



## South Mountains 2024 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Public Survey

We need your help!

Henderson, Polk, Transylvania, and Rutherford Counties and the municipalities within the counties are working together to become less vulnerable to natural, man-made, and technological hazards, and your participation in the process is important to us!

The counties, along with local jurisdictions and other partners, are working to update the multi-jurisdictional Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan identifies and assesses our community's hazards and identifies strategies that determine how to best mitigate those risks.

This survey is 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 can lead to mitigation activities that should help lessen the impacts of future hazard events.

If you have any questions regarding this survey or would like to learn about more ways you can participate in the development in the South Mountains Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, please contact Hannah DeLude from ESP Associates, Inc. at [hdelude@esspassociates.com](mailto:hdelude@esspassociates.com).

### 1 1\ Where do you live?\*

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| <input type="radio"/> Unincorporated Henderson County  | <input type="radio"/> Unincorporated Polk County         |
| <input type="radio"/> Unincorporated Rutherford County | <input type="radio"/> Unincorporated Transylvania County |
| <input type="radio"/> Bostic                           | <input type="radio"/> Brevard                            |
| <input type="radio"/> Chimney Rock Village             | <input type="radio"/> Columbus                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Ellenboro                        | <input type="radio"/> Flat Rock                          |
| <input type="radio"/> Fletcher                         | <input type="radio"/> Forest City                        |
| <input type="radio"/> Hendersonville                   | <input type="radio"/> Lake Lure                          |
| <input type="radio"/> Laurel Park                      | <input type="radio"/> Mills River                        |
| <input type="radio"/> Rosman                           | <input type="radio"/> Ruth                               |
| <input type="radio"/> Rutherfordton                    | <input type="radio"/> Saluda                             |
| <input type="radio"/> Spindale                         | <input type="radio"/> Tryon                              |
| <input type="radio"/> Other                            |                                                          |

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\* Choose one.

2\ 2\ Have you ever experienced or been impacted by a disaster?\*

- Yes
- No

\* Choose one.

3 3\ If "Yes," please explain.

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4 4\ How concerned are you about the possibility of our community being impacted by a disaster?\*

- Extremely concerned
- Somewhat concerned

Not concerned

\* Choose one.

5 5\.. Please select the **one** hazard you think is the highest threat to your neighborhood:\*

Drought

Excessive Heat

Hurricane and Coastal Hazards

Tornadoes/Thunderstorms

Severe Winter Weather

Dam Failure

Flooding

Earthquakes

Geological (landslides, sinkholes, erosion)

Wildfires

Infectious Disease

Hazardous Substances

Radiological Emergency

Terrorism

Cyber

Electromagnetic Pulse

Food Emergency

Civil Disturbance

\* Choose one.

6 6\.. Please select the **one** hazard you think is the second highest threat to your neighborhood:\*

Drought

Excessive Heat

Hurricane and Coastal Hazards

Tornadoes/Thunderstorms

Severe Winter Weather

Dam Failure

Flooding

Earthquakes

- Geological (landslides, sinkholes, erosion)
- Infectious Disease
- Radiological Emergency
- Cyber
- Food Emergency
- Wildfires
- Hazardous Substances
- Terrorism
- Electromagnetic Pulse
- Civil Disturbance

\* Choose one.

7 7\|. Are there any other hazards that you feel pose a wide-scale threat to your community?

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8 8\|. Is your home located in a floodplain?\*

- Yes
- No

I don't know

\* Choose one.

**9** 9\. Do you have flood insurance?\*

Yes

No

I don't know

\* Choose one.

**10** 10\. If you do not have flood insurance, why not?

Not located in a floodplain

Too expensive

Not necessary because it never floods

Not necessary because I'm elevated or otherwise protected

Never really considered it

Other

\* Choose one.

**11** 11\. If "Other," please explain.

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**12** 12\. Have you taken any steps to make your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?\*

- Yes
- No

\* Choose one.

**13** 13\. If "Yes," please explain.

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**14** 14\.. Are you interested in making your home or neighborhood more resistant to hazards?\*

- Yes
- No

\* Choose one.

**15** 15\.. Do you know what office to contact to find out more information about how to reduce your risks to hazards in your area?\*

- Yes
- No

\* Choose one.



**16** 16\.. 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 (Including Social Media)
- Mail
- Public Workshops/Meetings
- School Meetings

\* Choose one.

**17** 17\.. Are there any other ways you prefer to receive information? If so, please explain.

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**18** 18\.. In your opinion, what are some steps your local government could take to reduce or eliminate the risk of future hazard damages in your neighborhood?

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**19** 19\.. Are there any other issues regarding the reduction of risk and loss associated with hazards or disasters in the community that you think are important?

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**20** A number of community-wide activities can reduce our risk from hazards. In general, these activities fall into one of the following six broad categories. In the next six questions, please tell us how important you think each one is for your community to consider pursuing.

**20\.** **Prevention** - Administrative or regulatory actions that influence the way land is developed and buildings are built. Examples include planning and zoning, building codes, open space preservation, and floodplain regulations.\*

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

\* Choose one.

**21** **21\.** **Property Protection** - Actions that involve the modification of existing buildings to protect them from a hazard or removal from the hazard area. Examples include acquisition, relocation, elevation, structural retrofits, and storm shutters.\*

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

\* Choose one.

**22** 22\.. **\*\*Natural Resource Protection - \*\***Actions that, in addition to minimizing hazard losses, also preserve or restore the functions of natural systems. Examples include: floodplain protection, habitat preservation, slope stabilization, riparian buffers, and forest management.\*

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

\* Choose one.

**23** 23\.. **Structural Projects** - Actions intended to lessen the impact of a hazard by modifying the natural progression of the hazard. Examples include dams, levees, detention/retention basins, channel modification, retaining walls and storm sewers.\*

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

\* Choose one.

**24** 24\.. **\*\*Emergency Services - \*\***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.\*

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

\* Choose one.

**25** 25\ **\*\*Public Education and Awareness - \*\*Actions to inform citizens about hazards and the techniques they can use to protect themselves and their property. Examples include outreach projects, school education programs, library materials and demonstration events.\***

- Very important
- Somewhat important
- Not important

\* Choose one.

**26** This survey may be submitted anonymously; however, if you provide us with your name and contact information below, we will have the ability to follow up with you to learn more about your ideas or concerns. (Optional)

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Thank you for taking the time to answer this survey! Your input is appreciated!