



# **THE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PUBLIC FEEDBACK DATA**

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# SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PRESENTATION SLIDE

## SCREENSHOTS FROM THE MARCH 17, 2026 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

### Risk and Vulnerability Assessment

- Sought to identify material hazards and vulnerability of community systems
- Hazards were identified through NC Climate Risk Assessment then prioritized by public input (survey, open houses)
  - Which hazard are you most concerned about in Wake Forest ?

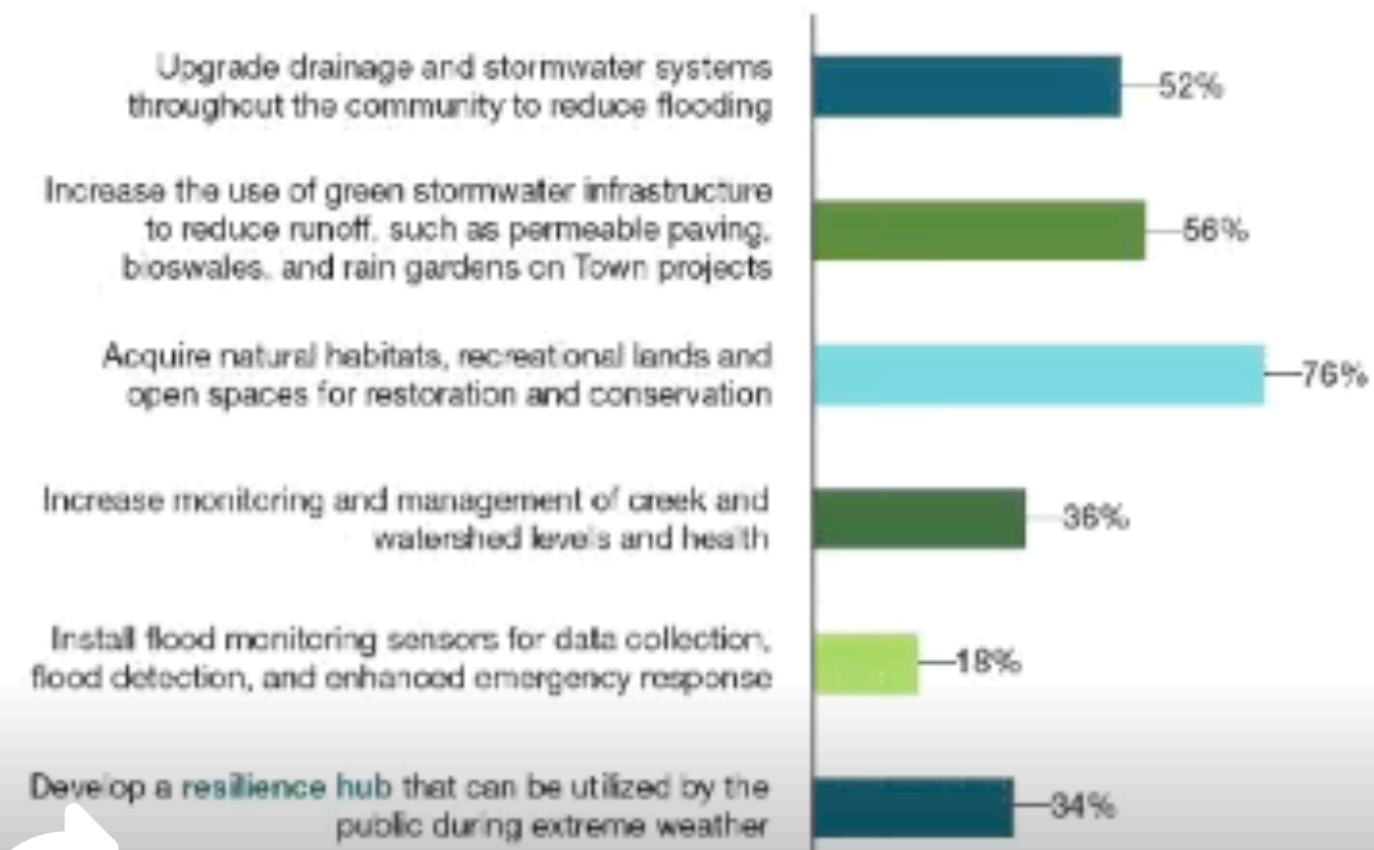
Hazards	Community Systems
1. Extreme Heat	1. Natural Areas and Open Space
2. Flooding	2. Transportation Infrastructure
3. Drought	3. Buildings
4. Ecosystem Health and Habitat Loss	

Hazards and community systems evaluated as part of the assessment

#### Healthy and Resilient Community

Which of the following strategies should the Town prioritize?  
Select up to three options.

216 Responses



**Resilience Hub**  
A trusted community facility that provides resources, services, and support to help residents prepare for, respond to, and recover from extreme weather and other disruptions.

# SUSTAINABILITY PLAN OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 5, 2025

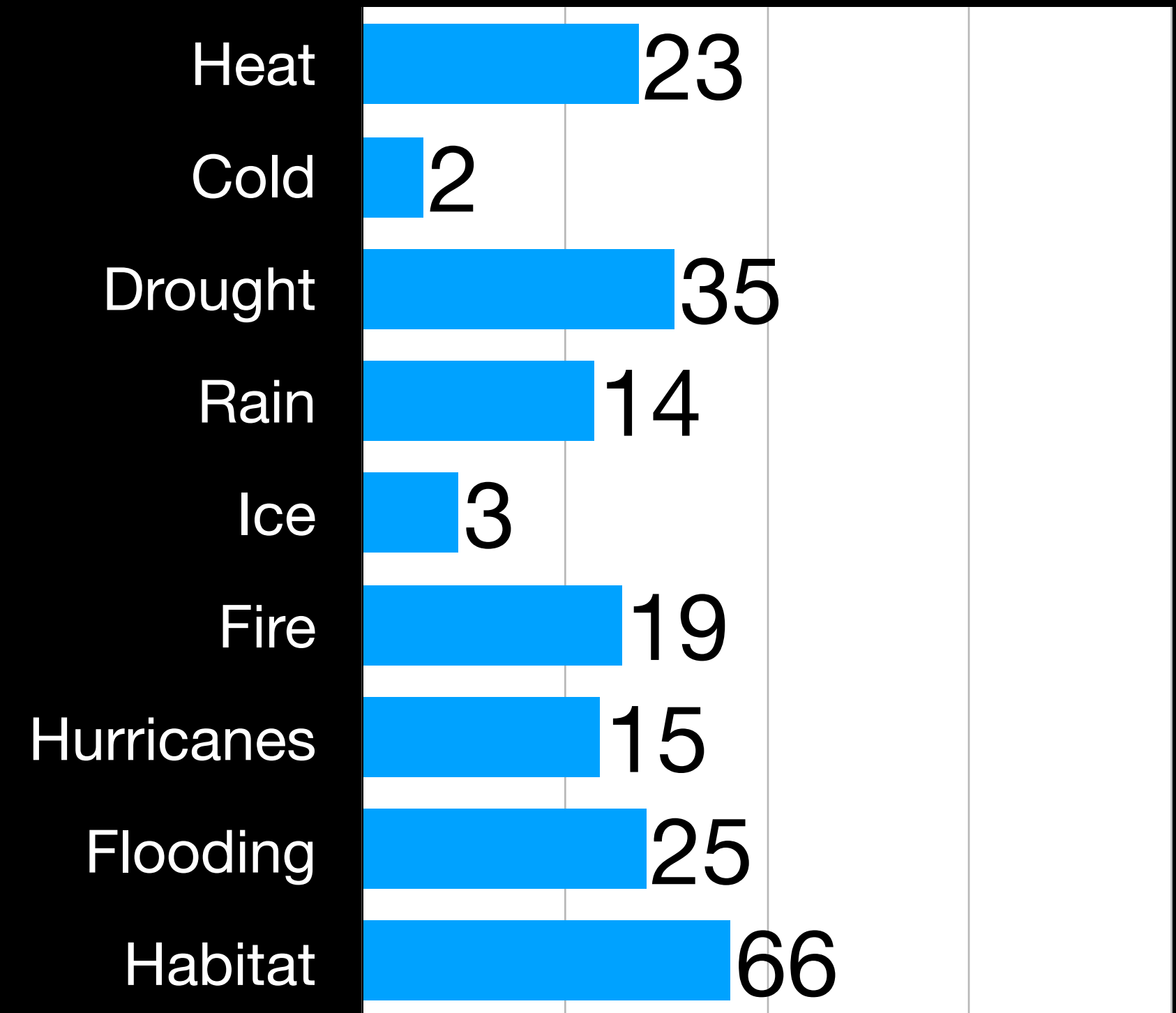


## STATION 3 RISK IDENTIFICATION

**CLIMATE VULNERABILITY** describes how weather and climate-related events—like extreme heat, heavy rainfall, flooding, drought, strong storms, or wildfire smoke—can affect the places, services, and systems we depend on every day. A risk becomes a vulnerability when something important is exposed to that risk and would be significantly affected by it. For example, heavier storms may threaten roads, stormwater systems, or low-lying neighborhoods; extreme heat can strain our power grid and impact outdoor workers; drought can affect water supply and tree health; and high-wind events can damage buildings or critical facilities. Understanding vulnerability means looking at what hazards Wake Forest may face, how likely they are, how big the impacts could be, and which assets—like bridges, parks, utilities, Town buildings, or homes—are most at risk. This helps us prioritize actions that reduce harm, strengthen our infrastructure, and keep our community safe and resilient now and in the future.

RISK	EXPLANATION	CHOOSE YOUR 3 HIGHEST CONCERNS
EXTREME HEAT	Periods of unusually high temperatures	1 dot
EXTREME COLD	Episodes of very low temperatures	0 dots
DROUGHT	Extended periods of below-normal rainfall that reduce water supplies, dry out soils, and increase wildfire risk	5 dots
HEAVY PRECIPITATION & THUNDERSTORMS	Intense rain events and severe storms (hail, tornadoes, strong winds) that can damage property, disrupt power, and cause flooding	3 dots
HEAVY SNOW AND ICE	Winter storms with significant snow or ice that can impair travel, damage trees and power lines, and disrupt essential services	1 dot
WILDFIRE	Uncontrolled fires fueled by dry conditions and vegetation that threaten homes, forests, and air quality, especially in areas where development meets woodland	5 dots
HURRICANES	Powerful storms with strong winds and heavy rain that can cause widespread flooding, wind damage, and infrastructure impacts across the state	2 dots
FLOODING	Overflow of water onto normally dry land caused by heavy rainfall or storms, impacting homes, roads, waterways, and ecosystems	10 dots
ECOSYSTEM HEALTH & HABITAT LOSS	Damage to forests, wetlands, and wildlife areas that reduces biodiversity and weakens natural protections against storms and flooding	12 dots

## Attendee Votes Over the Course of the Open House

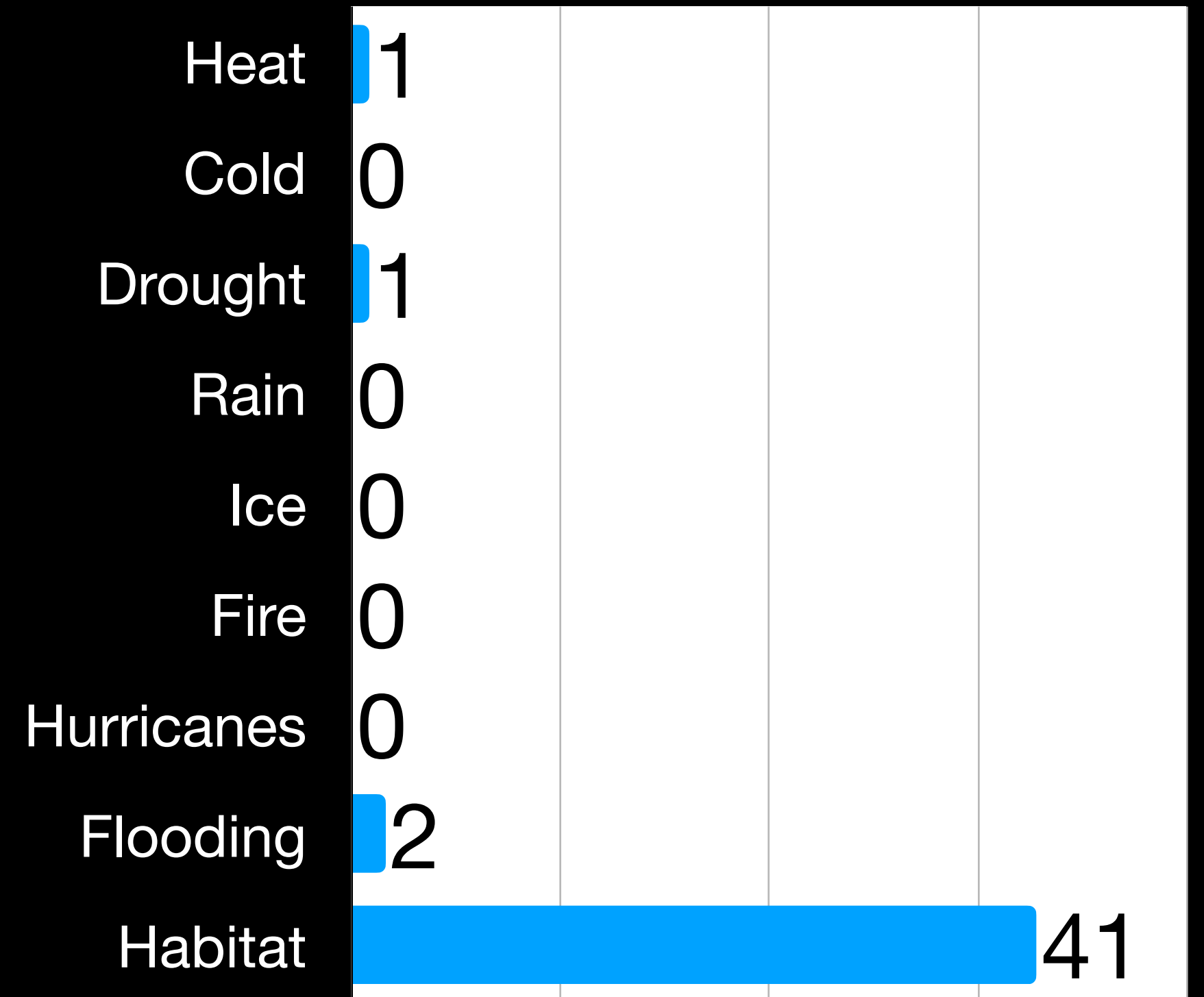


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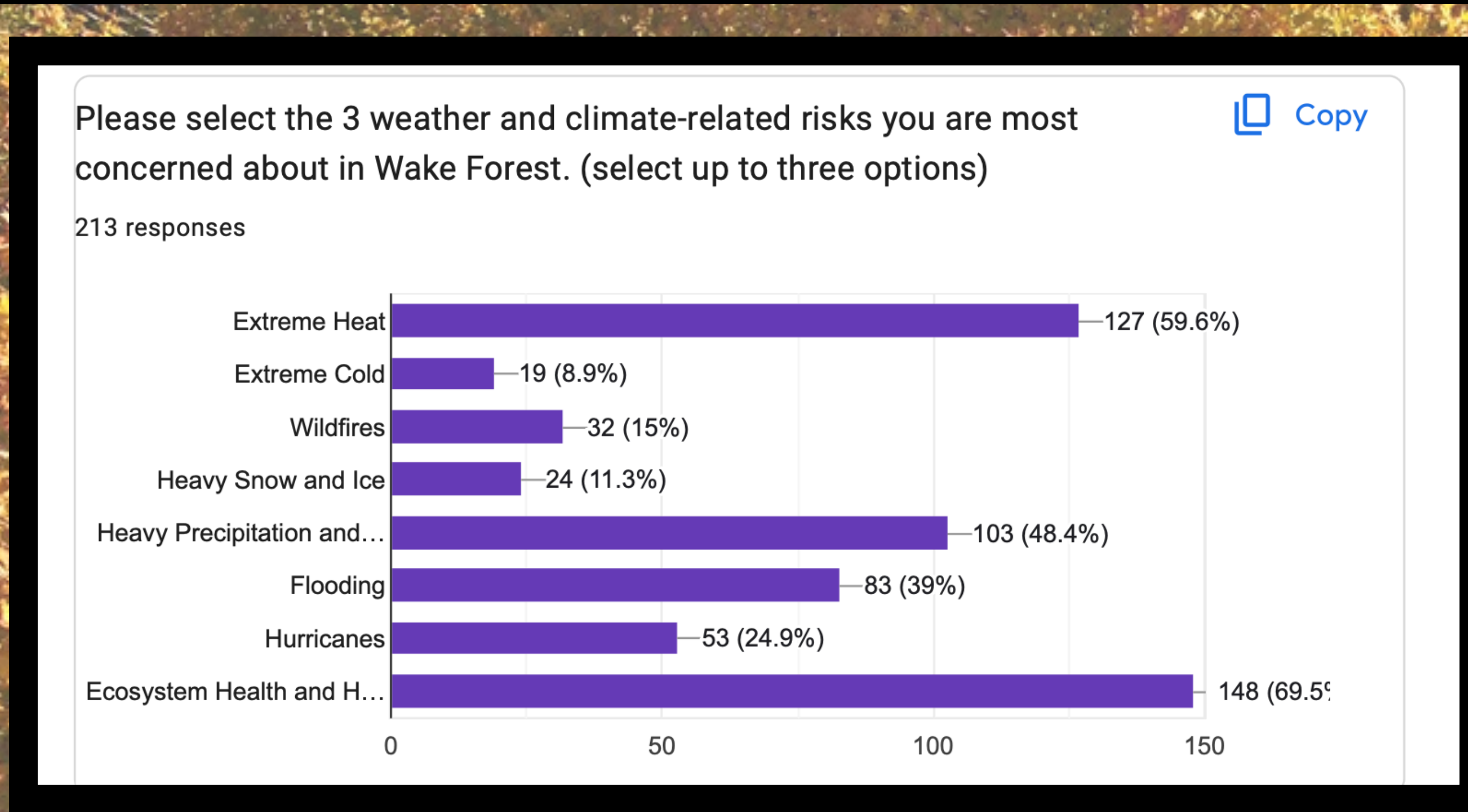


## 199 Attendee Comments Over the Course of the Open House



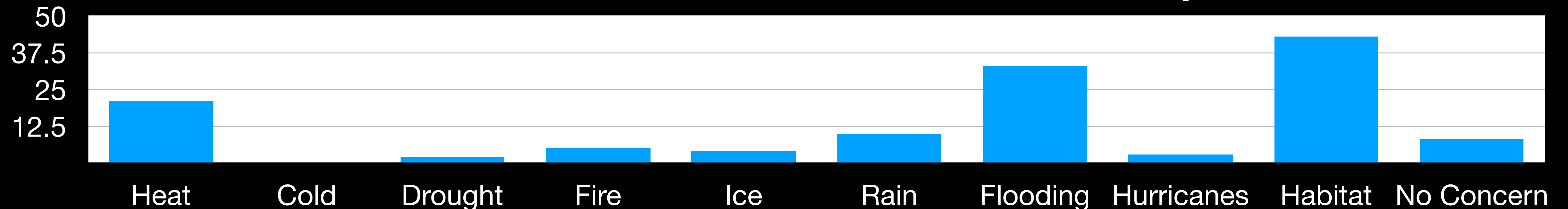
# SUSTAINABILITY PLAN ONLINE SURVEY

## SURVEY SCREENSHOT AND COMMENTS



1. Habitat Loss
2. Extreme Heat
3. Rain
4. Flooding
5. Hurricanes
6. Wildfire
7. Ice
8. Extreme Cold

### Concerns Given in Additional Comments from the Online Survey



# SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FEEDBACK CONCLUSION

COMPARING THE OFFICIAL HAZARD ASSESSMENT TO THE RAW SURVEY DATA

## The Sustainability Plan Assessed Hazards

1. Extreme Heat
2. Flooding
3. Drought
4. Ecosystem Health and Habitat Loss



## The Open House Resident Concerns

1. Ecosystem Health and Habitat Loss
2. Flooding
3. Extreme Heat
4. Wildfires

## The Online Survey Resident Concerns

1. Ecosystem Health and Habitat Loss
2. Extreme Heat
3. Rain
4. Flooding