

Community Survey Summary Report

May/June 2024



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Introduction

On September 28, 2022, Sanibel and Captiva suffered a direct hit from Hurricane Ian. The storm brought near Category 5 strength winds of 150 miles per hour and a storm surge up to 12 feet causing significant damage to the region. In the wake of the hurricane, citizens and local nonprofits came together to form SanCap Resilience, a citizens-based initiative to protect and strengthen our unique barrier island communities.

In the Spring of 2023, SanCap Resilience held a number of community events attended by hundreds of residents, both in-person and online. Audience feedback provided at those events painted a picture of communities that were seriously damaged by the hurricane, both physically and emotionally. Top concerns at that time focused on restoring Sanibel and Captiva – the ecosystems, the buildings and infrastructure, the economy, and the sense of community. Yet there was also recognition that we need to better prepare for, and respond to, growing climate-related threats.

One year later, from May 1st to June 15th 2024, SanCap Resilience conducted a follow-up survey to assess the progress that’s been made, determine how resident concerns have evolved, and guide planning for SanCap Resilience future efforts.

Community response to the survey was strong with almost 900 questionnaires submitted. This report is a summary of those responses. The Executive Summary highlights the most important findings of the survey. The remainder of the report charts responses for each question in the survey. Also included in the Appendix are all the individual written comments made by respondents, conveying both the breadth and depth of experiences and concerns of these nearly 900 residents, business owners, and employees.

Acknowledgements

SanCap Resilience wishes to thank the partner organizations that helped to distribute the survey and encourage a high level of community engagement, including:

- City of Sanibel
- Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)
- Committee of the Islands (COTI)
- “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society
- F.I.S.H. of SanCap
- Community Housing & Resources
- Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce
- Captiva Civic Association
- America’s Boating Club, SanCap Sail and Power Squadron

Executive Summary

SanCap Resilience received a strong response to its survey. Over 860 full- and part-time residents, business owners, and employees completed the survey during the months of May and June, 2024. Questions were organized into four areas:

- Section 1 – Background Information
- Section 2 – Status of Rebuilding: What has worked well or been challenging?
- Section 3 – Personal Impacts
- Section 4 – Future Needs and Concerns

Results in each of these areas is summarized below, and full responses are provided in the remainder of this report.

Responses paint a picture of island communities that were severely impacted by Hurricane Ian. Recovery is progressing, and about half of respondents say they have fully restored their homes as well as their social and emotional connections. But there is widespread concern about the pace of recovery and the well-being of those still struggling to recover, particularly local businesses. The vast majority of respondents are concerned about ongoing threats posed by climate change, and a solid majority support efforts to not only prepare the islands to withstand these threats, but to make Sanibel and Captiva a model for climate change mitigation through renewable energy, energy efficiency, and similar measures.

Background of Respondents

Ninety-one percent of respondents are residents of Sanibel or Captiva. The remainder are business owners, managers, or employees on the islands, but live off-island. Of residents, 53% were full-time and 47% part-time. Ninety-six percent own their own home.

Status of Rebuilding

Ninety-three percent of respondents are living in the same home they lived in prior to Ian, but the extent of reported damage varied widely. Forty-one percent reported minor to moderate damage, while 54% reported significant to major damage. Five percent reported that their home was destroyed. About half of homes have been completely restored, but 43% are still under repair or reconstruction. Five percent are waiting for repairs or reconstruction to begin.

Among business owners/managers, 74% report that their business is in the same location as prior to Ian. Only 2% report moving off-island. As with residences, reported damage to businesses varied widely. Twenty-two percent reported minor to moderate damage, while 61% reported significant to major damage. Seventeen percent reported their business was destroyed. Just over half of businesses are reported to be completely restored and open for

businesses, while 21% are under repair or reconstruction. Twenty percent selected “Other” when describing their repair status; their individual comments reflect the complexities restoring a business following Ian.

When asked about the challenges that respondents faced in the recovery of home or business, three items dominated responses:

- Finding contractors to do the work,
- Costs of repair, and
- Getting adequate insurance reimbursement.

These three items accounted for about three-quarters of all reported challenges. Finding insurance going forward, and permitting issues, were also commonly cited. A wide variety of challenges are revealed in the individual comments, many of which focused on insurance, FEMA, temporary housing, and traffic.

Twenty-seven percent of respondents reported their home or business as “ground level.” Of these, 76% report they are restoring the structure “as is” and remaining within the FEMA 50% rule. Fifteen percent indicated they are elevating their building to meet current code. Among home and business owners whose structures were already elevated, about half say they are restoring finished areas on the ground floor that were present before the storm.

When asked what measures have been taken to make the home or business more resilient and sustainable, the two most common measures were strengthening roof structures and installing impact-resistant windows, doors, shutters, etc. Together, these accounted for 38% of all measures taken. Other commonly cited measures included efforts to make their buildings more energy efficient. Many people reported elevating their appliances or electric meters above flood level, and 29 people reported elevating their ground-level home or business.

Regarding landscaping, about half of respondents reported using “primarily” or “exclusively” native plantings. Only 11% reported adding sod or other “primarily non-native” vegetation. Twenty-two percent have not yet undertaken re-landscaping.

Personal Impacts

The social and emotional impacts of Hurricane Ian have begun to heal but remain significant for many respondents. Only 31% of respondents characterize their social and emotional well-being as back to where it was before the storm. Half of respondents are “still somewhat shaken by the experience,” and 7% not only feel they have a form of PTSD, but also still feel isolated from the social networks they had before the storm.

Financially, only 27% of respondents feel they are back to where they were before the storm. A little over half feel they are at least “doing well,” but 20% feel they are financially “very challenged” or worse. Though 80% of respondents were aware of resources available through FISH of SanCap, or other organizations, 20% were still unaware.

When asked to select from a long list of current issues that the community could be addressing, two issues stood out from the others: traffic and local economic recovery,

accounting for 35% of all responses. The third-most commonly selected issue was planning for a more resilient and sustainable energy system, including clean, renewable energy. Other commonly selected issues addressed further planning for natural disasters and taking steps to improve resilience. Affordable housing, conservation, and water quality issues were also frequently cited.

Future Needs and Concerns

The survey concluded with two questions about climate change and how the community should respond. Eighty-four percent of respondents are either “concerned” or “very concerned” about climate change. Only 16% reported that they are not concerned.

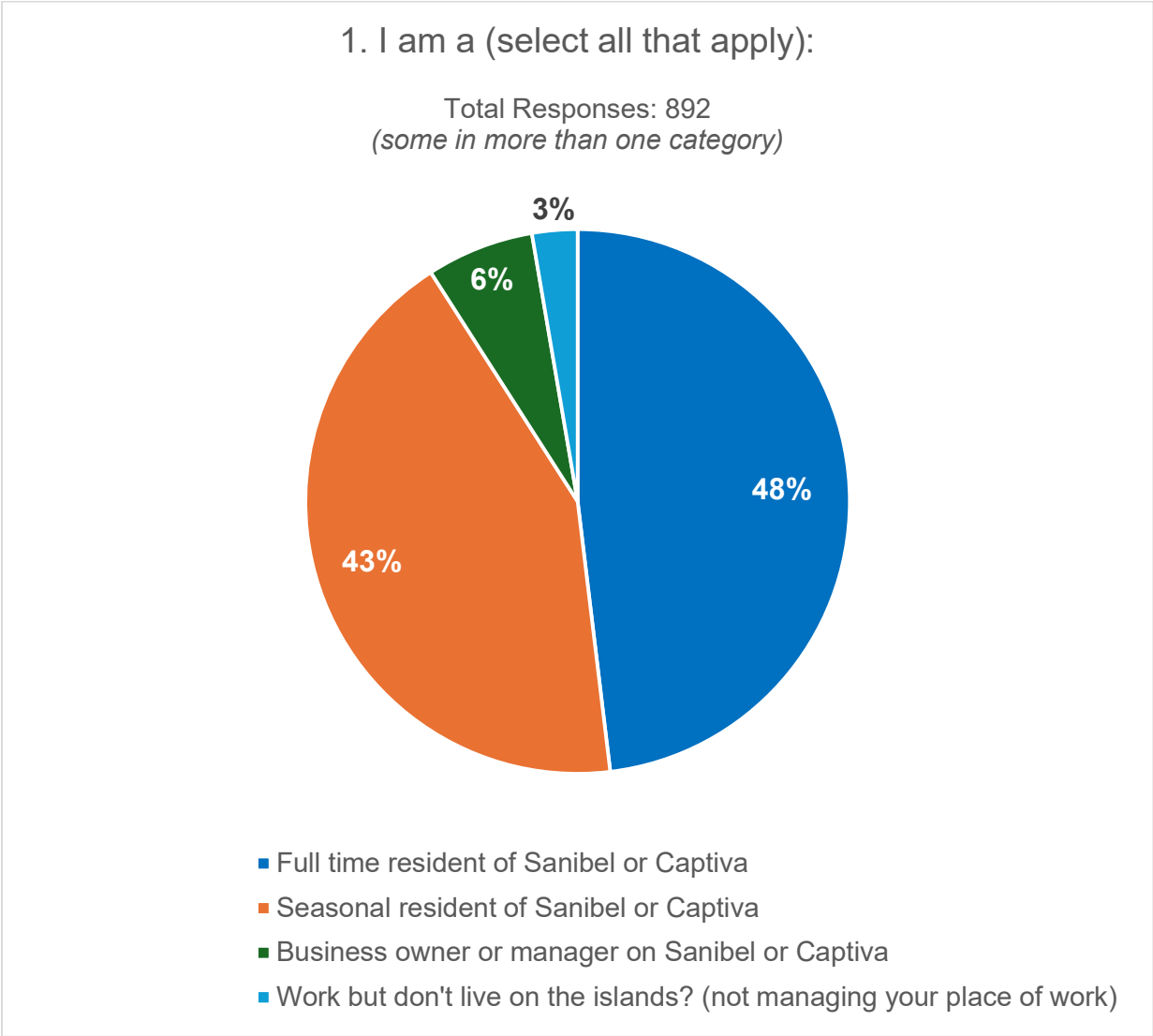
When asked what the community should do, 63% said that not only should we prepare to withstand climate change, but we should also undertake measures to reduce climate change, through energy efficiency, renewable energy, electrification of transportation and other measures. Only 5% felt that no action was necessary.

Conclusions

The impacts of Hurricane Ian were devastating and widespread throughout the Sanibel and Captiva community. Much has already been done to rebuild physically, economically, and emotionally. But, clearly, much remains to be done. Many homeowners report taking important steps to improve resilience, yet most ground-level homes are being rebuilt “as is.” Just over half of business owners/managers report being repaired and open for business again, but the other half face a variety of challenges in opening their doors again. As a community, Sanibel and Captiva have experienced social and emotional healing, but only 31% feel their well-being has returned to where it was before the storm. Overall, the community seems concerned about efforts to support local economic recovery.

The vast majority of respondents (84%) are concerned about the threats that climate change poses for the future of the islands. A strong majority (63%) support not only taking action to prepare for these threats, but also measures to reduce the causes of climate change and to make Sanibel and Captiva a model for climate mitigation.

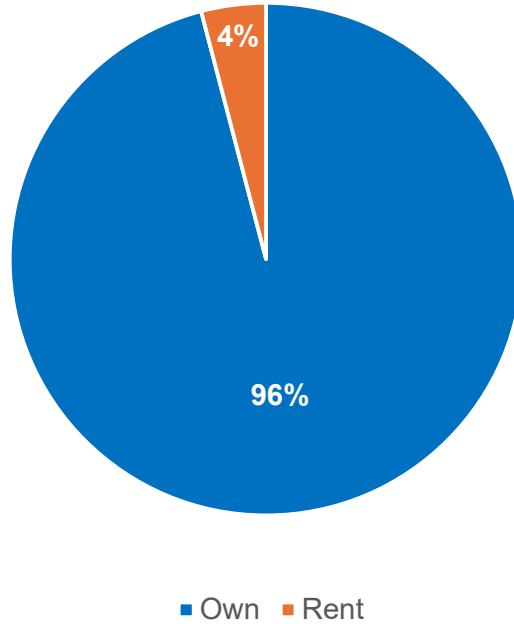
Section 1 – Background Information



- 48% of respondents are full-time residents of Sanibel or Captiva.
- 43% of respondents are seasonal residents of Sanibel or Captiva.
- 6% of respondents are business owners or managers of businesses on Sanibel or Captiva.
- 3% of respondents work but don't live on Sanibel or Captiva.

2. Do you own or rent your home?

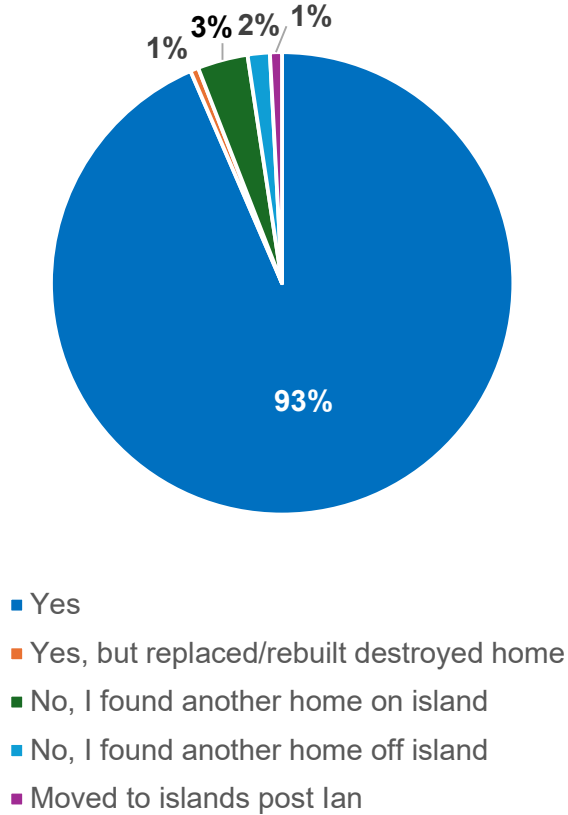
Total Responses 833



- 96% of respondents own their homes.
- 4% of respondents rent.

3. Are you living in the same home you were in before Hurricane Ian?

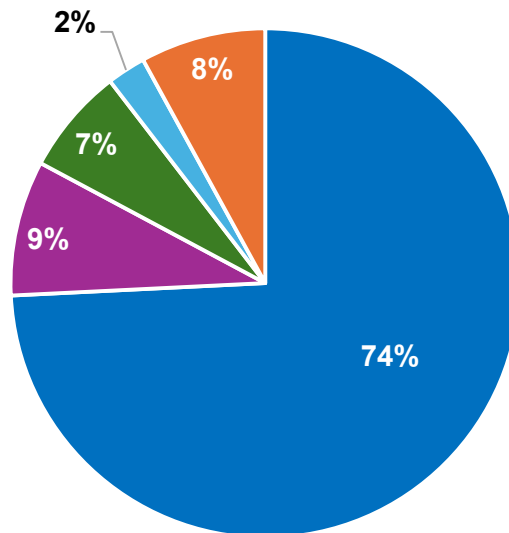
Total Responses 710



- 93% of respondents are living in the same homes they were in before Hurricane Ian.
- 1% of respondents have replaced or rebuilt their destroyed homes.
- 3% of respondents have moved to a new home on Sanibel or Captiva.
- 2% have moved off island.
- 1% of respondents moved here after Hurricane Ian.

4. Is your business operating in the same location it was in before Hurricane Ian?

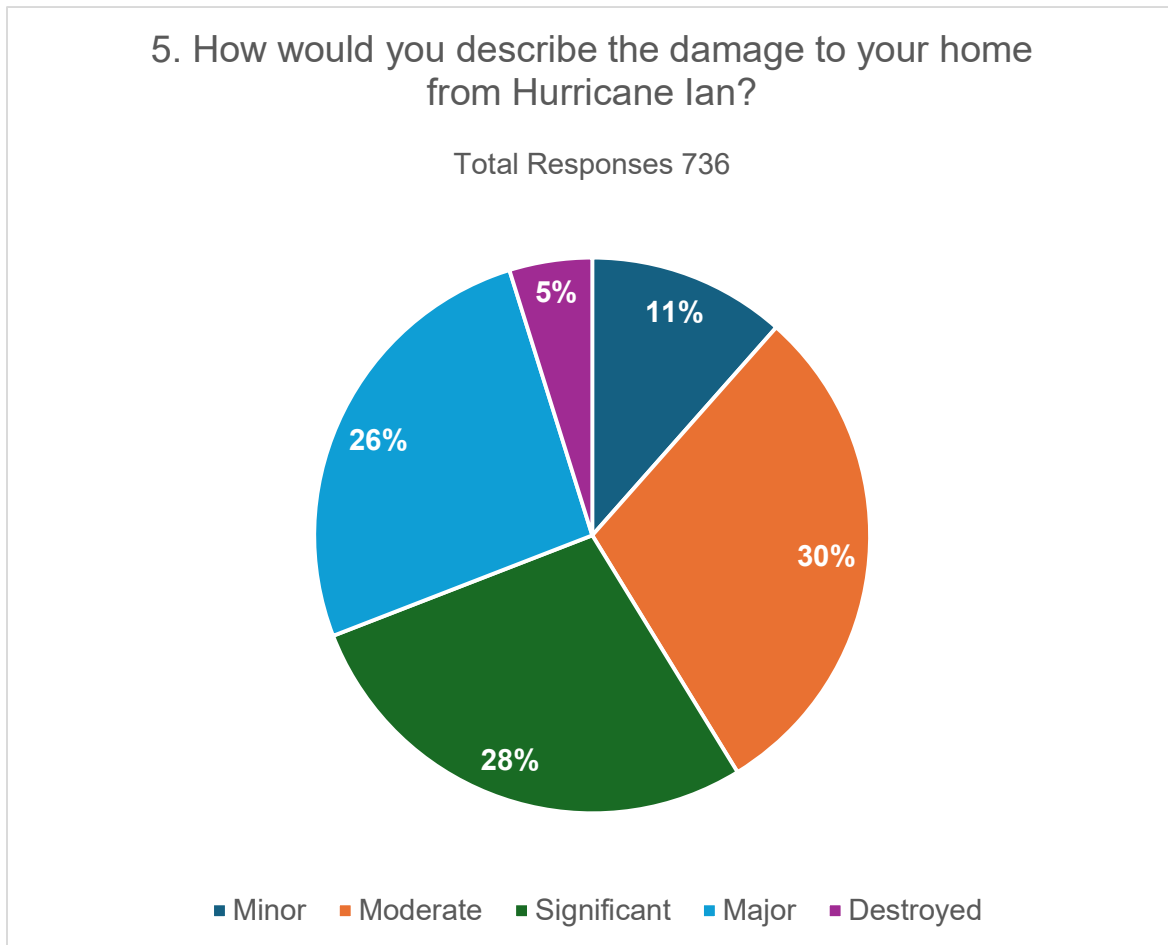
Total Responses 163



- Yes
- No, but plan to when it is ready
- No, I found another location on island
- No, I found another location off island
- Other:

- 74% of business owners or managers reported their business is operating in the same location they were in before Hurricane Ian.
- Another 9% reported their businesses will operate in the same location when they are ready.
- 7% found another location on Sanibel or Captiva.
- 2% have moved off island.
- 8% of respondents provided "Other" responses (see Appendix p.31)

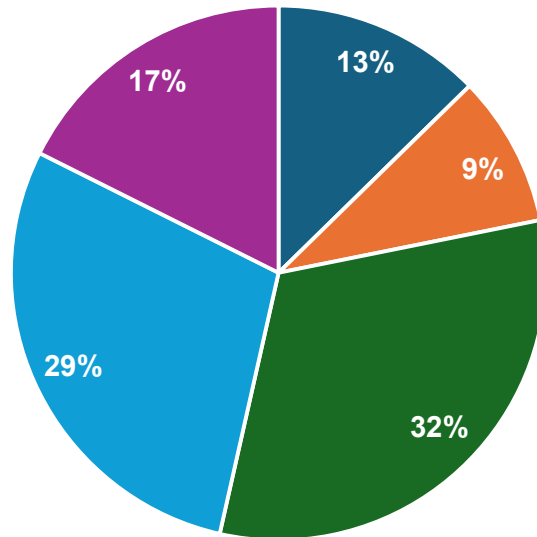
Section 2 – Status of Rebuilding: What has worked well or been challenging?



- 11% of respondents reported they only had minor damage to their homes.
- 30% reported they had moderate damage to their homes.
- 28% reported they had significant damage to their homes.
- 26% reported they had major damage to their homes.
- 5% reported that their homes were destroyed.

6. How would you describe the damage to your business from Hurricane Ian?

Total Responses 111

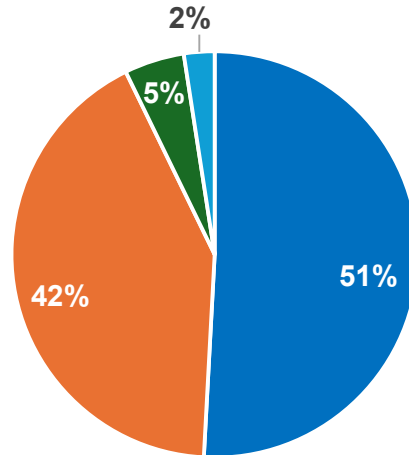


■ Minor ■ Moderate ■ Significant ■ Major ■ Destroyed

- 13% of business owners or managers reported they only had minor damage to their businesses.
- 9% reported they had moderate damage to their businesses.
- 32% reported they had significant damage to their businesses.
- 29% reported they had major damage to their businesses.
- 17% reported that their businesses were destroyed.

7. Where is your island home in the recovery process?

Total Responses 816

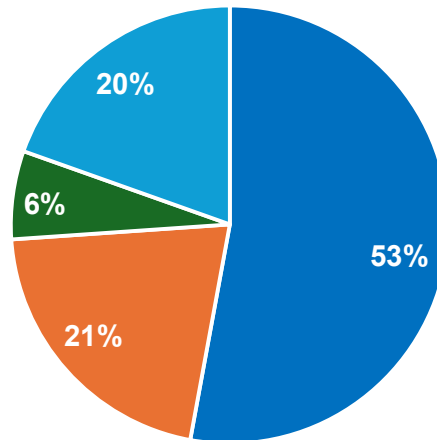


- Completely restored
- Still under repair or reconstruction
- Waiting for repairs or reconstruction to begin
- Other:

- 51% of respondents reported their homes are completely restored.
- 42% reported their homes are still under repair or reconstruction.
- 5% reported they are waiting for repairs or construction to begin on their homes.
- 2% reported other responses (see Appendix p.31)

8. Where is your island business in the recovery process?

Total Responses 138

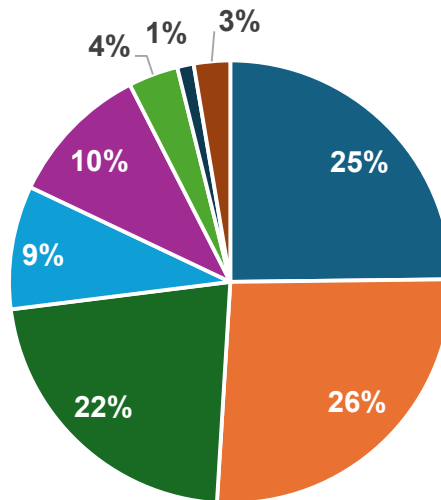


- Completely restored and open for business
- Still under repair or reconstruction
- Waiting for repairs or reconstruction to begin
- Other:

- 53% of business owners or managers reported their businesses are completely restored and open for business.
- 21% reported their businesses are still under repair or reconstruction.
- 6% reported they are waiting for repairs or construction to begin.
- 20% reported other responses (see Appendix p.31)

9. What have been the biggest challenges in the recovery process (check all that apply)

Total Responses 1,838
(Some in more than one category)

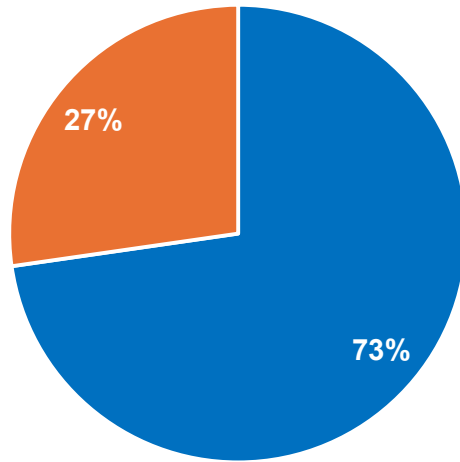


- Finding contractors to do the work
- Costs of repairs
- Getting adequate insurance reimbursement
- Finding insurance coverage going forward
- Dealing with permitting from the city or county
- Working within the FEMA 50% rule
- Other contractor issues:
- Other:

- 25% of respondents reported that their biggest challenge in the recovery process was finding contractors to do the work.
- 26% reported that their biggest challenge was the cost of repairs.
- 22% reported that their biggest challenge was getting adequate insurance reimbursement.
- 9% reported that their biggest challenge was finding insurance coverage going forward.
- 10% reported that their biggest challenge was dealing with permitting from the city or county.
- 4% reported that their biggest challenge was working within the FEMA 50% rule.
- 1% reported other contractor issues (see Appendix p. 32)
- 3% reported other responses (see Appendix p. 32)

10. Which best describes your home or business?

Total Responses 838

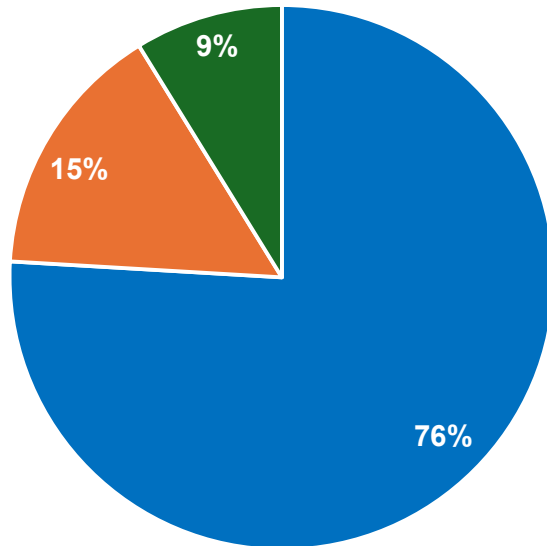


■ An elevated building ■ A ground floor building

- 73% of respondents reported that their home or business is in an elevated building.
- 27% reported that their home or business is in a ground floor building.

11. If ground floor, which are you doing?

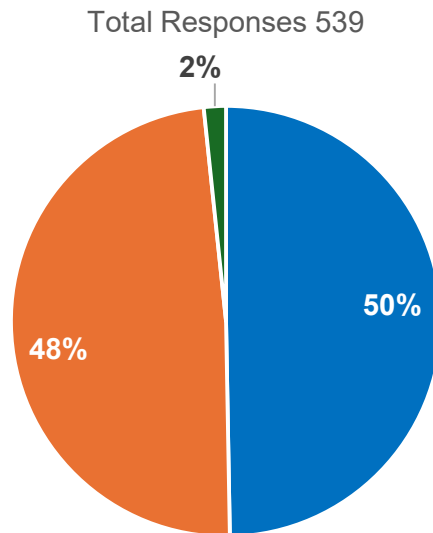
Total Responses 216



- Restoring as is keeping costs under the 50% FEMA rule exception
- Elevating building to meet current code
- Other:

- 76% of respondents who are in a ground floor building reported they are restoring their building as is, keeping costs under the 50% FEMA rule exception.
- 15% reported that they are elevating their home or business to meet current code.
- 9% reported other responses (see Appendix p. 34)

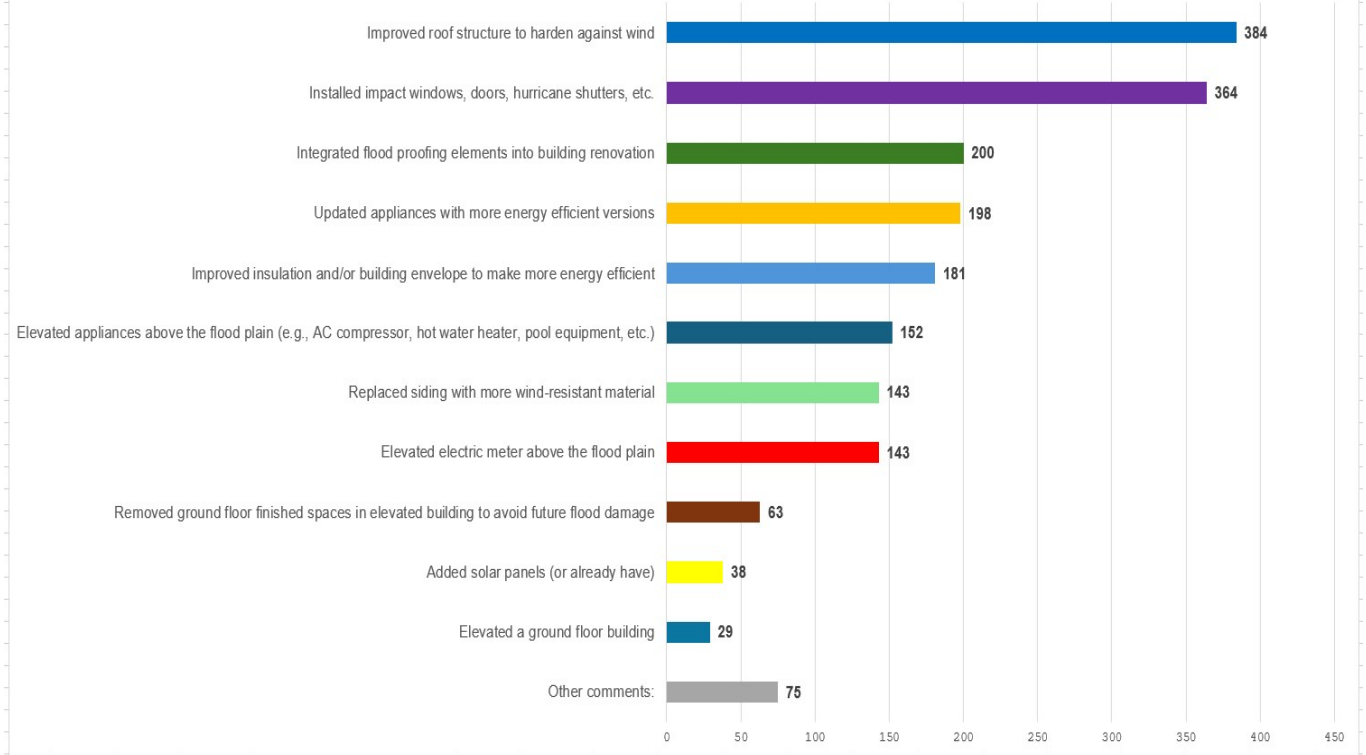
12. If elevated building, which best describes your plans?



- There were no finished areas on ground floor and have no plans to add
- Restoring finished areas on the ground floor that were present before the storm
- Adding finished areas on the ground floor that were not there before the storm

- 50% of respondents who are in an elevated building reported there were no finished areas on the ground floor, and they have no plans to add.
- 48% reported that they are restoring finished areas on the ground floor that were present before the storm.
- 2% reported that they are adding finished areas that were not there before the storm.

13. What steps have you taken to make your building more resilient and sustainable? (Check all that apply) Total Responses 1,970



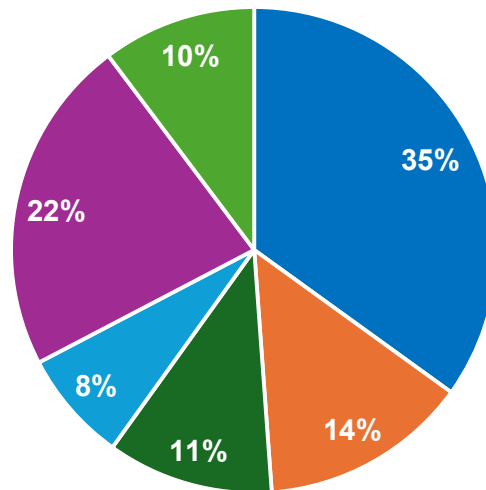
Respondents made significant investments in virtually all areas with the top 5 areas being:

1. Improved roof structure to harden against wind.
2. Installed impact windows, doors, hurricane shutters, etc.
3. Integrated flood-proofing elements into building renovation.
4. Updated appliances with more energy efficient options.
5. Improved insulation and/or building envelope to make more energy efficient.

Respondents also included many other comments (see Appendix p. 35).

14. How have you restored the landscaping on your property?

Total Responses 741

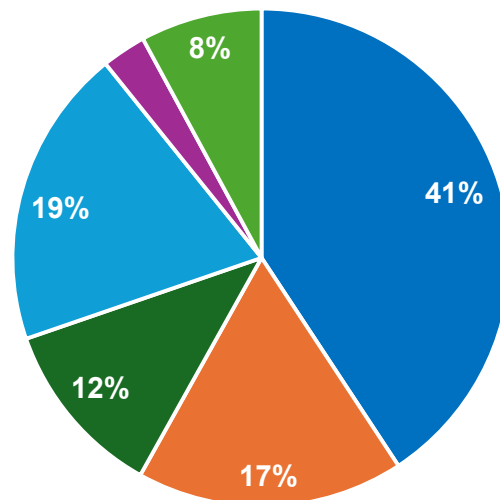


- I planted primarily native plants and ground cover
- I planted exclusively native plants and ground cover
- I replaced or added sod for a lawn and/or added primarily non-native, decorative plants
- My landscaping needed little or no restoration
- Not done yet
- Other comments:

- 35% of respondents reported they planted primarily native plants and groundcover.
- 14% reported that they planted exclusively native plants and groundcover.
- 11% reported that they replaced or added sod for a lawn and/or added primarily non-native, decorative plants.
- 8% reported that their landscaping needs little or no restoration.
- 22% reported that their landscape repairs are not done yet (approximately 15% of these respondents noted they planned to plant primarily or exclusively native plants).
- 10% reported other responses (see Appendix p. 37).

15. As you think about the next twelve months, what are remaining hurricane-related projects and challenges that will be priorities for you? (Check all that apply)

Total Responses 1,215

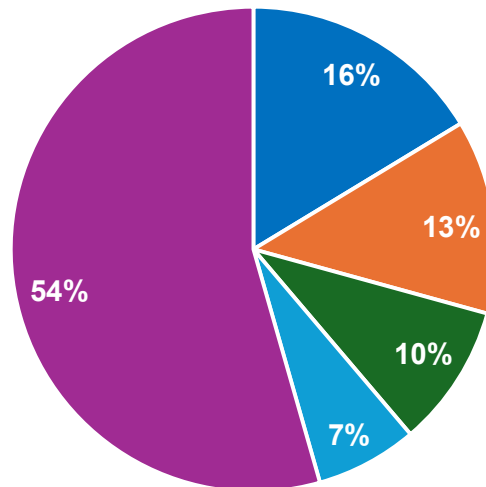


- Replacements/restoration of vegetation
- External structural repairs
- Internal structural repairs
- Replacement of furnishings, appliances, and supplies
- Done or almost done
- Other

- 41% of respondents reported that their hurricane-related project priority over the coming year is the replacement and/or restoration of vegetation.
- 19% reported that their priority was the replacement of furnishings, appliances, and supplies.
- 17% reported their priority is external structural repairs.
- 12% reported their priority is internal structural repairs.
- 3% reported that they are finished and have no hurricane-related projects.
- 8% reported other responses (see Appendix p. 39).

16. What information would be most helpful to you in the projects you described above?

Total Responses 147

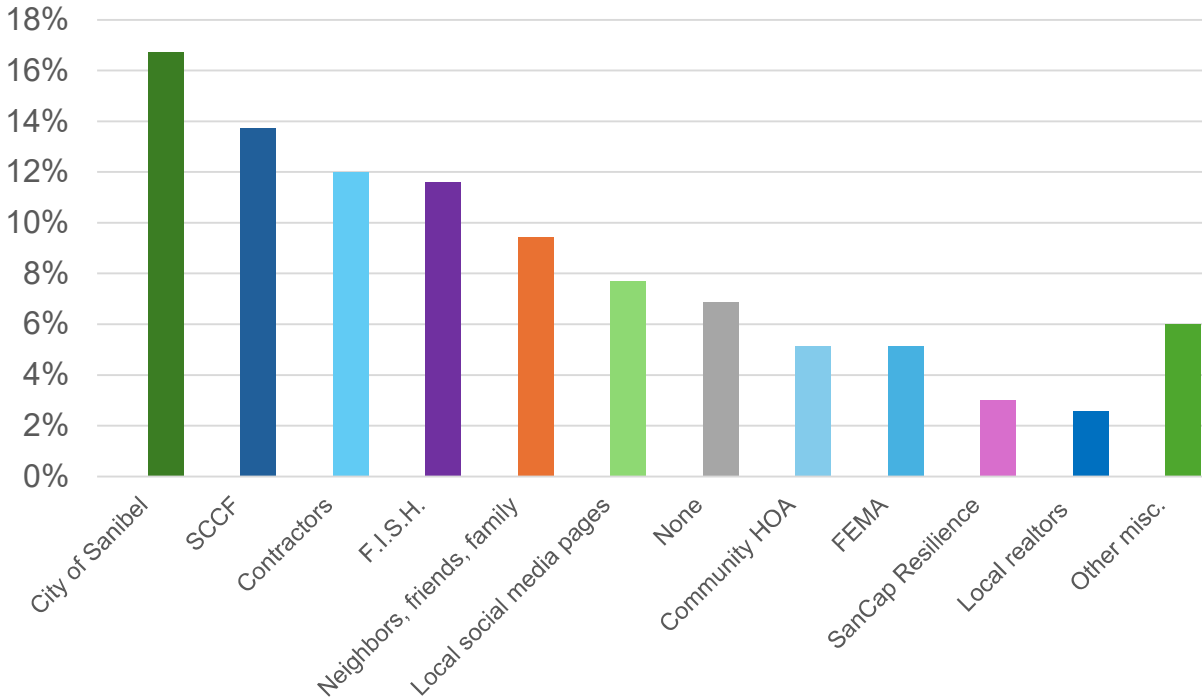


- Selection of plants, trees and other vegetation
- Finding contractors
- How to make building structures more resilient in the future
- How to select household/business furnishings that are more energy efficient and environmentally sound
- Other

- 16% of respondents thought that the information that would be most helpful for them to support their remaining hurricane-related projects was the selection of plants, trees, and other vegetation.
- 13% reported that information about finding contractors would be most helpful.
- 10% reported that information about how to make building structures more resilient in the future would be most helpful.
- 7% reported that information about how to select home/business furnishings that are most energy efficient and environmentally sound would be most helpful.
- 54% reported other responses (see Appendix p. 42). Of note: 25% of the “other” responses related to challenges with the city permitting and related processes. 21% related to addressing contractor challenges.

17. What resources or organizations have been most helpful to you in your recovery efforts?

Sample of 233 Responses (about 25% of total)

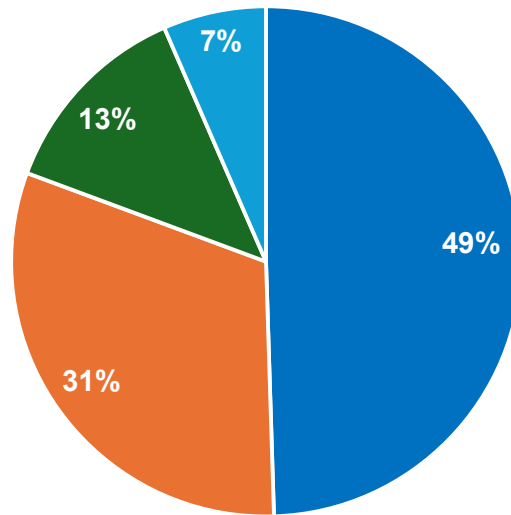


- The number one helpful resource identified by community members was the City of Sanibel and its various departments. 16.7% of respondents identified the City of Sanibel as the most helpful resource in their recovery efforts.
- The Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and F.I.S.H. of SanCap were the two community nonprofits most frequently cited as being helpful with 13.7% and 11.6% of responses respectively.
- Contractors were also frequently cited by respondents as helpful with 12% of the responses in this sample.
- Neighbors, friends, family, and social media also received notable responses with 9.4% and 7.7% of responses respectively. Looked at with a combined total of 17.1%, neighbors helping neighbors was the number one most helpful resource.
- Other resources with notable percentages included local HOAs (5.2%), FEMA (5.2%), SanCap Resilience (3%), and local realtors (2.6%).
- See Appendix p. 45 for other resources cited.

Section 3 – Personal Impacts

18. How would you best describe the social and emotional impacts of the storm on your current situation?

Total Responses 826

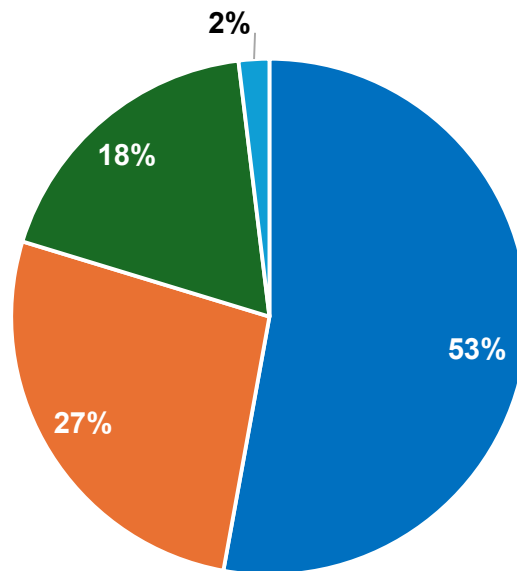


- I am still somewhat shaken by the experience of the storm, but generally I'm doing well and my social networks are intact.
- My social and emotional well-being are back to where they were before the storm.
- I feel like I still have PTSD from the storm, but I am well supported by my social networks.
- I feel like I still have PTSD from the storm, and I feel isolated from the social networks I had before the storm.

- 31% reported that their social and emotional well-being are back to where they were before the storm.
- 49% of respondents reported they are still somewhat shaken by the experience of the storm but are generally doing well and their social networks are intact.
- 13% reported they still have PTSD from the storm but are well supported by their social networks.
- 7% reported that they still have PTSD from the storm and feel isolated from their social networks they had before the storm.

19. How would you describe the financial impacts of the storm on your current situation?

Total Responses 838

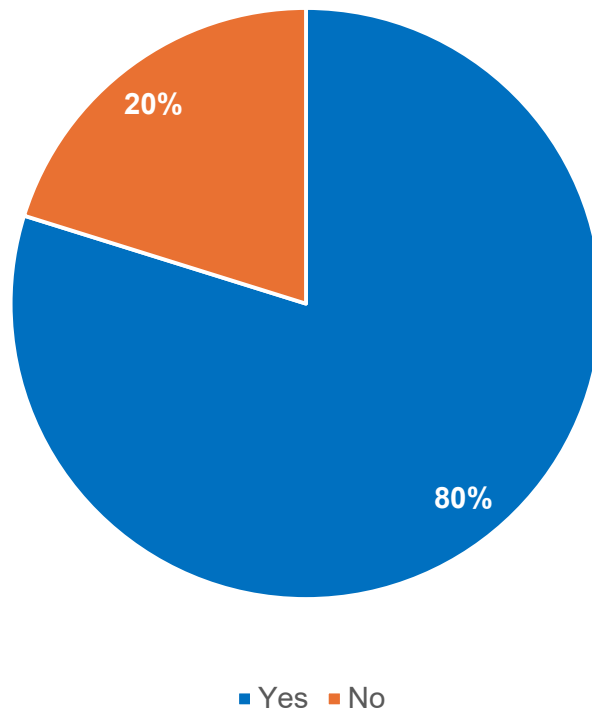


- I'm still recovering from the financial impacts of the storm, but I am generally doing well.
- My finances are back to where they were before the storm.
- I am still very challenged by the impacts of the storm on my personal finances.
- I have lost my source of income and am no longer able to afford the lifestyle I had before the storm.

- 53% reported that they are still recovering financially from the storm but are generally doing well.
- 27% of respondents reported their finances are back to where they were before the storm.
- 18% reported they are still very challenged by the impacts of the storm on their personal finances.
- 2% of respondents reported they have lost their source of income and are no longer able to afford the lifestyle they had before the storm.

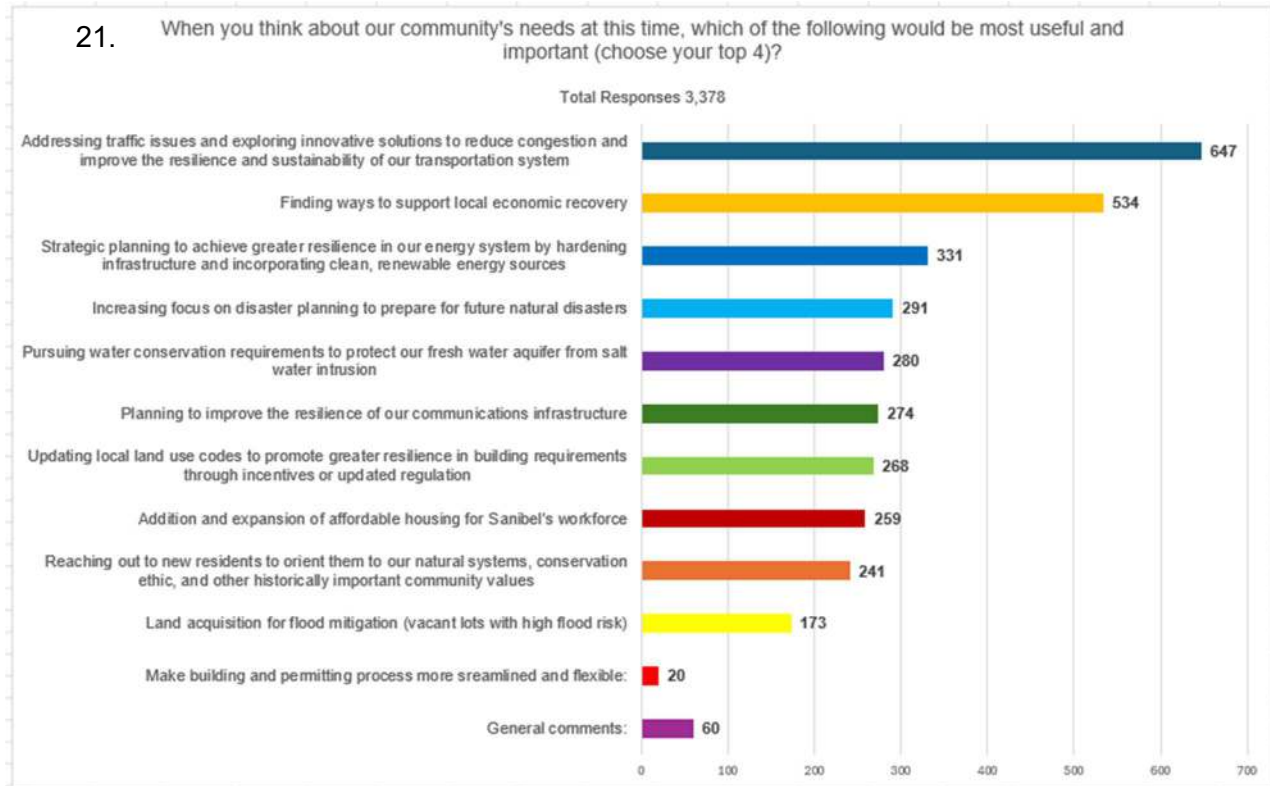
20. Are you aware of the resources available to survivors of Hurricane Ian through FISH of SanCap or other organizations?

Total Responses 832



- 80% of respondents reported that they are aware of resources available to survivors of Hurricane Ian through FISH or other organizations.
- 20% reported they are not aware of those resources.

Section 4 – Future Needs and Concerns

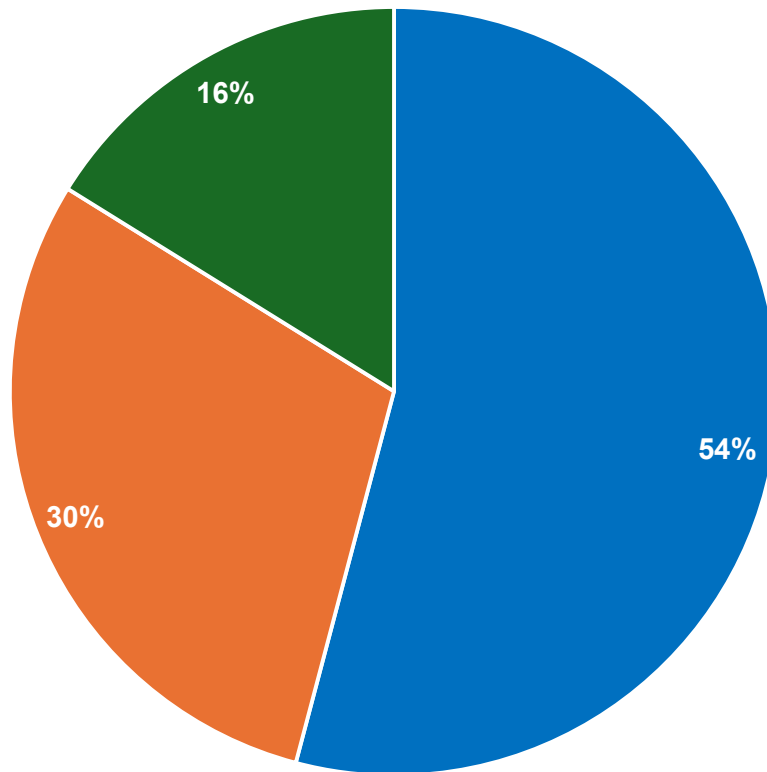


Respondents identified a broad range of community needs with the top 3 areas being:

1. Addressing traffic issues and exploring innovative solutions to reduce congestion and improve the resilience and sustainability of our transportation system
2. Finding ways to support local economic recovery
3. Strategic planning to achieve greater resilience in our energy system by hardening infrastructure and incorporating clean, renewable energy sources

Respondents also included many other comments (see Appendix p. 46).

22. How concerned are you about the future impacts of climate change on our community, including stronger storms, sea level rise, greater risk of storm surge, more flooding, increased number of high-heat days, increased fire risk, increased insurance rates, etc.?

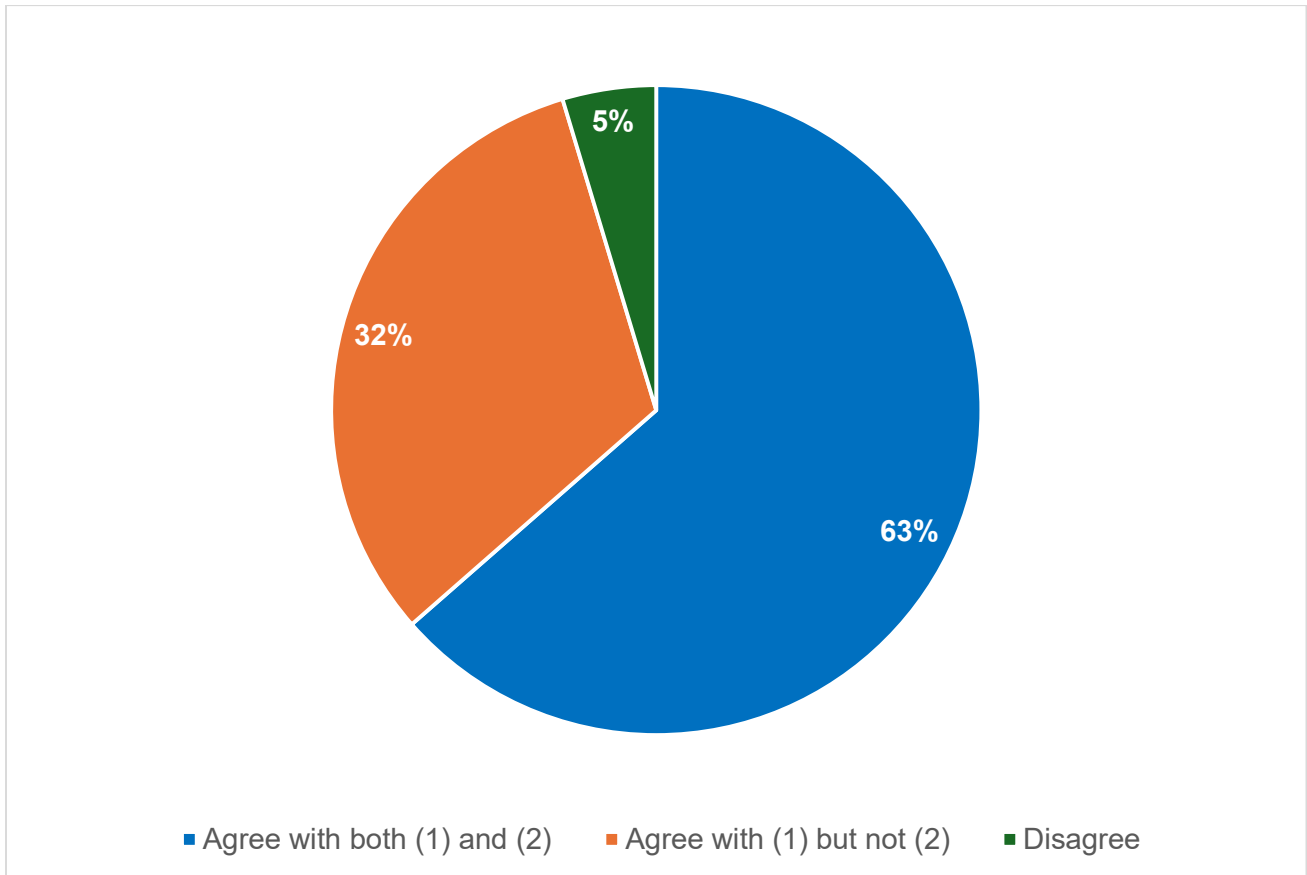


- Very concerned = if unaddressed, it is an existential risk to our barrier islands
- Concerned = it is one of the important issues facing our community
- Unconcerned = it is not one of the issues I am concerned about

- 84% of respondents reported they are concerned or very concerned about the future impacts of climate change on our community
- 54% of respondents reported they are very concerned about the future impacts of climate change on our community – if unaddressed, it is an existential risk to our barrier islands.
- 30% reported they are concerned about the future impacts of climate change on our community – it is one of the important issues facing our community.
- 16% reported they are not concerned about the future impacts of climate change.

23. To what extent do you agree with the following: I would like to see Sanibel and Captiva become a model of a resilient coastal community by developing plans and implementing solutions that address:

- 1) Adaptation of critical infrastructure, such as energy, water, waste water, storm water, communications, transportation, buildings, etc.
- 2) Implementation of practices to mitigate future climate change risks, such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, electrification of transportation, reduction of food waste, etc.



A full 95% of respondents believe Sanibel and Captiva should become a model of a resilient coastal community.

- 63% of respondents reported they agree with statements one and two – that Sanibel and Captiva should lead on adaptation of critical infrastructure, as well as implementation of practices to mitigate future climate change risks by adopting energy efficiency and clean energy practices.
- 32% reported they agree with statement one but not two.
- 5% reported they disagree with both statements one and two.

24. What other impacts and/or concerns do you have that we haven't asked about?

Respondents had extensive comments in response to this question. Some of the repeating themes that emerged from those include concerns about:

- Efficiency of the city's permitting process
- Lee County development plans for South Seas
- Affordability of insurance costs
- Affordability of housing and cost of living
- Business recovery
- Traffic management
- Public transport solutions
- Preserving safety on shared use path / policing of e-bikes
- Educating new residents to keep Sanibel's values intact
- Security post-disaster

Respondents detailed responses are included in the Appendix p. 49.

Appendix: Detailed Comments from Participants

Question 4: Is your business operating in the same location it was before Hurricane Ian?

Written responses in the “Other” category:

- ✓ Sold business or retired after Ian (2)
- ✓ Looking at new locations (1)
- ✓ Our business was torn down in Bailey Plaza looking for new space (1)
- ✓ We are working from home. (1)
- ✓ 1 location original, 1 location now off island (1)
- ✓ We lost our equipment in hurricane and now we're just doing farmers markets (1)
- ✓ No, waiting to see if condos open bringing in more customers. (1)
- ✓ 2 vacation rental properties on Sanibel, not a brick-and-mortar office/shop (1)
- ✓ We have multiple campuses now. (1)
- ✓ We opened our business after Ian (1)

Question 7: Where is your island home in the recovery process?

Written responses in the “Other” category:

- ✓ Landscaping/exterior property still to repair (1)
- ✓ Demolished/Destroyed (1)
- ✓ Selling "as is"/sold home. (1)
- ✓ Rebuilt or replaced home with new structure. (1)
- ✓ Zero damage. (1)
- ✓ Operating with what is left of home. (1)
- ✓ Haven't decided what to do with my home. (1)
- ✓ Now operating off the grid. (1)
- ✓ A few big cost upgrades. (1)
- ✓ Hard to get qualified people to show up, they are still busy. (1)
- ✓ Looking for companies that won't rip us off. (1)

Question 8: Where is your island business in the recovery process?

Written responses in the “Other” category:

- ✓ Completely restored, but not yet open for business. (1)
- ✓ Partially open, waiting for new construction to begin. (1)
- ✓ Open, not complete. (1)

- ✓ One small item. (1)
- ✓ No issues. (1)
- ✓ One is open and operating, the other is being rebuilt. (1)
- ✓ Looking for new location and need the return of customers/visitors. (1)
- ✓ We are open again but not at the same capacity. (1)
- ✓ Lost clients who left the islands. (1)
- ✓ Rebuilding clientele, replacing equip, etc. (1)
- ✓ Moved to another location on island. (1)
- ✓ Some Buildings operational, waiting for construction to begin. (1)
- ✓ One home (condo) completely restored, the other close to completion. (1)
- ✓ My condo is my business - a rental. (1)
- ✓ Open but previous partners not. (1)
- ✓ Waiting for permit and loan approval for buildout. (1)
- ✓ Waiting for permits from town. (1)
- ✓ Permitting. (1)
- ✓ It was where the lazy flamingo is - completely destroyed. (1)
- ✓ Our rental space was destroyed, looking for new space. (1)
- ✓ Location destroyed and unsure of reopen. (1)
- ✓ Gave up. (1)
- ✓ Building is sold. (1)
- ✓ Not rebuilding. (1)
- ✓ My husband was previously in the restaurant business as a server, and after Ian he opened a handyman business out of necessity. (1)

Question 9: What have been the biggest challenges in the recovery process?

Written responses in the “Other Contractor Issues” category:

- ✓ Dealing with contractor/contractor poor performance/not finishing. (1)
- ✓ Subcontractors faulty work, frequently have to redo work, poor supervision. (1)
- ✓ Getting contractors to finish the work! (1)
- ✓ Waiting on contractors to finish. (1)
- ✓ Finding contractors who are on the island and deal thoroughly and carefully and honestly. (1)
- ✓ Lack of protection from the city, as they let scammers with licenses on island and gave no means to centrally report such things so we may not all be scammed. (1)
- ✓ Costs of repairs; Too many crazy contractors on island with no oversight. (1)
- ✓ Quality control and time management of contractors. (1)
- ✓ Failure of HOA to manage the work of its contractors, and substandard/shoddy work on common grounds and in units. (1)

- ✓ Getting condo association to manage the extensive build back. (1)
- ✓ Communication with property managers. (1)
- ✓ Finding competent workers. (1)
- ✓ Lack of competent professionals for needed repairs. (1)
- ✓ Staffing. (1)
- ✓ Waiting in line for repairs. (1)
- ✓ Waiting for approval from other entities to begin construction. (1)

Written responses in the "Other" category:

- ✓ Finding replacement materials (doors, windows, etc.)
- ✓ Time required to get some replacement materials.
- ✓ Finding replacement parts for the electric box; waiting for a new garage door.
- ✓ Product supply challenges.
- ✓ Getting materials.
- ✓ Permitting has been the biggest hold up for our association, our contractor has been ready for quite some time now. Is ready to start.
- ✓ Architects delays, engineer delays, piling delays.
- ✓ Architects, pile drivers - only one for all of Sanibel, suing our insurance company, not going to buy insurance going forward except flood insurance.
- ✓ Incompetent local officials and staff.
- ✓ FEMA didn't provide help for not being our primary residence.
- ✓ FEMA is a waste of time. Just take all their employees salaries and pay people that had damage.
- ✓ Working with FEMA period.
- ✓ The 50% rule was a huge worry, but county letter and private appraisal calmed that worry.
- ✓ Cost of insurance, taxes.
- ✓ Finding insurance that costs that haven't doubled.
- ✓ Finding AFFORDABLE insurance.
- ✓ Cost of insurance going forward.
- ✓ Uninsurable landscaping.
- ✓ Mortgage bank not releasing funds to make repairs.
- ✓ The timing of the release - from our mortgage management company - of insurance approved funds.
- ✓ Flood payment was laughably small, but wind was better so it worked out. Contractor agreed quickly, but had so much work piled up it took a while.
- ✓ Finding temporary housing and not getting solid 50% rule info before Craig came on board.
- ✓ Finding alternate housing.
- ✓ Finding a place to live that is affordable. Rent prices have sky-rocketed.

Issues
with
FEMA

Insurance
concerns

Options
for
affordable
housing

Traffic
concerns

- ✓ Lack of places for people to stay.
- ✓ We rented a ground-level home and lost everything. Starting over completely has been challenging. Finding affordable rent for large families has been challenging.
- ✓ Affordable and safe living environment, replacing all items lost.
- ✓ The cost of living on Sanibel.
- ✓ Finding housing.
- ✓ Finding assistance. Found every crack to fall into. Family-owned home that has been my full-time residence since 1984.
- ✓ Mainly the emotional challenges, deciding whether to sell or rebuild etc.
- ✓ Ongoing traffic delays.
- ✓ Traffic delays would shorten the work day for our contractors.
- ✓ Traffic.
- ✓ Inability to get friends and family on the island to help in recovery during the time of pass-only access to the island.
- ✓ Commute, dealing with new faces to the islands who are unaware of the environmental ethic of Sanibel.
- ✓ Landscape restoration. City not enforcing buffer zones with non-residential properties.
- ✓ Fixing my deck which was vandalized and severely damaged.
- ✓ Getting lift repaired.
- ✓ The volume of work and learning curve to understand and manage it all.
- ✓ My age, my time, and doing the work myself.
- ✓ Handling everything long distance from Wisconsin.
- ✓ Getting the time to redo my lower level.
- ✓ Personal patience.
- ✓ Time.
- ✓ We abut complete fire hazard property that Sanibel community church owns and has not been touched at all.
- ✓ Shortage of customers.
- ✓ Lack of customer base.
- ✓ Not involved with work recovery process; business was on island as soon as possible and provided BBQ and manpower to help whoever needed assistance

Question 11: If ground floor, which are you doing?

Written responses in the "Other" category:

- ✓ Eventually, I'd like to demo the current structure and rebuild on pilings.
- ✓ Ground level but to code "8 Feet".
- ✓ Restored business office which is elevated by about 4 feet.

- ✓ We are restoring our ground floor entry area/rooms but most of the house is elevated.
- ✓ Restoring 1, elevating others.
- ✓ The answer is actually both. We are elevated but had offices on the ground level. The ground level was renovated and SOME offices are returning to that working space.
- ✓ My home is being restored and my business will not be rebuilt.
- ✓ The part of our house that was on the ground floor we are not restoring.
- ✓ Height restrictions are a problem.
- ✓ Considering elevation.
- ✓ Proposed elevation.
- ✓ Demolished.
- ✓ Building has been torn down.
- ✓ Sold it.
- ✓ Sold.
- ✓ Bought alternative property.
- ✓ Renter.

Question 13: What steps have you taken to make your building more resilient and sustainable?

Written responses in the "Other" category:

- ✓ The house is concrete and elevated no issues.
- ✓ Stronger garage door and pool cage.
- ✓ No money yet to do any of the above.
- ✓ My house is new and up to current code.
- ✓ Have emphasized 'passive' vs 'active' energy conservation.
- ✓ Moved to raised house.
- ✓ Already had new roof & impact windows.
- ✓ Used cement board rather than drywall, furnishing with indoor/ outdoor, replaced floor with flake/epoxy.
- ✓ Elevated building has been designed but not constructed.
- ✓ Raised electric, exterior tree trimming.
- ✓ Built back with better materials, etc. Not planning on storing as much on ground level.
- ✓ New roof and siding.
- ✓ Metal roof.
- ✓ Replaced paved surfaces with poured concrete
- ✓ We had installed impact windows, replaced siding with Hardiboard and upgraded appliances prior to Ian.
- ✓ Installed impact glass where failures occurred. We are in a 2 building condo on the gulf .
- ✓ Replaced cast iron plumbing.

- ✓ Park model – elevated.
- ✓ will be making these changes when construction begins.
- ✓ Elevating elevator and meter rooms to 2nd floor, rebuilding/replacing storage units.
- ✓ All done prior to Ian.
- ✓ Install battery back up to solar.
- ✓ The home already had a new metal roof and hurricane windows. Water and sand blew in around the hurricane windows and patio doors. Since it is a smaller job, contractors did not want to do it.
- ✓ Significant structural repairs.
- ✓ Buy less stuff for ground level.
- ✓ Reinstalled improperly installed impact windows and sliders.
- ✓ Purchasing new windows.
- ✓ Rebuilding to have all living areas on second floor.
- ✓ Elevating electric panel was very cost prohibitive, purchased replacement items to have at home in preparation for future storm impact.
- ✓ Already had impact windows and shutters so did not check that box.
- ✓ I want to add impact windows, but I can't get a permit for windows even though I'm getting violations for no windows.
- ✓ We plan to upgrade to a metal roof and impact windows when we have time for reconstruction. Just got our insurance settlement this week.
- ✓ Trying to find a reputable solar company.
- ✓ Condo. Already had impact glass.
- ✓ I rent.
- ✓ Sold the home.
- ✓ Stronger pool cage.
- ✓ No improvements as they were all recently done prior to the hurricane
- ✓ Geo-Thermal HVAC & Hot water.
- ✓ Most all of these were in place before Ian. Damage was 4 ft of water through garage areas/storage, wind damage to building exterior, A/C damage even with elevated compressors, pool damage, beach walk destroyed, pool and other railings wiped out, landscaping wiped out, etc.
- ✓ Condo assoc. managing.
- ✓ All of these selections will be considered and possibly included in the new building plan.
- ✓ Haven't gotten there yet.
- ✓ Building new house.
- ✓ Raised footprint 6 1/2 feet before ground floor starts. Sanibel won't let us go higher even though the US flood plain map says we should be. Sanibel doesn't have correct EV CAR METER provisions in place. Are we supposed to drive off island to Walmart every day? Solar panels technology to remain tied to roof isn't quite there yet.
- ✓ Many of these will be applicable after we elevate.
- ✓ Raised air conditioner.
- ✓ Strapped ac unit down, securing exterior doors better prior to storms.
- ✓ Solar & Electric Generator.

- ✓ Unit is anchored to the ground and we have added a waterproof roof coating.
- ✓ ;(?) how can we improve if we have to restore to conditions b4 the storm?
- ✓ Raised electric outlets in garage, replaced porch screens with removable screens.
- ✓ Removed privacy fencing on decking that acted like a sail during the storm and was blown off.
- ✓ Restored minor ground floor entrance & storage area to be more water resistant.
- ✓ Already had hurricane resilient windows roof elevation etc.
- ✓ Just restored the property.
- ✓ Home is new construction and up to current code.
- ✓ Whole house LP generator.
- ✓ Whole home battery back-up for solar.
- ✓ Raised dryer vent above ground level.
- ✓ Improved roof structure to harden against wind; New higher dock and new higher seawall.
- ✓ Sold it.
- ✓ Swapped 100% of lower siding from wood T1-11 to Hardi Cement Board.
- ✓ Still working on plans.
- ✓ Rented off island storage for car.
- ✓ Already had standing seam roof, impact windows and porcelain floor tile: all held up perfectly to the flooding.
- ✓ Constructed in 2018 so overall structure is in excellent shape.
- ✓ We haven't started the rebuild yet, but plan on all cottages to be elevated with hurricane windows, doors and metal roofs. All codes will be met.
- ✓ HOA is responsible for the ground level electrical and exterior walls and roof. To date ALL of our electrical controls are still located at ground level.
- ✓ Sanibel needs to fix rule to add EV charging for electric cars.
- ✓ We already had much of this.
- ✓ Just repairs.
- ✓ Razing existing house and building a new one.
- ✓ Altering landscaping (going fully native if possible) to better buffer against storm surge.
- ✓ Added water-proof finish elements to finished lower level.
- ✓ Just a foyer and garages on ground floor. Fixed foyer and elevated everything in garages up high on shelves.

Question 14: How have you restored the landscaping on your property?

Written responses in the "Other" category:

- ✓ Cost of taking down trees, clearing out dead brush and buying gravel and mulch prohibitive.
- ✓ All new landscape/ plantings
- ✓ Owner responsibility

- ✓ Estimates for landscaping are outrageous and we hope to add landscaping over time with primarily native plants.
- ✓ grass grew back, did not replace lost plants
- ✓ Had to add dirt elevation because of new after rain flooding
- ✓ Soil was added to restore the erosion, some sod, kept existing coverage, added natives which mainly died off due to bayou flooding in late December
- ✓ had to remove 24 trees that had fallen :(
- ✓ Unfortunately, after the storm my property got flooded after heavy rain and landscape died
- ✓ We replaced sod, added a mixture of native and non-native trees, palms, and plants. Restoring upland wetland area with all native plants.
- ✓ At the new rental, whatever has sprung up naturally is the landscape. We pull weeds. We do not use weed killer.
- ✓ Planted 50/50 native plants and other decorative plants
- ✓ Replaced sod and added both native and non native plants
- ✓ Haven't needed to plant anything new. Just clean up and remove dead trees.
- ✓ Before I had beautiful ALL NATIVE landscaping - now it's just going to be weeds. Why do you assume people are at the landscaping phase? Most people haven't started rebuilding.
- ✓ our landscaping has been completely replaced
- ✓ removed damaged trees and dead trees
- ✓ replaced all sod and replaced downed trees and plantings with primarily native species
- ✓ Replaced sod and planted native plants
- ✓ Replaced with resistant palms(pigmy dates) All SCCF native plants died.
- ✓ Sod plus natives
- ✓ Huge challenge. All destroyed. City requesting all new engineering. Slow painful process almost 2 years in. Too many constraints.
- ✓ Some sod, native plants, native ground cover
- ✓ I had a native plant yard with ground cover which was destroyed, but do not plan to do any landscaping at all going forward.
- ✓ I have been mowing the lawn. I lost several mature trees.
- ✓ The campus is 99% native so corrective trimming and debris removal was conducted. Because we have 99% native vegetation, almost no restoration plantings have been done and the landscape has bounced back.
- ✓ I have over 2 acres and will replace with native , minimal decorative , looking at alternatives to sod
- ✓ we are working with a landscaper to improve
- ✓ I mow what grows before & after
- ✓ I planted a mix of native and non native plants and planted grass
- ✓ A complete redo of lawn and plantings, adding natives where we could
- ✓ Added a mixture of native and non-native plants
- ✓ I replaced my sod and installed a nice mix of native and ornamental
- ✓ Added pervious pavers
- ✓ I replaced the native shore plants (sea grape, buttonwood, sea oats) with new and additional ones purchased from SCCF on Sanibel. The front of the house

needed the landscape totally replaced. The plants were all listed on the UF/IFAS native plant list. At my main home and cabin my gardens are certified native by the WildOnes and the NABA (N.Amer Butterfly Association.) Have not completed the certification forms for Florida.

- ✓ I replaced the sod, added some native trees and bushes and ground cover
- ✓ I restored the original landscaping plan from when the house was built
- ✓ Both replaced sod but also added native plants
- ✓ I'm having the property and pest services continued till sale
- ✓ changed driveway grade to prevent water intrusion
- ✓ In process with mainly native plants
- ✓ Our HOA is responsible for this. Nothing new has been done yet.
- ✓ Planted some native and some decorative.
- ✓ In the works: plan is for lawn but primarily native shrubs and trees
- ✓ Reduced sod areas with native plants, but replaced border screen with non-native
- ✓ Removed dead trees and put in mulch and shell
- ✓ Replaced the sod and replaced primarily native (which didn't survive) with both native and non.
- ✓ I've discontinued landscape pest management services, no longer irrigate landscaping, planting natives where non-natives had been pre storm
- ✓ replaced sod & added native plants & ground cover
- ✓ replaced sod and natives, added decorative non-native
- ✓ Replaced sod but added primarily native plants
- ✓ Replaced some vegetation
- ✓ Salt water intrusion ruined soil, very difficult, still looks terrible
- ✓ Landscaping budget is \$0
- ✓ Sod and 70/30 mix of plants
- ✓ Sod, Natives & exotics
- ✓ Landscaping in front of our home and buffers on the side had to be almost 100% replaced.
- ✓ some restoration mostly removing dead non-native trees / plants
- ✓ Landscaping is natural to the surrounding area and there are no plans to change it.
- ✓ Minor redo
- ✓ Condo association planted primarily native plants
- ✓ Most of the landscaping came back on its own
- ✓ Much of our landscaping recovered and we replanted resiliently where possible.
- ✓ The condo has not begun to replace all of the lost landscaping
- ✓ My landscaping is only partially restored and have not yet finalized my landscaping plans
- ✓ Added stones to gravel yard; planted palms and coontie in front bed
- ✓ Used gravel in areas, allowed grass to grow in, covered areas with mulch
- ✓ After the storm I rototilled our property twice and the grass that we previously had came back very nicely
- ✓ Needed cleanup, some sod and some native and non-native plants.
- ✓ Was all-native prior to storm

- ✓ Needs work and not finding reasonable help.
- ✓ We have plans for replanting native plants and ground cover to meet Sanibel requirements.
- ✓ we put in new citrus and palm trees all of which had been destroyed by the storm.
- ✓ 10 acre complete landscaping restoration per code
- ✓ Condo. Entirely re-landscaped
- ✓ Work in progress; monitoring for cont'd salt water damage; still debris in back of lot to remove when funds/time/assistance available; determining what will be appropriate to fill in for planting and trees lost in the hurricane and flooding.

Question 15: As you think about the next twelve months, what are remaining hurricane-related projects and challenges that will be priorities for you? (Check all that apply)

Written responses in the "Other" category:

- ✓ Replacement of lost structures/assets
- ✓ New building construction
- ✓ Replacement of 16 buildings
- ✓ Rebuilding the house is the priority, then the challenge of replanting to code is going to be tough, considering the quotes from landscapers to accomplish this
- ✓ Complete redevelopment following all building and development codes.
- ✓ selling or repairing destroyed rental property
- ✓ Build the house, replacement of everything internal, let the yard go to weeds
- ✓ Elevating
- ✓ To build new on Sanibel
- ✓ new build
- ✓ Everything, starting from scratch
- ✓ Total replacement
- ✓ Pool cage screening; water softening system; garage door panel repairs; pool leak repair.
- ✓ Economic - tourism recovery
- ✓ Making sure iguanas don't destroy native plantings
- ✓ building carport
- ✓ Elevate house
- ✓ Replace roof
- ✓ have the city look into properties that are getting flooded due to the water weirs, and land erosion
- ✓ Lawn
- ✓ Restoring elevator service to our building
- ✓ Sold the property after fixing
- ✓ Power washing and repainting the exterior; some minor exterior stucco repair
- ✓ internal repairs to ceiling

- ✓ Interior painting and replacing damaged flooring
- ✓ Navigating difficult standstill traffic to access off and on island
- ✓ Maintaining continuity of insurance
- ✓ Addition
- ✓ Install backup battery for solar
- ✓ The church property in the Dunes
- ✓ Finish downstairs
- ✓ Clean up vegetation that backs up to Periwinkle
- ✓ Getting generator fixed and hopefully raised up, whole house water filter replaced,
- ✓ Elevate electrical box
- ✓ Replacement of lost personal property and obtaining reasonable compensation from my insurance
- ✓ Cosmetic issues
- ✓ We are only about 20% restored
- ✓ We have condominiums that still need to be repaired.
- ✓ Replacing switchgear
- ✓ Still waiting for window replacement. Work scheduled for November
- ✓ Generator installation
- ✓ Replace elevators!
- ✓ internal painting
- ✓ Installing more impact windows and restoring landscaping
- ✓ painting
- ✓ City served me a notice that I had to fence in my pool after 28 years - another expense
- ✓ Moving to a new state
- ✓ Employer provided employment off island, and on island when allowed
- ✓ Hopefully finishing interior/exterior by September. Vegetation will be a multi phase process. Pool is last
- ✓ Replace customer base
- ✓ Relocating on island
- ✓ Punch list items for contractors. We're finished.
- ✓ Dock repair
- ✓ Waiting 8 months for sliding door. insurance declined
- ✓ Elevating appliances above flood plain. Contractor wasn't interested in doing that
- ✓ Internal cosmetic repair
- ✓ Ensuring the building is more resilient
- ✓ Following up on faulty contractor work that somehow passed inspection.
- ✓ Paying off SBA loan that allowed us to do repairs
- ✓ External/internal touchups

- ✓ Pool repairs; tennis court repairs; maintaining existing structures; sewage maintenance
- ✓ Other internal repairs, water damage, not structural
- ✓ Fence around swimming pool
- ✓ Impact resistant door/window replacement
- ✓ Keeping reasonable priced home insurance
- ✓ Planting and weeding
- ✓ Communication with property managers
- ✓ Perhaps extra cross bracing on pilings and elevate electric meter.
- ✓ Finishing all the interior and exterior repairs
- ✓ Have not done any landscaping except clear the land.
- ✓ Add an elevator
- ✓ Building clientele back
- ✓ Restoring stone driveways.
- ✓ Clearing out neighbor's dead fallen Australian pines from side yard
- ✓ Flood proofing
- ✓ Continued replacement of some trees and bushes
- ✓ watching Sanibel build back non resilient
- ✓ Painting, pool tiles and stains removed
- ✓ Addition of more native plants, replace refrigerator
- ✓ Piling repairs
- ✓ Replacing patio pavers to match existing are unavailable.
- ✓ Bringing people out to Sanibel
- ✓ Native landscaping. There is not anyone who works as a native landscaper, as evidenced by the common plants used in all gardens along the street.
- ✓ Rebuilding the 2nd building we had which was torn down completely due to Hurricane Ian damage
- ✓ Getting the approvals and permits so the contractor can start the rebuild
- ✓ Interior remodel and site work
- ✓ Replacement of our condo association's swimming pool.
- ✓ Adding additional impact doors and windows
- ✓ Lighting on property
- ✓ Building the house, getting pilings
- ✓ Replacing landscaping is last on my list. City making us use mostly native plants is very ugly in my opinion. What native plants we did have didn't survive, so what is the point?
- ✓ We are still restocking our home with small appliances that we lost, clothes, shoes. We are replacing things we lost from our garage. Our lease will end in December, so if the landlord extends to us without a huge increase, we will stay.

Otherwise, looking for a new place may be a priority. We also continue to pick up trash, litter from Ian.

- ✓ Adding hurricane shutters; finding alternative to ground-floor storage if possible
- ✓ Refinish gunnite pool surface
- ✓ Flat roof section needs to be raised in order to reduce insurance rates.
- ✓ Finding storage off island for our business assets.

Question 16: What information would be most helpful to you in the projects you described above?

Written responses in the "Other" category:

- ✓ Money
- ✓ Regaining employment income for extraordinary expenses not covered by home insurance
- ✓ Financial assistance for those who fall in the cracks.
- ✓ Money to fund repairs
- ✓ Additional financing or additional customers!
- ✓ \$\$

- ✓ Changes in Permitting Process
- ✓ Ease of permitting process
- ✓ Permit/engineering will hopefully be smoother run if such disaster happens next time. We will be carrying costs for many years to come. Businesses have left waiting for condos, motels, stores to reopen. Too many new rules, guidelines, inconsistency.
- ✓ less bureaucratic oversight of reconstruction by city
- ✓ Allow us to restore properties that met 50% rule like they were before the storm
- ✓ Clear direction from Sanibel Planning
- ✓ Need to raise the height restrictions
- ✓ Clear & Faster permit process
- ✓ How to get the City to move faster and efficiently on permits. I support the Sanibel Plan 100%, but the city is too damn officious.
- ✓ much better direction/cooperation with city regarding permits and codes
- ✓ We asked the city to have someone review our property and suggest native plants but no one has returned our calls
- ✓ Getting / renewing permits from the city
- ✓ Getting the approvals and permits are most important so the contractor can start the rebuild. We really hope the process with the City of Sanibel is coming close to the end.

- ✓ How to have staff make decisions that will actually make Sanibel actually more resilient
- ✓ Easier permit /signoff process. Access to more insurance options.
- ✓ Easier permitting process
- ✓ Improving permitting process
- ✓ Having the City monitor commercial building sites during Emergency rebuild activity, by establishing regular safety/progress checks at commercial complexes on an un-announced basis.
- ✓ Better communication from City on how to move past 50% rule - what is needed?
- ✓ Change sod requirements on the city right-of-way. Should have other options.

- ✓ Utility planning/ coordination with all utilities
- ✓ It just takes time
- ✓ dealing with condo HOA
- ✓ Being able to create a burm along the perimeter
- ✓ that don't over charge
- ✓ Finding Competent people to employ
- ✓ Some limit to the price gouging overhead being applied by contractors
- ✓ Finding contractors at decent price
- ✓ Finding reasonably-priced contractors
- ✓ My contractor was a fraud. He used another contractor's info to pull the permit. There should be a vetting process and a searchable, or at least alphabetical, list of vetted contractors that charge a fair price.
- ✓ Contractors who aren't excessively charging
- ✓ Get my GC to finish work
- ✓ Identifying reputable contractors who are willing to provide estimates that breakout materials and labor separately.
- ✓ supply and demand for fencing materials and elevators is the biggest problem
- ✓ Reasonable cost of labor
- ✓ Opportunities to add solar cost effectively
- ✓ Finding material that is more environmentally friendly
- ✓ Sanibel needs another pile driver, more Sanibel expert architects.
- ✓ Places to find free or recycled building materials. New costs too much. F*ck contractors, they charge too much
- ✓ Publicizing information about unethical contractors and businesses and rip-off schemes
- ✓ Making sure we are not under-insured
- ✓ How to deal with insurance.
- ✓ Money from insurance
- ✓ Receiving insurance monies to make repairs

- ✓ Insurance options
- ✓ Have Wind Insurance compensate us so I can continue progress. We were completely denied with a 2% deductible.
- ✓ I'm a master gardener. I don't need info.
- ✓ taken care of already
- ✓ We have received good guidance from the City and from SCCF
- ✓ Have landscaping firm.
- ✓ I would say all of the above. Getting contractors for smaller jobs out to the island is a challenge. Always want to be more resilient for the future. Still trying to get one appliance replaced. Always need updated info on the selection of plants, trees, and vegetation even though I am an avid native gardener. Florida sun, heat, salty wind burn, sand, and iguanas are not my forte for gardening.
- ✓ Having a better Condo Board, especially the President.
- ✓ Help navigating the restoration process from my home state
- ✓ Keep as little as possible on ground level
- ✓ Help with the project. There's a lot of air potatoes and dead trees
- ✓ Nothing. We've already contracted with Sanibel glass for impact windows, just waiting for our time in their schedule.
- ✓ exploring 50% rule and financing rebuild/repairs
- ✓ Already have local source of native plants.
- ✓ Out lot is more susceptible to flooding by a water source. It appears that our entire lot over 40 years has compacted or has "sunk"
- ✓ sea level forecasts
- ✓ Air quality info on Sanibel, who tests ongoing?
- ✓ Digitize pictures in the future
- ✓ Enforcing neighbors to clean their lan debris and improve water storage and drainage.
- ✓ Help in readying and planting natives.
- ✓ Used wetland landscape plan developed by SCCF
- ✓ What is city doing to control iguanas?
- ✓ Since we are self funding everything donations will be accepted, Let's find some more pile drivers for Sanibel. Everyone is waiting in line for them for all projects!!!!!!
- ✓ Too many things to mention
- ✓ We have hired local professionals that are key to making these decisions.
- ✓ I had the benefit of time and was able to research contractors and materials to my satisfaction
- ✓ I think the Facebook groups are doing a pretty great job at sharing information. This probably doesn't apply as much since we don't currently own a home, and our business tools are stored in our garage and not a separate location.

Question 17: What resources or organizations have been most helpful to you in your recovery efforts? Please list or describe:

Other resources identified as helpful:

- ✓ Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ SanCap bank
- ✓ Sanibel Fire District
- ✓ Post hurricane food distribution, water
- ✓ Red Cross/Free resources - ice/water/BBQ
- ✓ Billy's bikes
- ✓ Community Housing & Resources (CHR)
- ✓ My Safe Florida Home was an EXCELLENT program but they need to give more than a year for repairs to be made
- ✓ Tarp program
- ✓ Lee County SHIP program
- ✓ God
- ✓ Captiva Civic Association (CCA)
- ✓ Captiva Community Panel
- ✓ CEPD newsletters
- ✓ Private adjuster
- ✓ Insurance Company
- ✓ Sanibel Community Church
- ✓ Sanibel Public Library
- ✓ Gladiolus food bank, finding everyone's junk in the mangroves
- ✓ Captiva Community Panel
- ✓ Island Newspapers and e-mails
- ✓ AAA
- ✓ The state of Florida and our FLC
- ✓ FDEM - had a state representative call us from our driveway and asked how can we help and then they helped. Florida Emergency management cleanup folks were wonderful.
- ✓ SBA
- ✓ Solar DIY websites
- ✓ Louisiana State University Center for Coastal Resiliency
- ✓ CASI
- ✓ Church group that came from Miami two months after the storm to clear out debris in and around the home
- ✓ Ace Hardware, Home Depot, Amazon
- ✓ My attorney
- ✓ Salvation Army, Goodwill

Question 21: When you think about our community's needs at this time, which of the following would be most useful and important?

Written responses in the “Other” category:

- ✓ Code enforcement = exterior property maintenance + dark skies
- ✓ Examining alternatives to increased height which is increasing density
- ✓ Stop all new development until folks have restored existing properties
- ✓ Expanding the size of the City’s Building Department staff and adding inspectors and improve accessibility of public record for viewing and copying/sharing.
- ✓ Controlling bugs due to flood
- ✓ Figuring out how to get electric service restored more quickly
- ✓ number one need is patience and time, recovery takes time the larger the impact the more time required the impact the more time needed. Don'
- ✓ ALLOW FORMULA RETAIL ON THE ISLAND- THIS TYPE OF BUSINESS CAN BE MORE RESILIENT AND QUICKER TO RECOVER FINANCIALLY, MORE BUSINESSES BRINGS PEOPLE, TOURISM BACK WHICH IS A WIN FOR ALL. THERE CAN BE A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FORMULA RETAIL AND LOCALLY OWNED BUSINESSES
- ✓ Happy community functions
- ✓ Island safety
- ✓ Sanibel did not have a plan to deal with the hurricane/water surge. Even Hurricane Charlie did not spur the City Council(s) to do any preparation. It needs one.
- ✓ Personally inviting new residents/owners to get involved in our numerous charitable, non-profit organizations here on the islands.
- ✓ bring back native freshwater fish in ponds and the Sanibel Slough (bass, sunfish and gar)
- ✓ Plans to have city back on island in trailers after the next disaster instead of off-island at a hotel
- ✓ continue to offer and expand mental health counseling for islanders
- ✓ Address climate change & rising sea level.
- ✓ Getting more FREE FUN events going and being encouraging to rebuild a community. All events seem to dry up when the part timers leave. Not all events have to be fundraisers. Joy and community will help more people want to live here and create businesses here. Also educate new residents on how terrible this storm was. Don't sugarcoat it – tell them to have a hotel lined up or a place to stay because they must leave and have some plan when it's a mandatory evacuation.
- ✓ These are all excellent and we are working on all .
- ✓ All of the above but for me water quality
- ✓ Don't have other options
- ✓ No more green lawns that require ridiculous amounts of watering. Restrict agricultural water use. And force people to adapt their yards to the actual conditions
- ✓ preparation for social collapse, political violence
- ✓ better communication from city/county leaders
- ✓ Removing dead wood to reduce the chance of a fire, from lightening or a thrill seeker.

- ✓ Do not approve short-term rentals outside resorts and some condos. Restrict Air B&Bs to preserve the sanctuary nature of the island
- ✓ Improving access to affordable insurance
- ✓ Water and electric needs to be improved for less destruction of infrastructure from hurricanes
- ✓ Remove restricted environmental rules for RESIDENTIAL lots
- ✓ Sewer plan on Captiva
- ✓ enforcing 75% native vegetation, repairs are done with no permits and sod is being added to many yards. I see landscapers using fertilizer every day.
- ✓ All of these are incredibly important
- ✓ More support for the Sanibel School and the children that attend the school and the after-school program at the Rec Center. Also, more functions to gather residents and unite us together.
- ✓ Implement a "Resident Family" A space beach parking pass for residents to share with visiting family members. Implement a BBB type program to report and manage contractors. Change the E-bike rules on bike paths to support e-scooters and class 2 e-bikes.
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Stop allowing golf carts on San Cap Rd. It adds to the congestion significantly
- ✓ Keep unlicensed individuals off the islands
- ✓ Ban chemical usage on golf courses that are outlawed in Europe and known to cause cancer.
- ✓ Help from City when dealing with difficult contractors.
- ✓ Native plantings to hold the land
- ✓ Getting visitors to return to support our local businesses over the next 6 months
- ✓ Expanding pool of allowed workers on island after disaster. Limited supply has driven costs to unreasonable pricing.
- ✓ A pharmacy would be nice
- ✓ Let us bring trusted contractors from outside FL. We can't get good work done here at a fair price by the contractors we are stuck with. It's been horrible.
- ✓ Our needs at this time are going to be very different from our needs in the years ahead. I hope to see needs solved now with preserving our quaint, small town, so that it remains that way for generations to come.
- ✓ Civility on islands is essential to our future
- ✓ develop a plan to help elderly exit the island in an emergency rather than just leaving them all behind.
- ✓ Re-nourishment of the beaches
- ✓ don't approve projects such as the cluster housing on Island Inn Rd. Water tables need to be updated and homes should not be built on wetlands. No rhythm and harmony with the surrounding neighborhood. Unfortunate this precedent has been set for the entire island.
- ✓ Sidewalks for safety. Good PR to let people know we are back
- ✓ Working more effectively with businesses to get them operational on the island. This is critical to the quality of life for residences and to attract tourists. I don't think the town is doing a good job of this. Too many hurdles and not working proactively to help businesses
- ✓ Educate off-island contractors to the importance of proper debris disposal.

- ✓ Senior center most needed, not everyone belongs to a private club.
- ✓ Stop South Seas overdevelopment:
- ✓ Fighting the Lee County Commission actions to allow South Seas owners to override 50 years of zoning control on density and bldg heights, without adequate utility infrastructure, and devastating impact on Sanibel traffic patterns.
- ✓ Addressing the impact of the South Seas building to protect Sanibel
- ✓ Also educate community of importance of STOPPING South Seas proposed development to maintain our beautiful island and not be overrun with traffic, etc.!
- ✓ Stopping increased density and building heights
- ✓ Exposing money-grubbing land developers and the corrupt County Commissioners in collusion with them to prevent over-development, additional traffic congestion onto/off of the islands and ensure that water and waste treatment utilities can sufficiently meet the demands of the islands.
- ✓ Stopping Timbers from high density, high traffic building
- ✓ Make building and permitting process more streamlined and flexible:
- ✓ Cut red tape for both businesses and property owners
- ✓ we need less focus on some building code issues and more on others
- ✓ Make permit process much faster
- ✓ Streamline the permitting process while maintaining the character of the island.
- ✓ Make Permit & Licensing Easier to Navigate
- ✓ Helping owners get their permits quicker and inspections done
- ✓ Improving the permitting process to speed up restoration
- ✓ Changes in Permitting Process
- ✓ Reorganize the building permit processing so that permits/inspections are more accessible.
- ✓ Stop putting unnecessary pressure to build to specific codes. Let homeowner's decide. If another hurricane hits I'd rather pay to rebuild a shack than a fortress. Local gov't red tape is making progress very slow, and promoting "resiliency" is just driving costs up and running long-time locals off of the island.
- ✓ Less government regulation of personal property repairs
- ✓ Having more people in local government moving faster to issue permits, so people can rebuild their homes.
- ✓ Expediting rebuilds by smart oversight from the city
- ✓ Speeding up condo repair to restore economy, aggressively demolishing buildings that are no longer viable for repair.
- ✓ We need a much more efficient & responsive permitting process
- ✓ Making height restrictions 2-4 feet higher
- ✓ City needs to be more helpful in allowing homeowners to rebuild/ fix homes. Working with City is like walking on eggshells
- ✓ Most important, getting more help in the City of Sanibel to help with the approval and permit process so it could be done quicker. This is and has been our major holdup.
- ✓ Restore the businesses. Stop holding us hostage to current codes when we own nonconforming properties and we are just trying to reopen. Install golf cart lanes on Periwinkle
- ✓ Increasing efficiency of permitting and other processes in City

- ✓ Traffic and SUP concerns:
- ✓ Long-term traffic issues once back to “normal”, i.e.: hotels restored
- ✓ repairing bike paths
- ✓ Improve bridge traffic by adding third lane or increase speed limit. Improved cell service.
- ✓ Reducing Causeway traffic, time to travel to and from Sanibel
- ✓ Insurance related concerns:
- ✓ Dealing with the high costs of insurance premiums.
- ✓ Increased pressure on wind insurers by the State to pay timely and reasonably.

Question 24: What other impacts and/or concerns do you have that we haven't asked about?

- ✓ Skyrocketing insurance costs
- ✓ Streamlining permitting process to eliminate duplication (surveys, etc.)
- ✓ There appear to be very few options presented by your group to the community with respect to less expensive construction means which I discussed with your leadership
- ✓ Increase in population from Captiva’s South Seas problems.
- ✓ The Sanibel community being directly and irredeemably damaged and sacrificed in its vehicular traffic volumes and resident circulation patterns, water supply and waste water treatment, and island density that are clearly and immediately at risk by the greed of South Seas and the illegal actions by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners to alter land development codes and interpretation of hotel room density.
- ✓ Enforcement of existing regulations- fewer exceptions- renewing bike paths - enforcing roadside right of way
- ✓ Landscaping is being restored with non natives, people don’t understand/care about wildlife and its needs
- ✓ The survey touched on this, but I am very concerned about salt water intrusion to Sanibel's fresh water aquifer. I don't know how grave the issue is and would like to hear more discussion about it.
- ✓ Common-sense solutions and proven methods of sustainability based on evidence-based science with reproducible outcomes.
- ✓ More opportunities for people who work on the island, to live there economically. Need competition in the costs of everyday living, food, transportation etc. not just affordable housing.
- ✓ The trailers currently on the island that present a danger to homeowners during hurricane season.
- ✓ We feel the cost of insurance premiums are a huge issue and will impact the market value of our home. We were told insurance companies are not wanting to underwrite insurance for wood piling home structures. Many of the homes on Sanibel are of wood piling structure.
Fear we will not be able get insurance in the future nor will future home buyers. Another concern is the US Congress did not approve casualty loss legislation to the victims of Hurricane Ian as they have done with other major disasters.
- ✓ Affordable housing and traffic top priorities but we need condos for tourism to rebound

- ✓ Emergency evacuation locations are non-existent for Sanibel Residents. South Ft Myers HS was horrible. Toilets didn't work. Crowded.
- ✓ Proposed expansion of South Seas Island Resort
- ✓ The list of community needs is well developed. It was difficult to prioritize them into a top 4. I would like to add support the economy as a 5th. We need strong businesses as well as good stewardship of this beautiful island.
- ✓ FEMA was very, very confusing. Depending when you talked with someone, you got different answers. Dealing with flood insurance, wind insurance and FEMA - I do not think that most people were capable of working through all three, very difficult to understand it all!
- ✓ speedier processing of permits
- ✓ Most important do not make decisions until all the FACTS ARE IN. Minimum of three years to have any realistic analysis of facts. Opinions and projections based on speculation can be even more disastrous than the hurricane.
- ✓ Impact of invasive species such as iguanas on native plants and wildlife; impact of increasing building height and shadow limitations on neighboring properties and on density
- ✓ I prioritized beyond the traffic issues but truly feel limiting expansion at the far west end of our islands is required.
- ✓ The traffic and congestion impact on Sanibel if South Seas expands as planned.
- ✓ Ability to get insurance if you go solar for your house.
- ✓ We need police present on the bike bath to get all motor-powered vehicles of only Class 1 e-bikes.
- ✓ The impact to my boat Charter company
We need to get places for tourists to stay!!!
- ✓ Electrical and sanitation infrastructure
- ✓ The draconian permitting department, lack of consistency between inspectors, unable to schedule timeslots for inspections, threats of prison for me and my wife for minor violations rather than support and help to remedy, confusing, vague and contradicting requirements posted on various media, and basically help people get their homes back up and running rather than interfere and make things more difficult
- ✓ Cost of and availability of insurance for wind.
- ✓ Insurance availability and cost
- ✓ research large capital projects to harden the island
- ✓ The beach was reinforced in many places but not near blindpass condos. It would be nice to have had it done on the entire strip from Seaspray down past the Bayou
- ✓ Finding quality reconstruction firms that don't charge exorbitant prices .
- ✓ Actual strategic planning for storms.
- ✓ flooding for home owners
- ✓ Overpopulation at South Seas and the traffic impact. I do think traffic is a major problem that should be addressed. For example the city should look into making a two lane in or out during peak traffic times (ie one way). We have traffic control people so why not let them direct traffic either right before or after the toll booth and on Island so during the morning the bridge comes inbound only 45 minutes each hour and outbound only for the same amount of time during the evening rush? We need to look at some fresh ideas because the ones being used aren't working and haven't for the past several years

- ✓ please repair the bike paths, fix the traffic issue getting off island,
- ✓ Illegal immigrants non licensed contractors working and allowed on island.
- ✓ Disappearance of wildlife.
- ✓ Insurance is a big issue. They have done a very poor job to support their customers.
- ✓ Open fishing pier
- ✓ Political impact from the Governor.
- ✓ The city made it very difficult and costly to get back in our homes post ian. requiring an electrician alone cost over 1000\$ which was not repaid by insurance for almost a year. Lower income residents will be forced to leave as cost to live here a becoming untenable, and there will only wealthy residents left.
- ✓ Especially during the rebuild and with so many people leaving for summer, we need more law enforcement presence.
- ✓ We NEED to find ways to help visitors and contractors understand the importance of preserving our natural habitat including our wildlife, beaches and preserves. Far too many animals have been killed by trucks following the storm and the amount of trash on the island has grown at least 10-fold on the sides of roads from contractors throwing garbage out the window and on the beaches from visitors.
- ✓ How will Sanibel rebound/time it will take
- ✓ It is imperative that Sanibel has access to pharmaceutical service at ALL times!
- ✓ Traffic is terrible - we are likely to move off island if next winter is as bad. 10x the toll or something for busy times while exempting student families and local business full time employees
- ✓ Insurance affordability
- ✓ The painfully slow speed of construction of housing and businesses on Sanibel
- ✓ There are homes here that haven't been touched since the hurricane. These homes are safety hazards. Sanibel needs to do a better job of getting the owners of those homes to do something, whether by fines, foreclosures, or other measures.
- ✓ How do we protect the island from another major hurricane? What can we do to secure the beaches? How can we support the small business? Please keep residency zoning low (including Captiva); Love the bike path plans.
- ✓ Traffic and exhaust fumes
- ✓ What is happening with South Seas and traffic issues
- ✓ We need to remove storm debris from wetlands, maintain habitats for wildlife, educate visitors about our fragile ecosystem, improve health of lakes/salinity, repave bike paths, dark skies at night - no up lighting, regulate landscape lighting - congratulate staff often for a job well done!
- ✓ Overly rapid adoption of new resilience measures will drive living costs up too quickly, impacting demographics.
- ✓ You are seriously understaffed in planning and code enforcement
- ✓ Keeping Sanibel from becoming a place where only the extremely wealthy can afford a home.
- ✓ Price gouging by contractors
- ✓ I think the best way to minimize the financial impact of storm disasters is to maintain reasonably low density population environment. Inevitably, the more living units you have, the more the cost of rehabilitation will rise. Sanibel should not become any more densely populated than it currently is. Additionally, tax incentives to improve

structural resilience, similar to those offered to improve sustainability, should be considered.

- ✓ Need better evacuation plans and better communication before storms
- ✓ Sea level rise
- ✓ South Seas Resort poses a threat not only to Captiva but Sanibel as well. They are challenging the agreed to terms of purchase and legal moves to vacate the limits imposed on all Captiva properties may likely lead to overdevelopment of all of Captiva, and this imposes hardship on our island with more traffic congestion and demands on our already limited resources.
- ✓ South Seas expansion leading to increased density.
- ✓ Better security in the immediate after future such disaster; we suffered a lot of personal theft from our condo, tho it suffered very little damage itself. One contractor who lives on the island told us that most such theft was by island residents because so many condos were left wide open after the storm. We were on the island last Jan-Feb in a rental, and every morning when I came to our buildings, every door was open, tho I secured them myself early each evening. I hate to think locals did such.
- ✓ Drinking Water is not the same as before the storm. Has contamination.
- ✓ I think the city of Sanibel is doing a great job addressing all the issues mentioned in this survey and especially communicating well with its residents - thank you!
- ✓ Restore Lake O water release BACK to its NATURAL flow (north to south)
- ✓ I'm doubling down on the new residents education on conservation and island history. The naivety of the newbies will be our downfall unless we seriously guide them through this learning curve. Just like the island residents did with the throngs of people that arrived during the development of the 1970s on our islands. It's up to the longtime islanders to do it again!
- ✓ The business owners challenges from delayed permits.
- ✓ Sanibel Causeway--This 40-year fulltime resident, working off island most of that time & raising children here needs the causeway to be resilient for necessary travel. Not made into a Lee County Parks and Rec monstrosity as was attempted. And Mother Nature swept away. We loved its natural beauty, as do the ospreys nesting in the Australian pines still there.
- ✓ How to support tourism in the next 3-5 years is a primary concern. No tourists = no businesses and the locals are not enough to support them. Rising rents and traffic seem to deter business owners from opening on the island. Without businesses, we won't have tourists. Without tourists, we won't have businesses. And we need them!
- ✓ The difficulty of working within the insurance companies payouts. They have not paid nearly enough to rebuild to code. In addition, finding homeowners insurance as a non-fulltime resident, has become hard to find and extremely expensive.
- ✓ Concerned about big investors/developers slowly changing what makes Sanibel unique
- ✓ Concern for people who insist on keeping one-story homes
- ✓ More focus on temporary city staffing after storms to facilitate and assist with permitting, inspections, and generally making that process more efficient and faster
- ✓ Currently, our family's concerns are the short-term livability/sustainability of life on the island, due to traffic, diminished resources, and hurricane-related lower quality of life. If you asked prior to Ian, our concerns would be more existential and broader in impact. Right now, we're still just trying to get through the week, with jobs and kids off island.

- ✓ Protection of automobiles. Many residents and workers, and some businesses, lost autos and other vehicles due to storm surge. Could the City possibly identify (or reserve) a high capacity vehicle storage facility on high ground off Island for use during recommended or mandatory Island? RSW parking area does not have capacity to hold all the vehicles for Sanibel, Lee, and Collier County residents who will be evacuating. Users would, of course, pay a fee to use the facility, but it is impossible for Island residents to drive all of their vehicles all the way to their evacuation destinations.
- ✓ 1) Protection of Silver Key and beaches north of Silver Key from constant erosion and permanent loss due to impact of Captiva jetty and dredging Blind Pass, and 2) non-enforcement of agreement by Captiva to place sand annually on Sanibel beaches. This agreement was signed when original Captiva jetty was installed in the 1970s. The beach at Silver Key has been breached by the Gulf, which is now threatening Clam Bayou residents. Thankfully sand berm has been put in but part of resilience must be more permanent fix. 204 homes threatened.
- ✓ Does this committee view itself as successful??
- ✓ Traffic
- ✓ Would like a study of the sanitary sewer lift stations to see if their equipment and controls can be raised or protected.
- ✓ What happened to xeriscaping? I see manicured landscaped sod/grass that requires water, fertilizer mowing blowing etc. EVERYWHERE including city right of ways next to streets. Sanibel does not look nor sound like a Florida sandy barrier island but Sanibel looks more like a northern suburb.
- ✓ Stop Captiva growth plan!!! Or they can build there own damn bridge
- ✓ We are a community of "no". We are a community of complainers. We are not friendly or welcoming. We don't even have a welcome to Sanibel sign. Something needs to be done about developing a small-town character. Friendliness. Outdoor concerts. Develop a town square.
- ✓ over development and its impact on traffic
- ✓ Overbuilding
- ✓ Increased residential flooding after Ian, due to the ways Ian physically reshaped our island. Improved evacuation planning, since Lee County failed so many of our citizens by their late evacuation orders.
- ✓ communications about recovery island wide, permitting has been the biggest obstacle and very confusing to understand and navigate. Very discouraging to those in a position to recover their properties.
- ✓ When traffic is coming onto the island have the drivers show their drivers licenses shown to gain entry.
- ✓ Control impact of density and elevation issue on Captiva as they both impact quality of life and wildlife on Sanibel
- ✓ Keeping Sanibel - Sanibel. The hurricane brought a lot of changes in home ownership. En masse people have arrived who want to change their Sanibel home to look like Naples. 6' hedges, sprinklers and manicured lawn. Fundraisers that promote the elite.
- ✓ The costs associated with living on the island, including the cost of insurance
- ✓ Class action suit against Florida insurance companies- homeowners wind insurance is a scam

- ✓ Why does the City allow the construction/rebuild of ground floor homes. They should not be granted permits. Much of the debris on the island following hurricane Ian was created by the destruction of ground floor homes and buildings. FEMA cleared the debris but at what cost to the taxpayer? There is still scattered debris from these properties in the preserves, gullies along West Gulf, Middle Gulf and East Gulf. Bottomline is all buildings on the Island should be raised with no living quarters or commercial properties permitted on the ground itself.
- ✓ Ability to access affordable insurance
- ✓ Clean up of dead trees and vegetation and restoration of lands along SanCap Road, Ding Darling, and other areas where wind or salt intrusion killed trees
- ✓ The City of Sanibel needs to be a better partner to help people get back into their homes.
- ✓ Restorations of beach accesses. Resiliency of new causeway enhancements and just off island access points that seem to becoming new free spot for visitors to park (and is dangerous) just before entering the toll plaza.
- ✓ Wildlife need more protection
- ✓ We need to quit building and reproducing on Sanibel = let it be a barrier island and do what it wants - quit allowing real estate investors to run this island = stand up for the Sanibel Plan
- ✓ Night Security during the post storm on canals was lacking, the washing machine facility on Sanibel should have been available longer post storm.
- ✓ In order to help our community return to "business as usual" we need our shopping district to be restored asap, maybe incentives to return. We also need help with insurance rates. DeSantis said they brought in 5 new insurance companies, but this hasn't helped with rates. Theft during reconstruction has been a real issue, mostly by the workers. We need help with surveillance of properties.
- ✓ I would've liked more assistance with vegetation removal on the city easement. A lot of trash and dead plant material that we have to remove because the city doesn't clean up.
- ✓ That one company owns so many rentals and they are raising rents forcing business owners off the island. The company that owns so much (royal shell) is hurting business owners and in turn the rest of us.
- ✓ I am concerned about all the properties that are building back ground level structures and units.
- ✓ traffic
- ✓ The Sanibel Plan lays out the foundation of resiliency, but certainly has the room to be built upon to make it a stronger guiding document. Unfortunately, it appears the community is straying from the Plan's hierarchy of values and putting "Attraction" at the top of its list as the most important value.
- ✓ Care of our native land areas to restore them to their original barrier island grassland environments.
- ✓ Not a concern but a clarification of previous question of whether aware of services provided by FISH, etc. I selected no because I'm not aware of specifics (because we didn't need anything and have never looked into it) but yes I am aware of FISH and a very general idea of what they provide.
Also to clarify the question about restoring downstairs space in an elevated structure. Our space is not connected inside. You can only reach it from an exterior door downstairs but it is valuable storage space so yes we fixed up. But we are very

aware that insurance will never cover that space and if we lose it we lose it and don't expect anyone else to be responsible for that space but us.

- ✓ A concern I have is the residents not being informed of codes already in place.
- ✓ there are still a lot of vegetation and construction debris that need to be removed. It would good to have a community dumpster (at the recycle center) for construction debris.
- ✓ The south seas problem that our government has screwed up !
- ✓ Please preserve the Sanibel we know and love, low, fitting into nature not overpowering it, with the emphasis on wildlife and an income diverse year round community
- ✓ Better cell service. 3rd and 4th world countries have better service/connectivity than on Sanibel. Allow solar panels and tanks to be located on ground rather than on roof.
- ✓ City should mandate hurricane debris cleanup on abandoned homes and rental properties.
- ✓ Just want to reiterate the traffic has been an enormous challenge personally and for our contractors
- ✓ Improvement of bicycle paths.
- ✓ The city needs to be more flexible and efficient regarding issuing permits.
- ✓ Educate new residents and children about our unique environment
- ✓ Hurricane Ian opened the door a bit wider for increased pressure on City Council regarding development - be it residential housing, rental market, or business - that weakens the Sanibel Plan's current priority on conservation for the benefit of wildlife, and people.
- ✓ The overdevelopment of South Seas Resort
- ✓ Slow pace at which condos and tourist housing is recovering.
- ✓ More oversight AND accountability for post-disaster clean-up and repair companies. Most people I know had some form of being cheated on a large scale. More consequences for littering by work crews. Better theft and vandalism protection. The police were literally unreachable and neighborhoods were unprotected.
- ✓ It would be nice to have our Sanibel government officials all live on the island. Also, should there be another disaster such as Hurricane Ian, it is critical that the city government be back on island in trailers with generators for power if need be to carry on the business of the city and orchestrate recovery with more urgency. Not being back on island running the city after the hurricane was a mistake.
- ✓ Water run off. Deepening lakes and Gulf so the water has a place to go
- ✓ Move faster. Including allowing licensed contractors from outside FL to work here, assuming they adhere to FL code. That is why we have permitting processes and inspectors. We need capacity, not bureaucracy. The answer is NOT renewable energy, but we do need a stronger infrastructure. But more than anything, we need to be responsive and agile and MOVE FASTER!
We also need to be more transparent. For example, the city should publish a calendar of when Bailey's will reopen, along with other retail and housing operations and hold themselves accountable to help deliver to the communicated timeline.
Our islands economic recovery depends on it!
#moveFASTER
- ✓ Number one issue is the ineffective transportation/traffic crunch between 3-6 during winter months. Residents are affected in that normal activities are impacted such as getting kids to school and activities, participation in on and off island activities.

- ✓ In the event of a disaster a known communication station should be set up IMMEDIATELY.

A white board posted at the fire station and/or Jerry's with pertinent info.

" ... Do you have urgent medical needs? Go here _____. People with urgent needs can be helicoptered off the island. All others can go tomorrow to the Sanibel Boat ramp between 12-5pm for evacuation off the island. If you need transportation to the boat marina, leave your name/address here _____.

Yes, the bridge is out. We are working on alternative transportation issues. Check back day for additional information... "

And/or a message board area for people looking for people. Or where a phone charger is location (my neighbor had a working generator with chargers hooked up for the neighborhood)

For example, those of us who stayed on the island walked to the fire station asking questions (how/when to get off the island, where is a phone, is it true the bridge is out) ... Eventually, the firemen were very annoyed with us - RIGHTFULLY SO - they were SO BUSY and running around trying to do their jobs. They asked us to please let them do what they need to. We were literally walking around asking people in the streets for information. That's how I found out about the boats.

Many that were "rescued" / helicoptered off the island... could they have not waited a day or two and got off like the rest of us? Were they prematurely panicking? Didn't they have enough food/water to just wait and evacuate like normal?

The helicopters should be for elderly and emergency/health reasons. That should be communicated prior to storms - YES you want us to leave, we should. If not, please be patient help will come eventually, go to a communication station to find out options. Save the resources for those who really need it.

- ✓ I feel like a lot of emphasis is on helping home owners and condo owners are forgotten. As a condo owners our challenges are different. I went 14 months without power and water due to the condo association and could have lived in my condo much sooner. It's a different financial challenge in a condo.
- ✓ The city should arrest contractors who operate without a license and take advantage of homeowners.
- ✓ Not sure if you mentioned wildlife - the decreased populations of birds and other species.
- ✓ Animal return and removal of invasive species
- ✓ Expansion of south seas in Captiva
- ✓ Financial assistance to homeowners of houses severely damaged by Ian.
- ✓ Decreased ownership, increased absentee-owner units for rent - need to establish local management requirements to ensure adherence to town standards
- ✓ Making sure our Causeway is resilient.
- ✓ Uncontrolled and permitted rebuilding as well as new building not being held to saving existing native plants. Rebuilds totally ignoring 75/25 as well as impervious coverage. Clear violations are being ignored by inspectors on site.
- ✓ Over population of the islands. More residents and visitors stress the systems and damage the environment.

- ✓ Business brings money. Sanibel needs money. All the empty spaces that are move in ready is so sad to see. Find grants that can bring small businesses including GOOD restaurants to Sanibel. Without businesses doing well, Sanibel tourism will be down. If tourism is down, money gets tight. If money gets tight, the environmental groups won't get the support they need. It's all related.
- ✓ What happens to the many untouched properties, now probably mold & termite ridden.
- ✓ public transportation if South Seas doesn't build their own bridge
- ✓ Speeding , animals being hit on roads, pesticide use, lawn chemicals , fishing line/hooks entangling animals
- ✓ how to hold people to be accountable. our neighbors do not want to follow any of the rules and city does not enforce so they do not care very discouraging. why do all this work if no one is holding rebuilding accountability. I had the city out and they did nothing so they planted what they wanted no permits.
- ✓ This touched on it. But really having new residents /businesses understand the community they have bought into and the importance of protecting what has protected us for 50 years. Our greatest threat beside Mother Nature is the outside threat. Working within the laws/ordinances we have in place and understanding why they are so vitally important to this island . We are a model around the world.. we have a great opportunity to be an even stronger one.
- ✓ Most concern is having accommodations and business open to restore tourism based business to sustain businesses that rely on visitors.
- ✓ Burdensome, conflicting and arbitrary codes and ordinances on Sanibel Island have prevented an expedient recovery relative to other southwest Florida municipalities.
- ✓ We live on a barrier island during a time of unprecedented climate change. It is a matter of time before rising ocean/gulf waters make the island uninhabitable. Also, hurricanes will continue to batter us. You can only do so much about it before it becomes a waste of money. For example, impact resistant windows are great...unless the storm surge is higher than the windows... or unless the building itself heaves as a result of the storm ...or wind-driven rain penetrates your house along the seams and edges of the window...etc.
- ✓ I'm going to say the permitting process needs to be improved again.
- ✓ Impact on access to affordable housing for young families and impact on enrollment of island schools to ensure Sanibel remains a multigenerational community.
- ✓ Rebuilding more commercial sector or increase the commercial zoning. Senior support. The need for more medical, pharmacy, dental, grocery infrastructure. Insurance costs! Promoting the islands to bring in business & services.
- ✓ Only access to island via causeway; impact of Captiva changes in density on Sanibel
- ✓ Unrealistic expectations by HOA communities for repairs. They need to be told to follow the City's lead that we are still under an emergency.
- ✓ Opposition to proposed increase in density on Captiva
- ✓ Water quality and opening a pass inside blind pass to let more water flow around dinkin's bayou !! The Sediment that Was left has created a much higher water level if we opened Bayou it would flush some of that out and have better water flow for the channel
- ✓ Incentives for solar
- ✓ A shout out to the City of Sanibel, Residents, Businesses, The Chamber of Commerce, Our Legislature, Our Local Delegation at the State and Federal level and

all of the folks that stepped up to help us with our recovery.

Our community has stood together as we have embarked on this journey of recovery throughout the communities of Sanibel and Captiva. The journey is not complete, stay the course.

- ✓ Comment. We are on the upper level of a condo building. Ground level still needs a lot of work but the upper is good. The questions did not allow for this distinction. It seemed more for single family homes. There are many full time residents in the condo buildings but this seems to be overlooked frequently. Thank you
- ✓ Requirement that all new property buyers be asked to consider supporting DDWS and SCCF. Better communication from City regarding challenges/plans for specific neighborhoods. (E. Rocks drainage at entrance poor despite supposed improvements a couple years ago.) Better maintenance/signage on mixed-use path. (Keep Right Except Passing, etc.
- ✓ Illegal rentals are rampant and the city does nothing about them.
- ✓ F.I.S.H. and CHR have income restrictions that leave the very very poor without services. I tried to get housing through CHR and was turned away because I didn't make enough money.
- ✓ Affordable housing within the same range of pre storm
- ✓ Impacts of population growth and rich people on future of the world
- ✓ Ensuring visitors understand and comply with Sanibel philosophy for environmental, conservation and protection of our barrier island.
- ✓ Making Mangrove rehabilitation a priority.
- ✓ City government was slow to act and could have proactively tried to get more resources from the federal government.
- ✓ getting critical businesses back on island: shameful to be 20+months with no pharmacy: dry cleaners would be nice
- ✓ Length of time to approve permits in emergency situations
- ✓ Captiva South Seas expansion
- ✓ Apparently abandoned homes, traffic issues, conservation for wildlife
- ✓ Traffic flow - especially on the Causeway - due to construction work still being done and will continue for years
- ✓ Ongoing enormously increased insurance costs
- ✓ Update the Sanibel Plan to accommodate the needs, wants and desires of today's travelers. It's over 50 years old. If we do not we will be stuck in the 1980s and other destinations will outpace us.
- ✓ Providing resources to protect homeowners from people who are here to take advantage, i.e. I had several. At least some way to record a situation which is a Scam. Basic rules to try to adhere to after a Hurricane or Event.
- ✓ City's financial crisis
- ✓ Rising Insurance costs for property - forecast to exponentially increase
- ✓ taxes, irs expense, robberies/crime, more business.
- ✓ All buildings should be elevated - federal and state grants should be available for those who are willing to elevate. Barrier islands, unfortunately, are not sustainable environments in light of climate change and I foresee San/Cap becoming a place to be visited but not widely inhabited in the future. The next storm surge event will wipe

out most businesses and hasten the transition to a much more sparsely populated island.

- ✓ Due to the increase in traffic on our Island, I believe an increase in our police force is crucial. That increase in traffic noise, mainly due to speeding, especially on San-Cap Rd. Desperately needs addressed. Currently, there are not enough officers to cover both the East and West ends of the island. Providing a fair wage as well as housing would be an excellent way to find more applicants. Sanibel residents not only value one another, but the wildlife we live with. Greater police presence would definitely result in an increase in the safety for all creatures that call Sanibel home.
- ✓ Making sure all businesses are on board with protecting our fragile environmental paradise. I have severe concerns about proposed plans at South Seas Island Resort. Their expansion plans will greatly impact traffic and resiliency.
- ✓ I repeat. Better vetting of businesses and a place to look for baddies.

And I was really sad when the city caved and opened up the island to outsiders while we were still scrambling to secure our homes.

I will say that the mayor and city council were great in an unprecedented event,

Boots to ground; meetings; communication in early days.

It was a lot to handle.

- ✓ Impact of South Sea's proposed density and height variances on traffic, environment, utilities, roads, evacuation plans, etc. on Captiva and Sanibel.
- ✓ traffic patterns and horrible speeding problems
- ✓ Risks are social, economic, political, military; sea level rose 350 feet in the 15M yrs prior to the modern era, little if at all in the last 2,000 years. Chemical pollution is a problem, but CO2 is the molecule of life, not pollution.
- ✓ Enforcement of mandatory evacuations and ensuring a quick return to our homes after a storm. Allow residents to access our homes by our own docks. Provide hurricane passes before the hurricane season starts.
- ✓ Again-some consistency and cooperation from city on permitting and code directives for owners and their contractors.
- ✓ Consider having Captiva a part of Sanibel.
- ✓ Getting power restored quicker
- ✓ Stop South Seas expansion
- ✓ Increase in rents are of concern; keep them in the bounds of inflation
- ✓ Emergency alerts. We would've left earlier if we knew the storm shifted. We were still getting texts but not about the direction of the storm.
- ✓ Would like to see a recovery plan - 5-10 year plan
- ✓ city needs more permitting and other staff in order to facilitate both residential and commercial recovery efforts; also the communication infrastructure needs to be better, as far as cell towers, internet availability, etc.... Residents are struggling with the few cellular and internet communication providers available out here
- ✓ Durability of the c span bridges. I would not want another collapse to happen
- ✓ Improved communication between planning and building departments

- ✓ The proposed Captiva resort. Attempts to allow more short term rentals and airbb or similar. Although we depend on tourism, we can't let that take over and ruin the sanctuary nature of the island
- ✓ Does the city's mission statement incorporate guidance as to its responsibilities for full-time & seasonal residents, commercial entities, visitors, economic drivers, etc.? Statement #2 above seems to fit a state or federal framework, within which market forces could frame local decisions on efficient investments options
- ✓ traffic on Periwinkle - contractors speed and do not stop for pedestrian crossing walks
- ✓ Find more Pile Drivers, fix the EV Problem, recognize the fact that some people lost everything and insurance isn't paying out - even if we had a lot of money we don't anymore if we are self funding the new house. PLEASE do something about looters in future storms,
- ✓ Homes that are derelict, overgrown vegetation, invasive plants on existing properties, junk in yards of homes on Sanibel with no enforcement when reported to the city code enforcement
- ✓ Don't try to change Sanibel. Let Sanibel change you.
- ✓ Better avenues getting people and supplies to island in case of another disaster.
- ✓ How to keep emergency resources on the island 24/7 in any situation
- ✓ Accelerate construction on the case way . Expedite building permits
- ✓ We need tourists to support the businesses on the island. Make beach parking more user friendly, especially for technology challenged visitors and foreign visitors. They currently give up and leave the island because the beach parking app does not work for them. Less tourists means less income for everyone on the island, including the city.
- ✓ We tried to purchase solar electric panels but were informed that in Florida only full time residents were eligible for the tax incentives Thank you
- ✓ If everyone can make their homes hurricane strong, it would benefit the entire community. Even ground level buildings can improve and make themselves more hurricane strong.
Decrease the complexity to make small changes within reason without getting governmental approval. (or minimal governmental approval and delay) . Including the size of footprint within reason, all with the goal to be hurricane strong. Excessive governmental delays are hurting people and property restoration. It's a real shame. The current prices keep going up for everything. Any final inspections would catch anything too extreme in building. I am not happy about the changes going on with South Seas Plantation buildings. What a real shame to change the total feel of our beautiful islands.
- ✓ Please don't let south seas change building code
- ✓ Wildlife
- ✓ Beaches are unsafe given all the boats that get too close to shore especially when swimmers are in water. These boats take away value from owners, guests and visitors. Worst of all they add nothing to our economy.

Beaches need erosion solutions hauling in new sand is not a solution.

- ✓ Concerned about knee jerk over regulation

- ✓ I feel police presence needs to be available on SanCap especially. Too many speeding vehicles. More presence on beaches to monitor the people that don't pick up after their dogs. Disgusting!!
- ✓ Enforcing existing building codes
- ✓ Discuss openly the strategies for Pre and post future hurricanes for the city and citizens
- ✓ The inability to get friends, family, and volunteers on the island to help residents who lacked insurance and or resources to pay for contractors to aid in the recovery in the months of Pass Required access to the island. This requirement greatly hampered my recovery efforts and is why I still struggle today to complete rebuilding.
- ✓ Protect Captiva from overdevelopment
- ✓ public transportation that is fun for visitors to help reduce the insanity of island traffic gridlock. Bike borrowing programs, trolley system w/frequent stopping points, coupon system that encourages day trippers to actually stop at stores and eateries instead of driving around all day. It's only going to continue to get worse.
- ✓ City permitting does not appear to be moving at a pace that would enhance quicker recovery by the housing units and homes.
- ✓ Create a much faster permitting process to effect repairs after the next hurricane.
- ✓ Implementing path extensions for safety on high traffic roadways noted in the Sanibel Shared Use Plan Update
- ✓ Why were out-of-state storm chaser scammers allowed on island? Why wasn't the National Guard called in to sort out the scammers? The storm chaser scammers were more dangerous and financially devastating than hurricane Ian and the main reason for insurance premium increases.
- ✓ It would be good to have an index of average costs for materials and labor for various building materials and projects to assist homeowners with review of quotes from contractors.
- ✓ Access to Sanibel island. Inability of residents to go to their houses and start mitigation caused a huge property loss. The causeway is being restored, and hopefully, will be more resilient. But the road leading to the causeway is very close to the Gulf and can be damaged next time. People use this area as a beach and park their vehicles along the road. This leads to beach erosion, which presents danger to the road. Resilience of the road leading to Sanibel needs to be addressed.
- ✓ Confused by the sod replacement requirements in recovery replacement vs pushing native ground covers. You missed a great opportunity!
As we all know, sod uses up more water adds to our water quality by fertilizer use. Adds to noise from mowers and blowers on a daily basis. Adds to daily road congestion from land scrapers with big trucks and trailers parking and blocking the roads.
B4 curb appeal popularity we had a min. amount of landscaping companies on the Island. Now it seems we have 1 to every 6 households! Yard maintenance noise every day. We look forward to Sundays when only a few homeowners are working in their yards.
Do we still have the Sunday and evening noise ordinance for blowers and mowers? Wouldn't we solve water and noise pollution problems by focusing more on natural landscaping like we had more of in the mid 90s and earlier than manicured lawns?
- ✓ Senior center, greatly missed

- ✓ I am concerned with overdevelopment Captiva by SSIR and plans that will not promote resilience, safety, or natural conservation and protection of our ecosystem.
- ✓ Are you planning to move away from the islands because of Ian and possible future hurricanes as damaging as this one
- ✓ We are selling our house to avoid 90% of our wealth being subject to climate change causing more hurricanes, stronger hurricanes, sea level rise and hotter summers.

Meanwhile our state representative does not even think climate change is an issue and will do nothing to reduce it. Check out Byron's list of issues to comment on, on his website.

We love Sanibel, respect your efforts, and wish you all the luck and good fortune. Resilience is necessary and will work for a while. But, in my time frame horizon (I have been on Sanibel 70 years) and looking forward to the horizon of my grand nieces and nephews (50 to 75 years), Sanibel's future does not look too good.

I would love to stay and help address the many issues. But, I have to address my family first. It is now time for us to move and preserve a substantial portion of the family wealth while we can.

- ✓ The possibility of South Seas Resort adding a huge number of hotel rooms thereby increasing the number of visitors to Captiva adversely impacting the environment and the quality of life on Captiva, the stress on emergency services and the added pressure to the evacuation route off island during an emergency
- ✓ The impact of future building and increase density of South Seas Plantation.
- ✓ Develop worker housing off island along with mass transit on and off island to circulate workers to workplaces without increasing single occupant trips daily. Residents seeking to reduce toll trips should be able to utilize public transportation as well. (Circulator busses or large vans).
- ✓ Trying to travel to islands after Ian was a nightmare.
Sanibel forcing Captiva residents to pick up passes at Hotel in Fort Myers was awful and inconvenient at best. Furthermore, I was treated like a criminal when I asked for 2 passes when I own 2 properties & had proof. We need a ferry or an alternative way to get to islands.
Traffic is awful. I'm spending thousands of dollars on boats & helicopters because of traffic.
We must face the fact, the bridge could be impacted in another storm.
- ✓ Plastic use on island, it should be banned
- ✓ Limit future development on Captiva.
- ✓ Development. The island needs to stop developing properties and put a cap on future development
- ✓ Not allow short-term rentals outside resorts and some condos
- ✓ When can we expect our utility providers to replace broken or missing covers for their equipment?
- ✓ Sanibel needs to decide its priorities. It cannot be all things to all people. More options for more tourists means more stress on our infrastructure.
- ✓ Another access to the islands other than the causeway. Could be another bridge or ferry service for people and bikes with bike rentals available at port on sanibel side
- ✓ Harden electric, water and sewer systems.

- ✓ South Seas
- ✓ Insurance coverage
- ✓ addressing viability of causeway after another storm, at what wind speed does the causeway shut down. underground electrical supply. plantings to mitigate storm damage
- ✓ That South Seas will get more units and cause our island more destruction.
- ✓ Rethinking of how we allow variances. Allowing use of ground level space but requiring kitchens etc. to be above flood level on grandfathered properties. Allowing easement of height restrictions if the upper level would be for affordable housing. Allowing greater density if commercial property will be converted to affordable housing. Allowing for private individuals to create affordable housing for profit, not part of chr, with stringent rules such as no subletting, primary residence, favoring workers on the islands.
- ✓ Elevation requirements and height limits should be re-evaluated. Allow more fill for residential construction, so home slabs/bases are at least 6-8' above sea level
- ✓ The current 30 year old weir policy, so it can be re-examined and adapted to today's island.
- ✓ Insurance and finances
- ✓ Major Marketing to bring back tourism to Sanibel and Captiva
- ✓ The untouched or barely touched homes need stronger enforcement of abandonment and health, safety, welfare codes. I'm a libertarian at heart, like the city enforcement folks, but come on, let's get owners to at least make their properties not unsafe, nuisances and eyesores.
- ✓ Increased Population Density: Building elevation is leading to larger houses as 3 bedroom places become 5 bedrooms. This adds significantly to increased population density and makes many houses more attractive to the short-term rental market. Increased density stresses water supplies and many other environmental factors.

Collateral Wind Damage: Super tall houses also pose greater wind risks throughout the community. It was a serious mistake for Sanibel to allow permitted building elevations to increase by 5 feet. We are now seeing taller houses that will explode under sustained 150-160 mile/hr. winds, devastating their surrounding neighborhoods.

Island Economy: It is a myth promoted by outside commercial interests that Sanibel needs a "tourist-based economy" to thrive as a community. Sanibel has a fragile ecosystem and it needs a population of residents and visitors who appreciate and want to protect this fragility. It needs to discourage day trippers who are here to shop and eat but with no idea or concern for what a barrier island is all about.

- ✓ The process to reconnect electrical service post-hurricane was an unbelievable disaster. Sanibel needs a standardized process and designated electrical contractors to move quickly to identify resident need and reconnection once the island/neighborhood electrical infrastructure has been completed. It was like the Hunger Games in the months following Ian, in terms of trying to get on a list to have an electrician come to your house to determine the obvious (storm surge affected ability to reconnect) and charge \$250. Then getting the electrical work done was another big competition/waiting game - my house was without electrical service for 3+ months due to the volume of need on the island and the limitation on the number of electricians from each firm allowed on the island per day (what I was told by my electrician). PLEASE, PLEASE fix this process.

- ✓ Increased usage of non-native plants and sod which means fertilizer. I watched a landscaper the other day putting fertilizer in the right of way ditch on the sod, then watering it. That fertilizer winds up in our waterways.
- ✓ Significant effort in mangrove restoration, additional planting of native plants to help reduce beach erosion, strict adherence to the Sanibel plan
- ✓ Many ground-level homes might benefit from flood proofing if they can't afford to elevate yet and a community-based initiative might be helpful to some of the folks who aren't able to research as easily as younger residents.
- ✓ It would be great to have a Food Delivery Service on the island. A Bike Map Mobile App that you could use while riding your bike on the path would be great. A Ferry from Sanibel to Fort Myers longterm would be great during seasonal months for residents and people that work on the island. It would be helpful if the street cameras could record footage just in case we need it for future use.
- ✓ Implement a "Resident Family" A-space beach parking pass for residents to share with visiting family members. It is silly that they have to take my car every time or that I can never ride with someone else to the beach because "I have the pass".
- ✓ I don't understand why solar is not promoted on the island. LCEC did an excellent job in recovery but they are not a reliable source on a daily basis, many outages. And solar with storage batteries is a reliable emergency replacement. Every new construction on Sanibel should be encouraged to consider a solar element.
- ✓ The crucial time element in getting islanders back to their homes to assess damages and begin cleanup and restoration even if they have to start it themselves.
- ✓ Any height changes to the building codes, any way to limit amount of cars on island or causeway, traffic on Periwinkle impacting the safety of bikers especially where there are business entrances
- ✓ Having a Mayor and Council and Planning staff to have enough backbone to do the right thing when it comes to rebuilding back on the ground
- ✓ Stricter enforcement of wildlife protection rules and regs
- ✓ Higher cost of everything
- ✓ Feel the city unfairly limited access to the island after the storm
- ✓ Harden Electric, Water, and Sewer system. Have debris removal systems ready to go.
- ✓ Getting tourists back for monthly rentals
- ✓ Helping SCCF with more signs at beaches to tell tourists to fill in holes and to knock down sand structures as well as no flashlights. Help them be more informed on how important our beaches are to wildlife. And no more fireworks on July 4th. It's™s during nesting season and goes against everything a sanctuary island stands for.
- ✓ City assistance with improving quality of the many ponds, lakes, bodies of water in communities, e.g. with floating islands, or aeration devices, or other methods that would be effective to counter the summer algal blooms and/or post-storm salinity.
- ✓ Concern for wildlife
- ✓ Having the city research the lack of communication and help from local island construction and land reclamation companies to encourage them to be responsive and helpful to permanent residents of Sanibel . The city needs to punish them for taking advantage of those of us who live on Sanibel fulltime and needed help to live in their homes . They were more interested in the amount of money they could make in Captiva from people with lots of money.

- ✓ Need to make it easier for businesses to get through the rebuilding process. There needs to be some wiggle room from the Sanibel Plan. Porter Goss would agree. The plan has stopped density so let people rebuild without so many restrictions
- ✓ I hear too many complaints from friends on island about the difficulties in dealing with permitting.
- ✓ When traffic is backed up after the storm and contractors are getting on the island, check for drivers licenses to keep unlicensed drivers off the island.
- ✓ Homeowners not following the 75% native plants rule.
- ✓ Building permit fees should be reduced for those of us who raised their ground level homes to be FEMA compliant which ultimately helps the City. There should be some incentive to spend over \$1M.
- ✓ There is NO support for someone getting their yard together after Ian.
- ✓ Coordination between departments for rebuilding. It would be nice to have meetings with all the utilities, building, and planning at the same time to make sure we are on the same page. When one department says to do one thing then we change the blueprints (which cost a lot of money) then the next department asks for something else, it causes financial burden and time delays in re-opening our hotel (which is needed to bring guests to the island).
- ✓ We need to prepare for the pre and post national election conflicts among neighbors.
- ✓ Many people are installing too much sod, stone and non-dark skies lighting. I understand our enforcement depts must be completely overwhelmed, but we must enforce the rules we've made to protect the island and habitats.
- ✓ Again, the major concern facing our association is getting the approvals and permits so our contractor can start the rebuild. We all would love to have our cottages rebuilt and restore the life we had prior to Hurricane Ian. These cottages were also a source of income for many of the owners and that has all since stopped since we lost everything. We just want back what we had prior to the Hurricane, but it seems there are so many delays with the approval process. Please can you help the people get their homes and lifestyle back as we love Sanibel so much. Thank you for your time.
- ✓ Roofs need more thorough inspections and regular interval inspections especially in the condo buildings
- ✓ What will happen when/if we have another one like Ian, how will I get the help I need. Without the ability to get my friends and family on and off the island I'll be in the same mess all over again.
- ✓ How to address blighted properties and associated rubble
- ✓ Keeping Sanibel Island a natural place, that is walkable and bikeable is extremely important to me. I believe Sanibel should have a non-automobile public transport system for people to visit our Island. This would involve establishing public parking on the Ft. Myers side of the causeway and utilizing a fleet of hybrid/electric vehicles (Vans & buses) to move people on and around Sanibel. The parking would be paid, as would each ride. This would cut back on car day-trip traffic, beach parking congestion and air pollution and still provide a convenient way for people to "day-trip" on Sanibel. It could also help island workers to avoid bringing their vehicles on-island. These workers should be able to park free and get reduced fares to incentivize them to use the system. Additionally, I believe commercial condo and hotel/resort buildings and other large buildings should be encouraged to install solar panels to reduce the demand for electricity. This would include adding solar-powered generators to provide back-up during power outages. An incentive should be offered

to help get the building owners on board. Finally, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE to improve cell phone, wi-fi and Internet-service support!! Add towers on island to support this! It is a matter of PUBLIC SAFETY for communication as well as convenience and enjoyment while on island.

- ✓ illegal license activity
- ✓ Supporting local businesses in this offseason until visitors return in November/December
- ✓ Every hotel or resort that is elevated and hardened enough to serve as a shelter should have generators and supplies for a week and be used as such.
- ✓ Traffic challenges, lack of workforce & companies (city restrictions & time/traffic/cost constraints). Grateful to the companies who have stayed but they are way over extended. Seeing a lot of substandard work for the cost. City has used the storm to do a lot of housecleaning and change to the island. I love the turtles too but too many decisions being held up for experts, engineering and reports to see if we will be compliant for the new Sanibel.
- ✓ Control development to limit the density
- ✓ THE TOLL ON OUR AMAZING SANIBEL WORKER'S LIVES AND THE POTENTIAL OF CAPTIVA APPROVING THE CRAZY REQUESTS TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF CONSTRUCTION ON CAPTIVA PARTICULARLY THE ATTEMPT BY THE SOUTH SEAS RESORT TO EXPAND THEIR REAL ESTATE EXPONENTIALLY
- ✓ The Resilience Committee needs to realize that most of us are still trying to recover and are not thinking about longterm problems.
- ✓ Again, there's been a huge advantage given to private homeowners to rebuild. No permits, out of state contractors, fair pricing, etc. Condos have a whole different set of rules. Don't you want the revenue back? Do something other than make it harder for us at every turn.
- ✓ Be better prepared for issuing rebuilding permits.
- ✓ Worried we will feel we need to loosen codes to get investment in commercial or condo developments.
- ✓ You need to move the permit process along faster. Cost of everything is so expensive that many long-time residents can no longer afford to live here, which is very sad. I don't want my beloved island to be for only the rich or wealthy. Insurance companies can not rule this state & take forever to pay people & argue over everything to wear people down!!!
- ✓ The islands have changed so much since I was a child here. It was hard to watch before Ian. But losing so many things that had been the backdrop of my life, whether historical or just very old, has been heartbreaking for me. I realize that building elevated is necessary, but I would like to see new buildings come in that seek to blend in with nature and the quaintness of our small town and the barrier island lifestyle. Yes, more resilience, but in a way that it considerate to the history of what was here. I miss having other gas stations. I'd like to see golf cart and lsv pull-offs along sancap, rabbit, west gulf, middle gulf, and east gulf. Better plans for getting residents back on island sooner after a hurricane. I would hesitate to ever leave again and just stay in an elevated area, due to the difficulty of getting back that we had this time. I'm concerned about insurance rates and that the workers and service providers out here won't be able to afford living on island as part of the community. (CHR could maybe reassess some of their policy and procedure. Homes for larger families should be available too. I believe they now allow Captiva workers to apply for

Chr, which is great if that is true.) Obviously, the traffic is and always has been an issue. I've been used to it for my entire life, but if something new could be done, that would be great. I would love to see resiliency plans be a beautiful thing.. I certainly wish I was more resilient to hurricanes, but this one took a lot out of me.. and a lot of us. Exhausted, but I love my home and community.

- ✓ Lee county code changes in Captiva that will impact us in Sanibel quality of life, and now that we are back contractors on island seem less compliant with cross walks and traffic friendliness. We live on Donax and entering and exiting Periwinkle can be treacherous .
- ✓ traffic, over development of vacant land and
- ✓ change in building codes with South Seas new ownership
- ✓ Beach erosion along Blind Pass area. We pay more assessment for restoration yet get all the sand from flooding. Makes no sense
- ✓ Find a solution for bike riders that keep them off the already congested roadways.
- ✓ many seasonal residents will not return because so little help was offered to them. New people will arrive until the next hurricane hits and it is all destroyed again. Then they will leave too. Most seasonal people had no idea FEMA excludes them from receiving help.
- ✓ Garbage - cans need lids and porta potties need to be out of view from street.
- ✓ I'm very concerned about the planned construction in Captiva. I am glad that Sanibel is not following in their foot steps. At the same time I would like to see Sanibel make it easier for individuals to discuss their construction issues with a person instead of through a faceless permitting process that is difficult to navigate. When we have actually been able to talk to someone with the city the process has been much less frustrating.
- ✓ overbuilding on open lots and not being harmonious with the surroundings. Not making it mandatory for owners of empty lots to clear dead vegetation. Also, the very slow process to get a permit approved and concern for the lack of experience of staff
- ✓ Sanibel seems to care more about visitors than residents. Visitors do not treat Sanibel as a home. Trash everywhere and no respect for the environment
- ✓ Marketing to get tourists back. Rentals are struggling. Or allowing shorter than a 28 day stay in houses.
- ✓ South Seas wanting to add so many new units
- ✓ Stop changes to regulations being proposed by South Seas new owners
- ✓ Re: No. 21: All of those areas are critically important. It hurt to leave out affordable housing, which is needed now more than ever as Sanibel gentrifies and becomes increasingly expensive. And new residents need to be educated; I am seeing more and more arrivals who are clueless (even uncaring) about environmental impacts. Traffic, too, esp with South Seas impending. Given South Seas and Lee County, Sanibel needs to be proactive and prepared for mounting pressures to allow taller, bigger buildings in place of what was destroyed.
- ✓ Delays from City are most frustrating to our Association and contractor. Unbelievable!
- ✓ Publicized city permitting prices Vs actual city permitting process
- ✓ My experience with vegetation department is that of too much red tape and unfair emphasis on small homeowners to do a vegetation plan. We have business areas on island that have hardly any vegetation like the bank across from Gerry's. It is an eyesore with ugly large parking lot.

- ✓ How can we help the shopping district come back more quickly? Our tourism relies on the wonderful experience of both our natural resources and man-made activities such as shopping, dining, arts/entertainment, water sports, etc.
- ✓ Concerns about Captiva trying to tie into our water and the threat of over development in South Seas
- ✓ We may have to move off of Sanibel because of cost of insurance
- ✓ Very concerned about South Seas wanting to build more units and being sneaky about their process.
- ✓ Reiterating that resilience has to include economic resilience. Getting businesses going quickly and efficiently. Without that Sanibel will likely become only a resort and rental community not a real community.
- ✓ Sanibel leaders need to call out state and federal elected officials who are climate change deniers and/or have failed to deliver on obtaining the maximum possible post-storm aid from the U.S. government -- in particular, Byron Donalds, Rick Scott and Marco Rubio. Stop allowing partisan loyalty to block truth-telling
- ✓ Companies trying to buy-up property and alter the Islands culture
- ✓ School attendance is way down. It is hard to return with so few businesses back open. Mental health of those who went through Ian.
- ✓ The Lee County Commissioners' ability to disregard the Administrative Plan's legal constraints for Captiva.
- ✓ Traffic; getting both islands up and running. Captiva has come back fairly evenly; Sanibel still has lots of rebuilding to do!
- ✓ Are you selling your property as a result of IAN. Yes
- ✓ Extremely concerned over South Seas plans that will ruin our Island.
- ✓ The City's response to permitting issues
- ✓ I am concerned about the security of supplies being used by contractors in case of upcoming storms. I am also concerned by the debris in our waterways that are left by contractors (eg: water bottles, garbage bags, building materials, soda cans).
- ✓ A need to keep residents very aware of the ongoing issue with owners of South Seas; cannot let this disastrous change happen.....
- ✓ Have Sanibel planning commission be more common sense oriented and look for ways to be helpful rather than their "gotcha mentality"
- ✓ How to get excess flood insurance
- ✓ Social isolation of Senior Citizens mental health
- ✓ Way off the point but I feel the hurricane forced a reset socially and formerly tight groups (cliques?) now open to embracing newer residents. Nice to see!
- ✓ The changes that will come from elevated housing costs - double, triple prices to those before Ian - attracting a more affluent populace and creating a more homogeneous populace.
- ✓ instead of code enforcement might be useful to have inspections to help homeowners see what things should be addressed