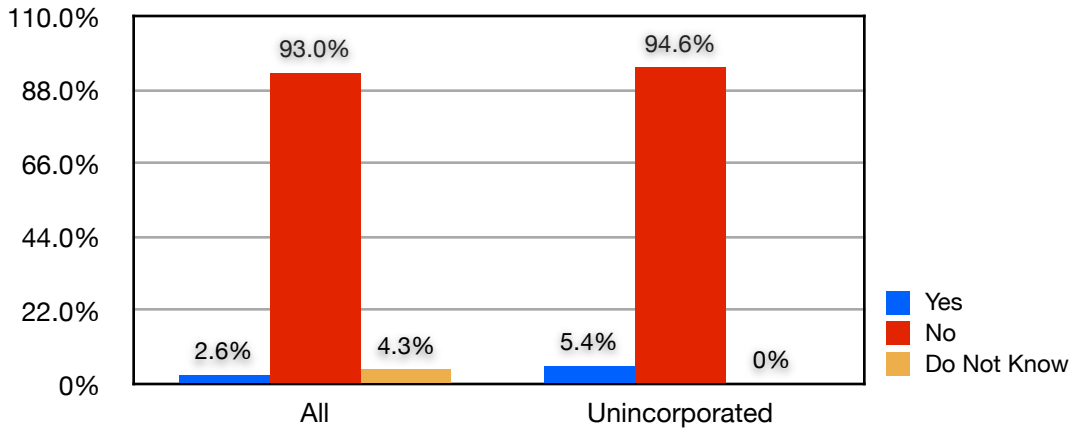
NOTE: Hazards with ranking of greater than 1% by ALL responses or UNINCORPORATED responses.

**Question 5: Natural Hazard Second Highest Threat**

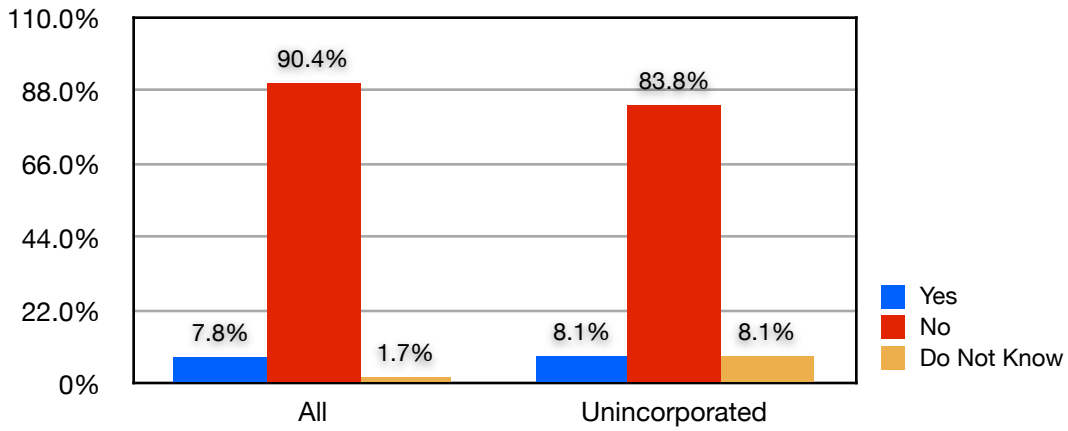


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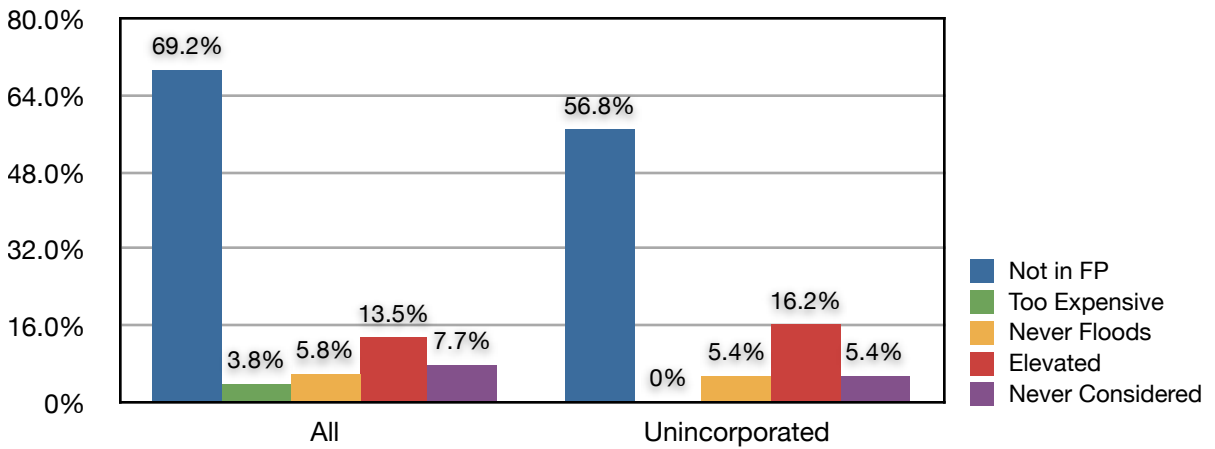
### Question 7: Located in Floodplain



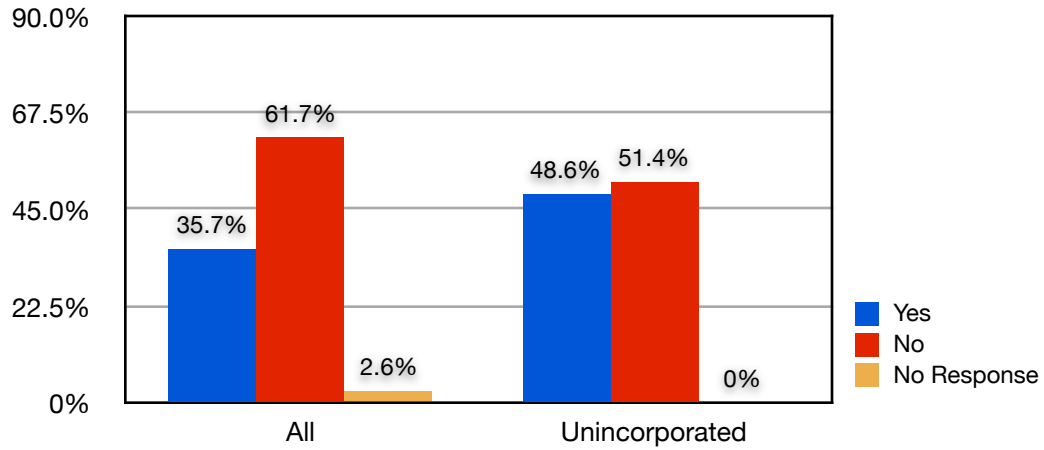
### Question 8: Have Flood Insurance



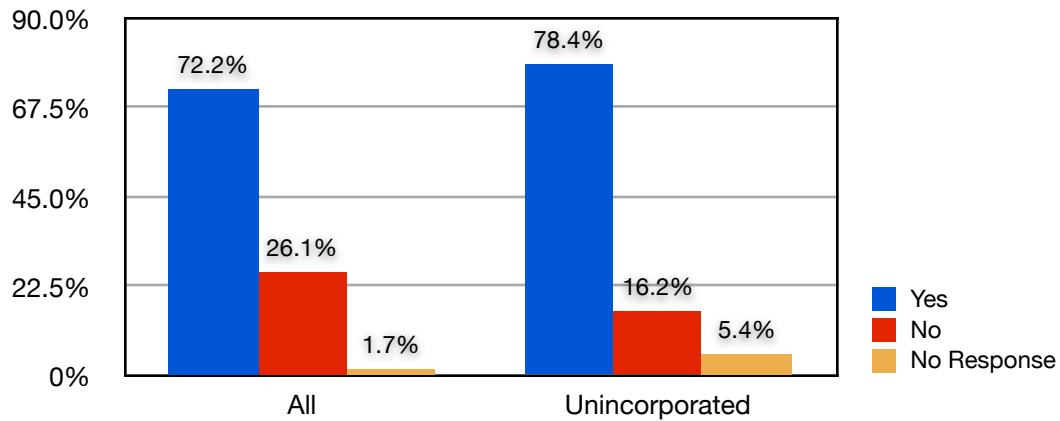
### Question 8: Reason Flood Insurance Not Purchased



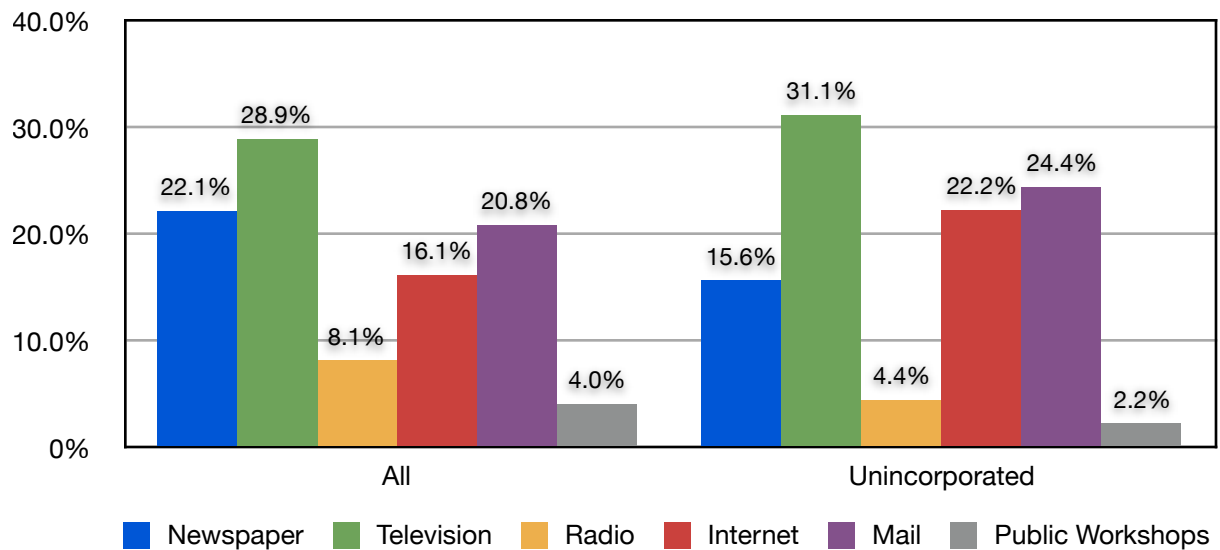
**Question 9: Have Taken Mitigation Actions**



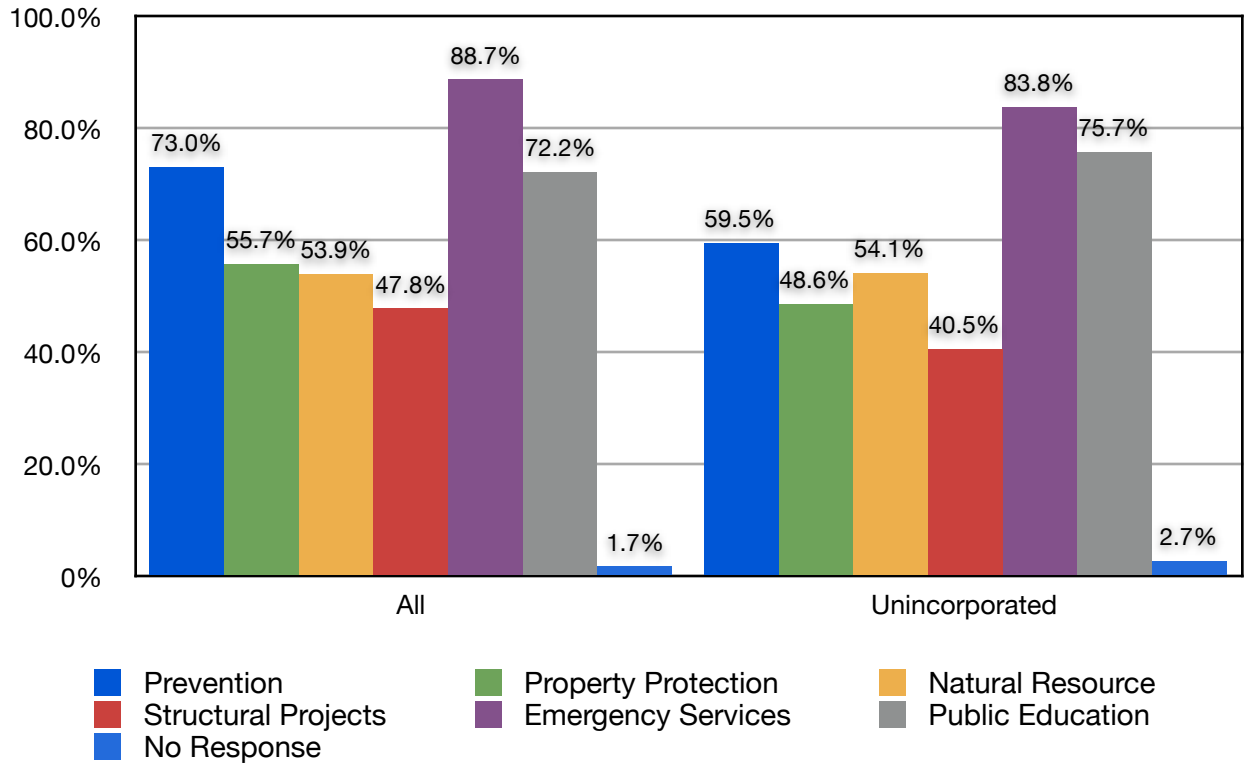
**Question 10: Interested in Taking Mitigation Actions**



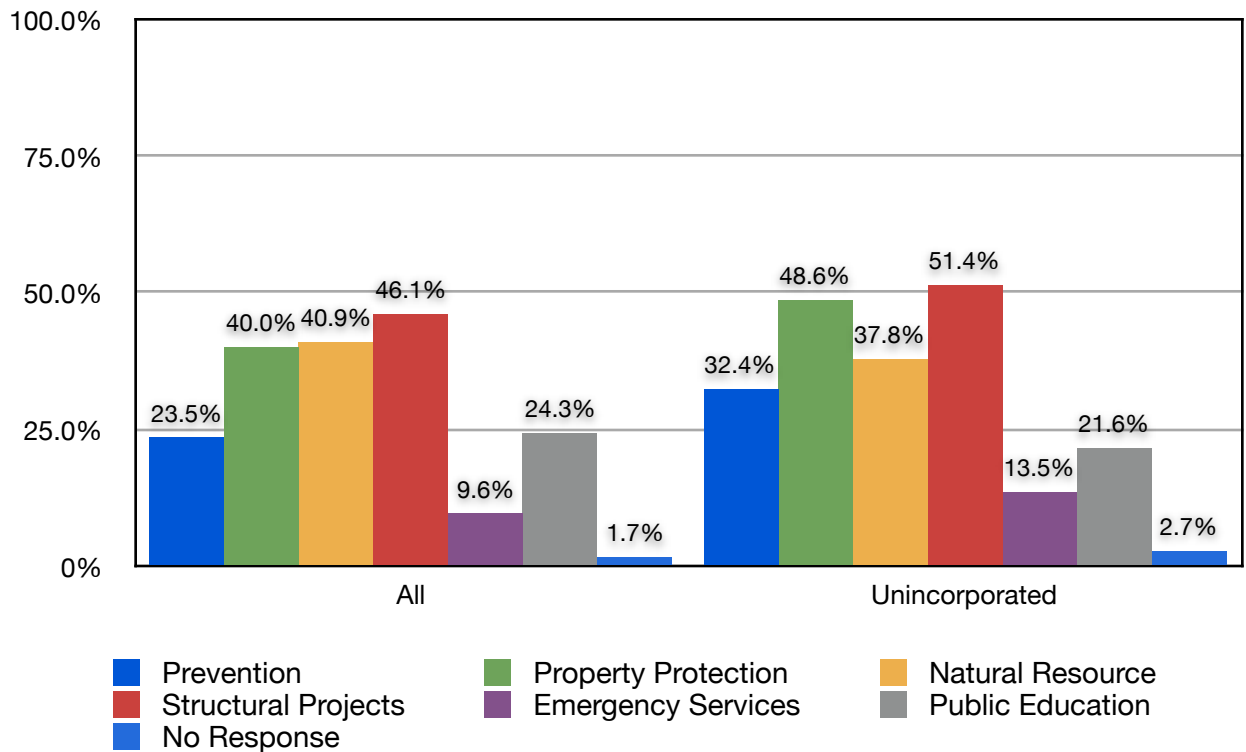
**Question 11: Most Effective Way to Receive Information**



**Question 14: Mitigation Category - Highly Important**



**Question 14: Mitigation Categories - Somewhat Important**



**Question 14: Mitigation Categories - Not Important**

