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- Despite the amount resources extended to promote survey participation from March 3 through July 18, 2011, there were only 50 respondents (See questions 5 & 6):
 - ☛ 37 were from the Forest Park Berry watershed
 - ☛ 8 were from Central Arlington Heights watershed
 - ☛ The remaining respondents reported not living in either watershed
- Only 24% of total respondents reported feeling prepared in a flood event. (See Question #9).
- Survey respondents represent some of the most highly impacted areas of both.
 - ☛ 36% have experienced flooding multiple times per year (Question #11).
 - ☛ 27% experience flooding every 1 to 2+ years.
 - ☛ Reported flood dates ranged from 1997 through 2010. (Question #12)

In Forest Park Berry, respondents who reported flood experience live on:

- ☛ Benbrook, Cockrell, Forest Park Blvd., Green Ave., Lubbock, McCart, Merida, Mission Street, Sandage, Waits, and Willing.

In Central Arlington Heights, respondents who reported flood experience live on:

- ☛ Ashland, Carleton, Clover Lane, El Campo, Locke, and Vickery.

- The chart in Question #10 provides insight into the extent of flood damage experienced by survey respondents (N=total respondents)
 - ☛ Basement and 1st Floor
 - 10 flooded, with no damage
 - 3 flooded resulting in minor clean up
 - 3 flooded resulting in major remodel
 - 1 flooded resulting in severe damage
 - ☛ Garage
 - 9 flooded with no damage
 - 4 flooded resulting in minor cleanup
 - 2 flooded resulting in minor remodel
 - 2 flooded resulting in major remodel
 - ☛ Driveway and Yard/Lawn
 - 22 Flooded with no damage
 - 10 flooded resulting in minor clean up
 - 4 Flooded resulting in minor remodel

- Submerged Vehicle
 - 24 flooded with no damage
 - 4 flooded resulting in minor clean up
 - 2 flooded resulting in minor remodel
 - 3 flooded resulting in major remodel
 - 1 flooded resulting in severe damage

- Sixty-seven percent (67%) of respondents said the most reliable source of Flood Preparedness information comes from government sources and local media. (Question #13). Sixty-one percent (61%) of respondents said the most effective and preferred source of Flood Awareness information is water bill inserts and Neighborhood Association meetings (See Question #14).

- Although fifty-nine percent (59%) of respondents have lived in their homes for 11 years or more, eighty percent (80%) do not have flood insurance. (See Questions #8 and #16), Seventy percent (70%) did not consider the impact of flooding on their home before they purchased it. (See Question #17).

- Of those who reported flood experience, most said knowing what they know now they would still have made the same decision regarding their property. Only two said they would not have purchased their property. Two were unsure. (See Question #18).

- Sixty-three percent (63%) of respondents believe the responsibility to reduce flooding in their neighborhood lies within a joint partnership between City and property owners (See Question #21).

- Building better drainage systems and regular storm drain maintenance are amongst the top recommended steps local government can take to eliminate future risk of flood damages (See Question #23).

- When asked what property owners are willing to do in the future to decrease flood risk for themselves and their neighbors, top responses include “Keeping storm drains clean” and “Installing gutter systems” were most popular responses (See Question #25).

- Open ended comments expressing concerns about the issue of flooding ranged from “tearing down homes,” to “frustration that the problem is taking too long,” and “flooding is a rare occurrence.” (See Question #26).

A full report with a complete list of responses is available online at www.fortworthgov.org/floodprevention. If you have questions, please contact Greg Simmons P. E., Assistant Director of Transportation and Public Works Department. Greg.Simmons@fortworthtexas.gov.