



# Ready Community

## Are We Ready?

Read each question below and circle the answer that best reflects your response

<b>Knowledge</b>		
1. Do elected and/or appointed officials know about hazards in their area?	No	Yes
2. Do elected and/or appointed officials know what they and the community can do to reduce the effects of hazards?	No	Yes
3. Do citizens have memories of recent disasters or severe weather activity?	No	Yes
4. Do the citizens know about hazards in the community and steps they can take to reduce risks?	No	Yes
5. Is the community’s view of possible risk in line with the actual risk (to the extent that risk is currently known)?	No	Yes
<b>Support</b>		
6. Do elected and appointed officials understand how local, state, and federal levels each support hazard and emergency management?	No	Yes
7. Can the emergency plan contribute to other planning initiatives?	No	Yes
8. Is there an individual to provide leadership and/or support for planning?	No	Yes
9. Is there an existing flood plan or other single hazard plan?	No	Yes
10. Is there an existing system for planning in the community (such as a planning department, community plan)?	No	Yes
11. Are there local people with planning capabilities that would be willing to collaborate?	No	Yes
12. Is there a history of community interest and/or involvement in environmental, recreational, or safety issues?	No	Yes
13. Is there an existing land use map (such as GIS system, contour map, soils map, topographic map) that can be used to better understand the hazards of the community?	No	Yes
14. Are the major employers, industries, and organizations that help shape the culture of the community willing to be involved?	No	Yes

Number of “No” answers \_\_\_\_\_ x 1 point each = \_\_\_\_\_ points

Number of “Yes” answers \_\_\_\_\_ x 5 points each = \_\_\_\_\_ points

**Total “Are We Ready?” points:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total Points**

*Adapted from Getting Started: Building Support for Mitigation Planning, FEMA 386-1, September 2002, pages 1-3 to 1-5.*