



# WHAT FLORIDIANS THINK ABOUT COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS

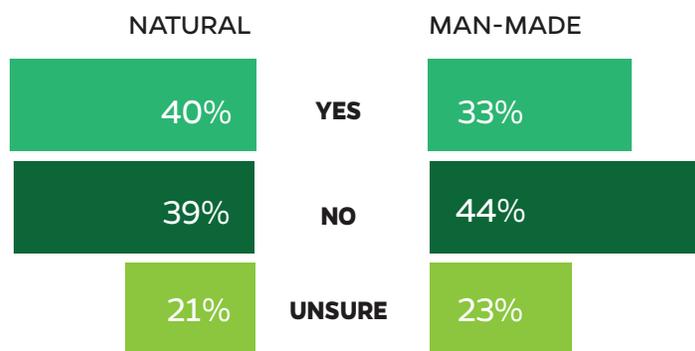
The UF/IFAS Center for Public Issues Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources (PIE Center) conducts research and educates on how people form and act on opinions regarding complex agricultural and natural resources issues. The PIE Center encourages informed decision-making in three important areas, including exploring emerging issues impacting food and agriculture, advancing the responsible use of water and conservation of natural resources, and helping communities and organizations understand and adapt to changing agricultural and natural resources issues.

## FLORIDA RESIDENTS DOUBT COMMUNITY DISASTER READINESS

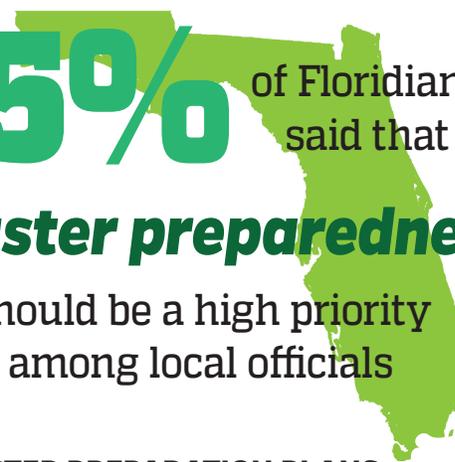
According to a recent survey by the Center for Public Issues Education in Agriculture and Natural Resources, the majority of Florida residents either do not believe their communities are ready for a disaster or are unsure of their readiness.

Floridians were also asked to gauge their thoughts on the likelihood of disasters occurring in their communities. Twice as many respondents thought a natural disaster was likely to occur than a man-made one. Forty-two percent of respondents said it was very or somewhat likely that a natural disaster would happen in their community in the next year.

### IS YOUR COMMUNITY READY FOR A DISASTER?



**55%** of Floridians said that **disaster preparedness** should be a high priority among local officials



### RESOURCES RESIDENTS USED IN DEVELOPING DISASTER PREPARATION PLANS

