

Appendix B

Property Owner Questionnaire



WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF ENGINEERING

PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

As someone who owns and lives and/or works on a property that is shown to be within the Little Bear Brook floodplain, West Windsor Township requests your help in collecting information regarding past flood events by completing the questionnaire below. "Flooding" is defined as: A temporary condition of partial or complete covering with water of normally dry land areas from the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source. This information is a critical first step in a flood hazard assessment study that the Township has recently started. More information about the study can be found at:

http://www.westwindsornj.org/little_bear_brook_watershed_study.html

Your participation in the survey will be extremely beneficial. Please complete this questionnaire as completely and accurately as possible. Feel free to attach additional pages as necessary or additional information you wish share.

A. LAND INFORMATION

1. Who is completing this questionnaire? _____ (First) (MI) (Last)
 _____ (First) (MI) (Last)

2. How many years have you owned / resided / worked at the property? _____

3. Is the person completing this survey the current owner of the property? Yes No

A. If No, what is your relation to the owner(s)? _____

4. The property is primarily a: Residence Business

5. Today's date is: _____, 2013.

_____	_____	_____
Street Address of property	Block #	Lot #
() _____	() _____	_____
Contact Phone Number	Business Number	Email

6. May we contact you if we have any questions regarding your responses? Yes No

7. If Yes, what is your preferred method of contact?

- Phone and the best time to call is: Morning Afternoon Evening
 I prefer Email instead of telephone

B. FLOOD INFORMATION

1. Do you have primarily a basement or crawlspace? None Basement Crawlspace

A. If either one, approximately how many feet below outside ground is the floor? _____

2. If you have a basement, does it have a sump pump? Yes No No Basement

A. If Yes, how many sump pumps? _____

3. When and how long does your sump pump typically run? Check all that apply:

- Runs periodically even during dry weather
- Runs as soon as rain begins
- Runs continually during rain event
- Stops shortly after rain stops
- Stops within a day of rain stopping
- Does not run except for major weather events

4. During the years you have owned and/or resided or worked at the property, how many times has flooding occurred:

A. On the Property: _____

B. In the Basement / Crawl Space: _____

C. Up to / Above the First Floor: _____

5. Did you experience flooding during any of the following extreme weather events?

Observed Flooding	Storm Event				
Where did floodwaters go outside? (check all that apply)	A. "Floyd" Sept 1999	B. "Ivan" Sept 2004	C. Unnamed April 2005	D. "Irene" Aug 2011	E. "Sandy" Oct 2012
No flooding observed					
Street abutting property					
Front Yard					
Up to House or Building					
Back Yard					
<u>Other</u> (please elaborate on next page)					
Approximate value of any property damage, excluding building?					

What did floodwaters do inside? (Please write N/A if floodwater did not enter residence or building)	A. "Floyd" Sept 1999	B. "Ivan" Sept 2004	C. Unnamed April 2005	D. "Irene" Aug 2011	E. "Sandy" Oct 2012
Flooded basement (indicate depth)					
Flooded first floor (indicate depth)					
Approximate value of any building damage, excluding contents?					

A. If "Other" flooding was observed, please describe:

6. Have you experienced flooding on your property during other events than those listed in item #5? If so, please indicate the approximate date(s) this occurred, the extent of the flooding, and what you think was the cause or source of the flooding (e.g., excessive brook or river levels, local stormwater runoff, groundwater, blocked drains, blocked sewer, sump pump failure, etc.). Attach pages as needed:

7. How concerned are you at the risk of future flooding? Check one:

Not Concerned Slightly Concerned Concerned Very Concerned

8. Have you taken steps to determine your property's flood risk? Check one:

Not at risk for flooding. If not at risk for flooding, how did you make this determination?

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- Taken no measures:
 - Rely solely on mortgage company requirements for flood insurance coverage:
 - Have reviewed available FEMA/DEP flood maps in the general area of my property:
 - Have retained professionals to determine flood limits and elevations specific to my property and building elevation:

9. Have you performed any flood protection measures on your property? Check all that apply and indicate approximate month and year measure was completed:

- No measures taken
- Backup system for Sump pump (i.e., battery power and/or spare pump) : _____
- Backup power supply system / generator: _____
- Installed check valve in sewer line: _____
- Waterproofed walls : _____
- Relocated valuables from basement: _____
- Raised or relocated utility equipment: _____
- Regraded property to keep surface runoff away from residence or building: _____
- Other _____

A. How effective would you estimate these measures have been? _____

10. Have you witnessed any road flooding in your neighborhood? If yes, please indicate the road or roads, if closures were required, describe the frequency, depth, and location(s) of flooding. Has road flooding affected your ability to get to or from your property? How long did the flooding (hours, days) prevent any vehicles from leaving / accessing your property?

C. FLOOD INSURANCE INFORMATION

- 1. Did you have Flood Insurance at the time you experienced flood damage? Yes No**
- 2. If yes, did that help cover some of the costs? Yes No**
- 3. Do you currently have Flood Insurance? Yes No**

4. If yes, how many years have you had Flood Insurance? _____

D. OTHER QUESTIONS

1. Before receiving this questionnaire I was aware that the property was in or borders the floodplain of Little Bear Brook	Yes	No
2. Little Bear Brook provides important scenic value for me and is part of my quality of life	Agree	Disagree
3. Little Bear Brook provides important recreation value for me and my quality of life	Agree	Disagree
4. Little Bear Brook is not important to my quality of life	Agree	Disagree
5. I would support projects along Little Bear Brook undertaken in the attempt to lessen either the severity or duration of flooding	Yes	No
6. Are you aware the Township has local ordinances making it illegal to dump brush, leaves and yard debris in streets or public ways except when done in compliance with the yard waste collection program (§150-26)	Yes	No
7. Are you aware the Township has local ordinances making it illegal to discharge sump pumps or surface water drainage into the sanitary sewer system. (§133-14)	Yes	No
8. Are you aware that connecting sump pumps or other surface water drains into the sanitary sewer system can result in higher sewer bills for all users, and can lead to overloading of the sewer system, and in turn, backups or overflows.	Yes	No

Do you have any suggestions or ideas for reducing flooding on your property or in your neighborhood you would like to share?

Please feel free to provide any other comments or information that you feel is important to the Township's study of flooding in and around Little Bear Brook as an attachment.

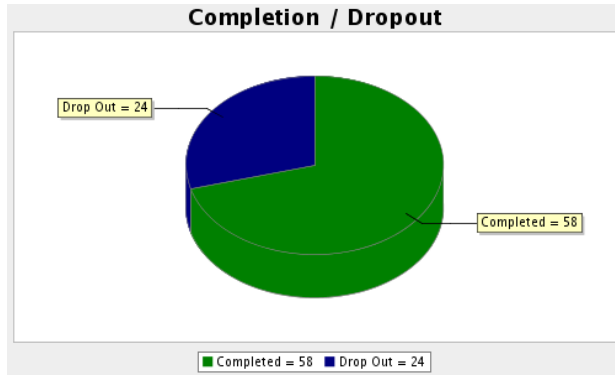
Please complete and return to Division of Engineering, Department of Community Development.
In person: West Windsor Town Hall, 271 Clarksville Road, West Windsor, NJ 08550
By mail: West Windsor Engineering Division, PO Box 38, West Windsor, NJ 08550
By email: to Pam Townsend at ptownsend@westwindsortwp.com
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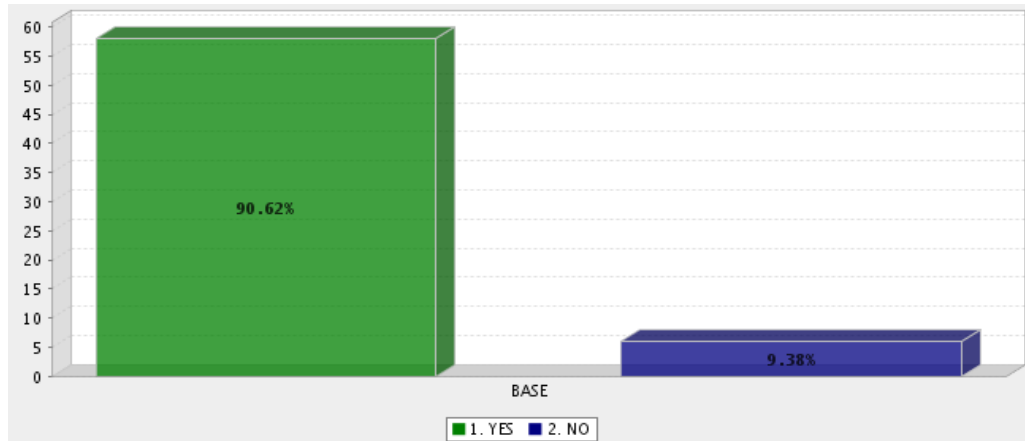
Little Bear Brook - Survey

surveys@citiesnj.com

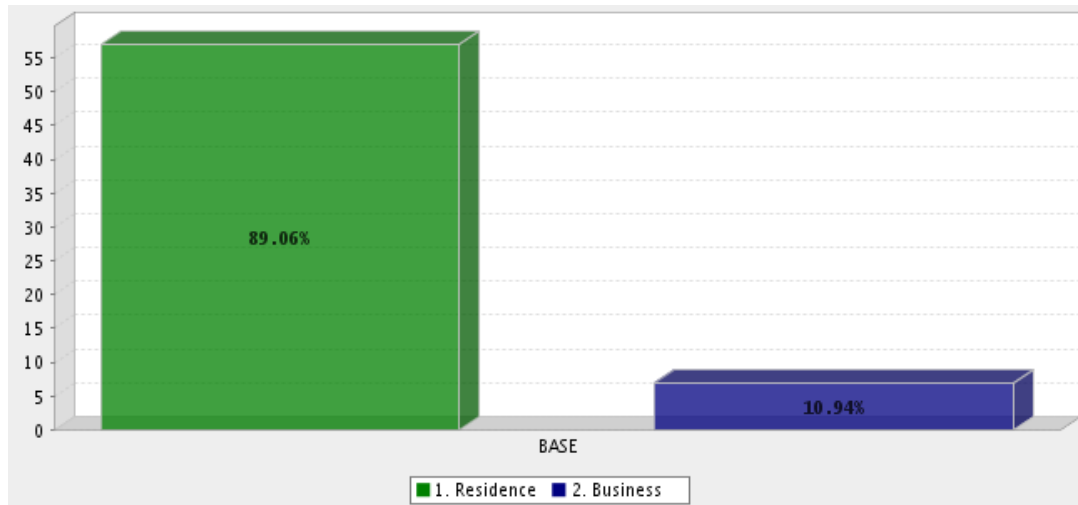
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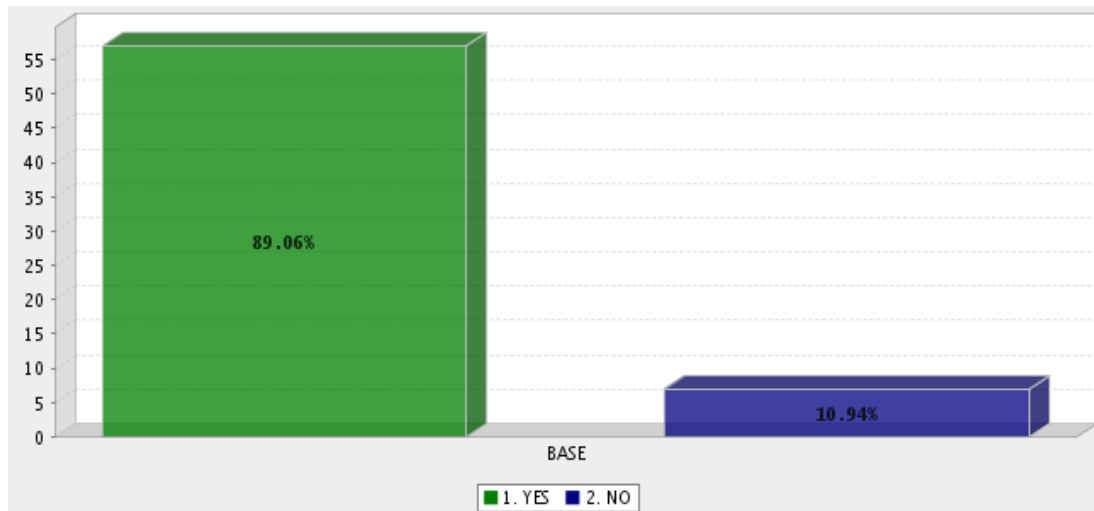
3. Is the person completing this survey the current owner of the property?



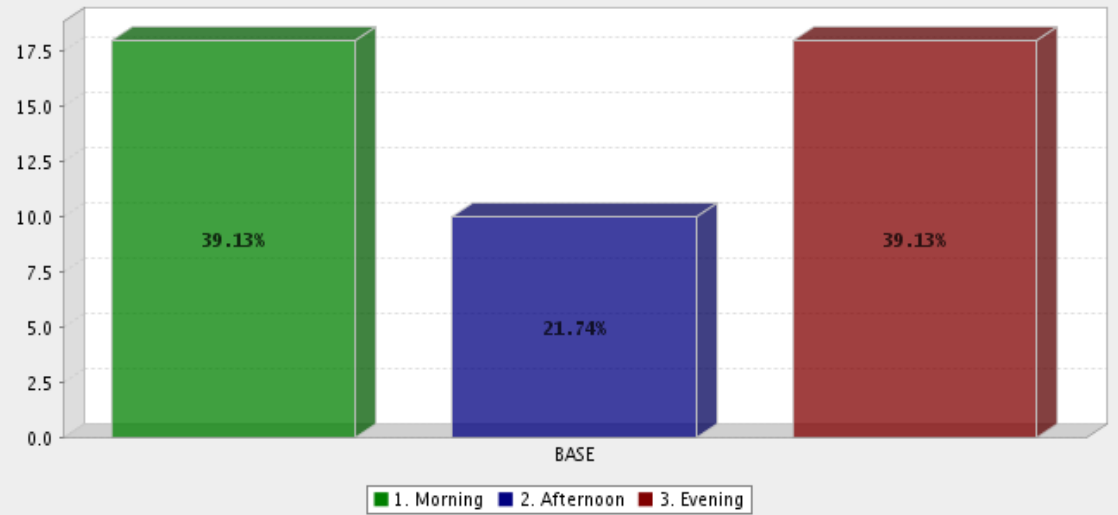
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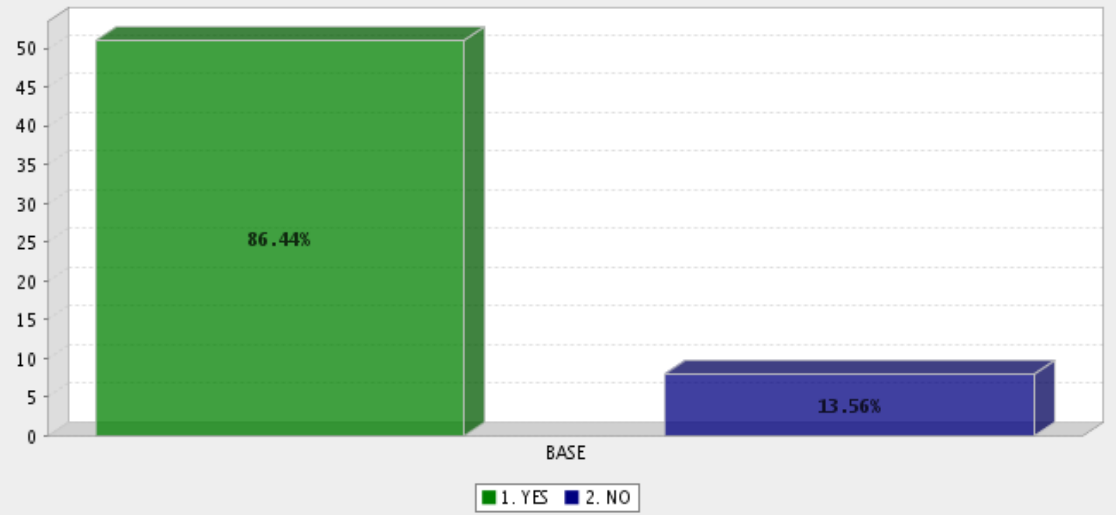
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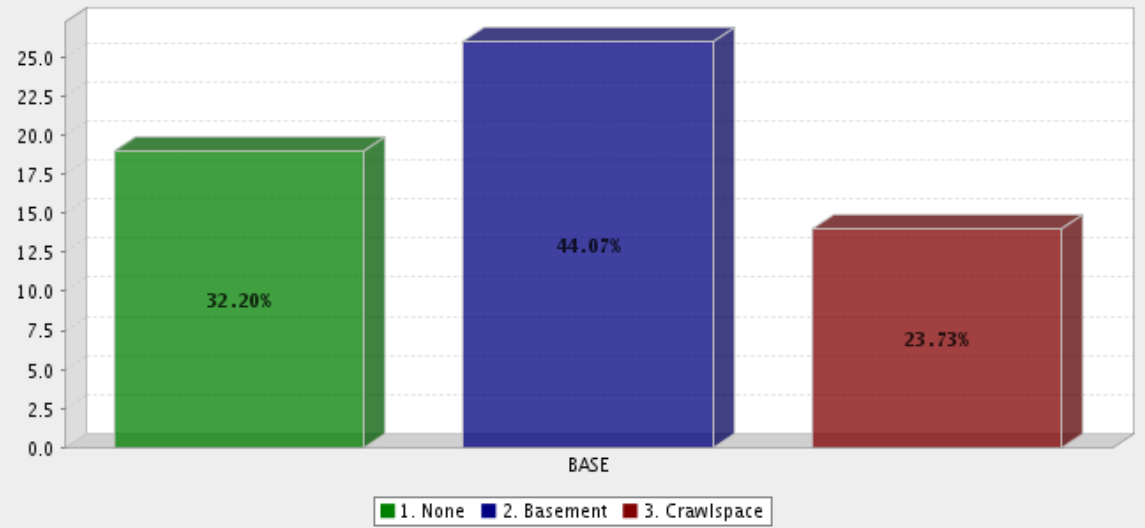
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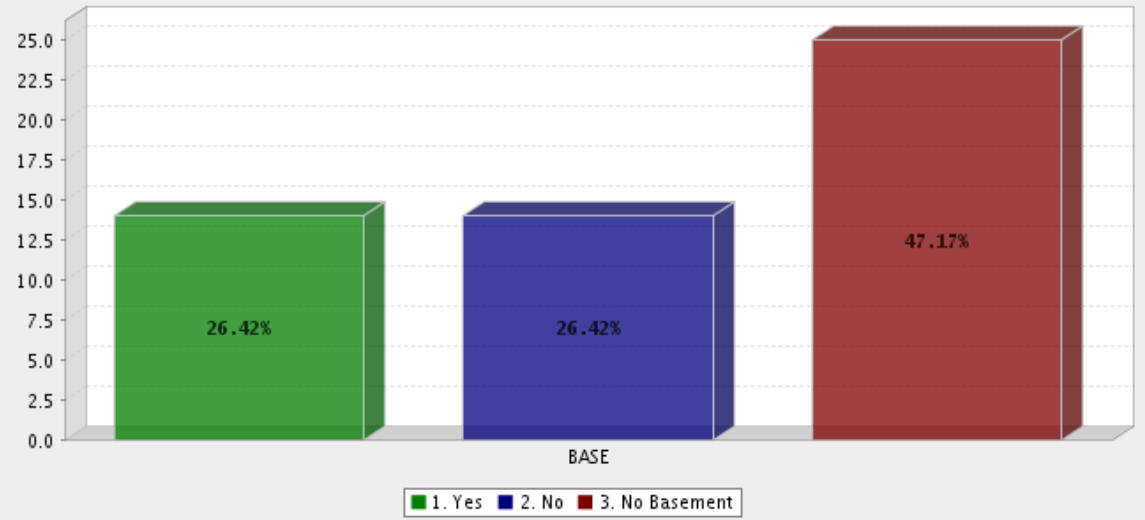
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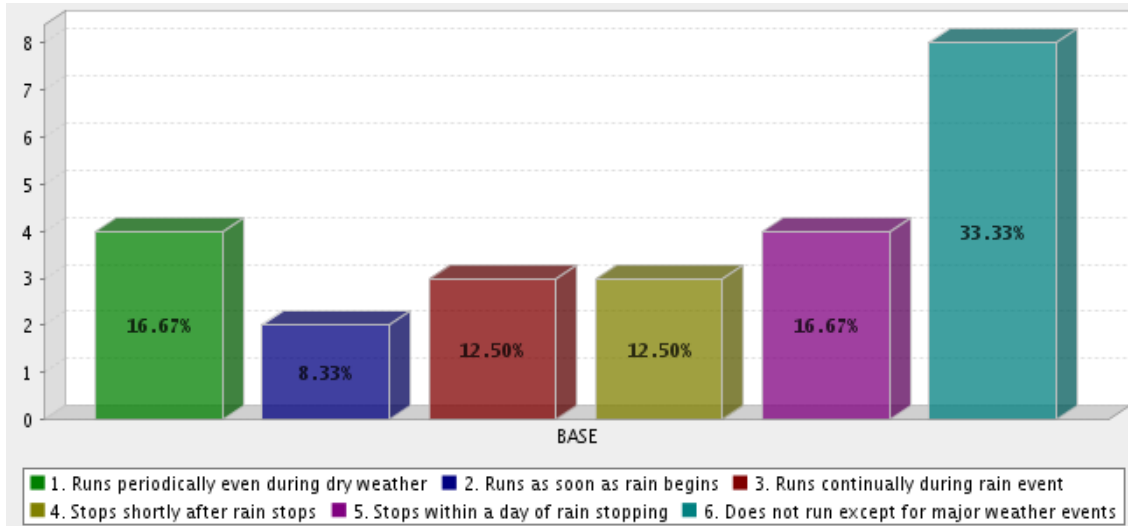
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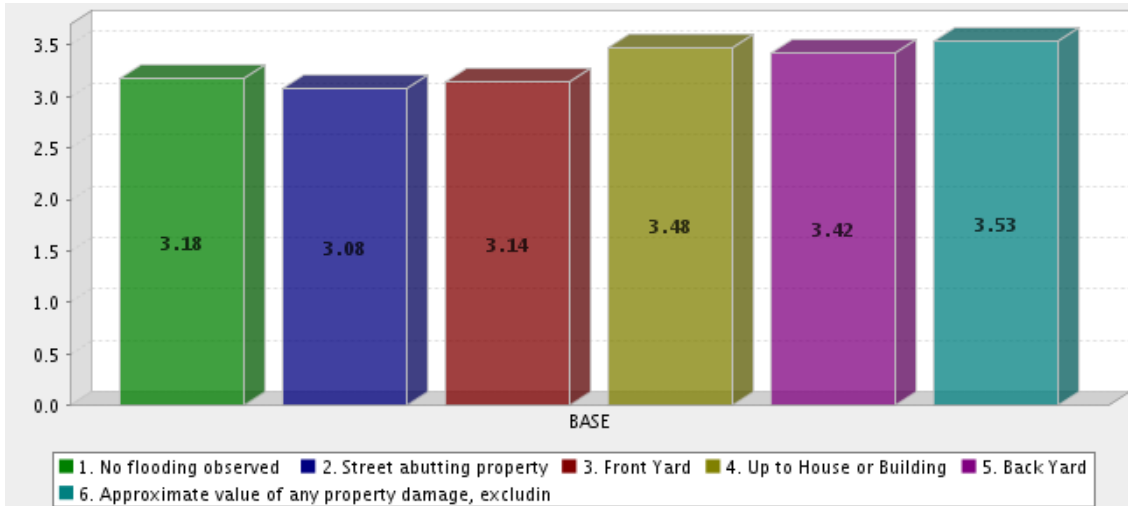
2. If you have a basement, does it have a sump pump?



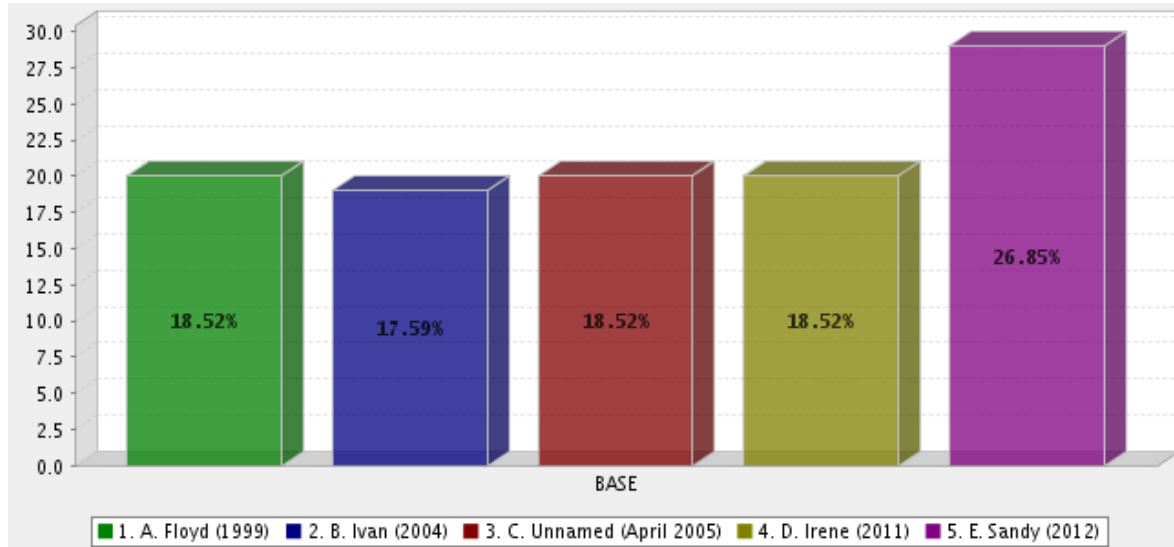
3. When and how long does your sump pump typically run? Check all that apply:



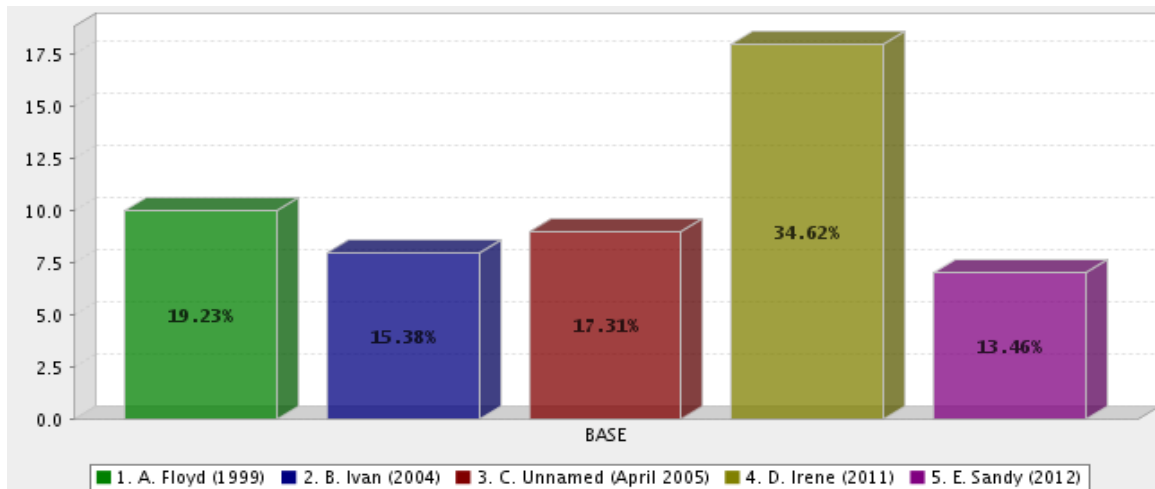
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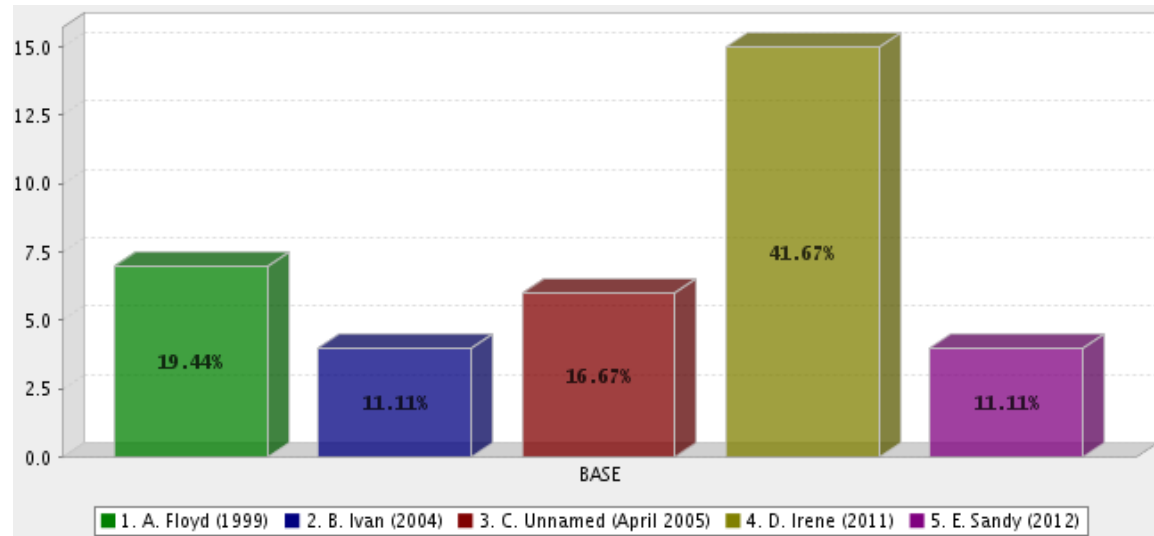
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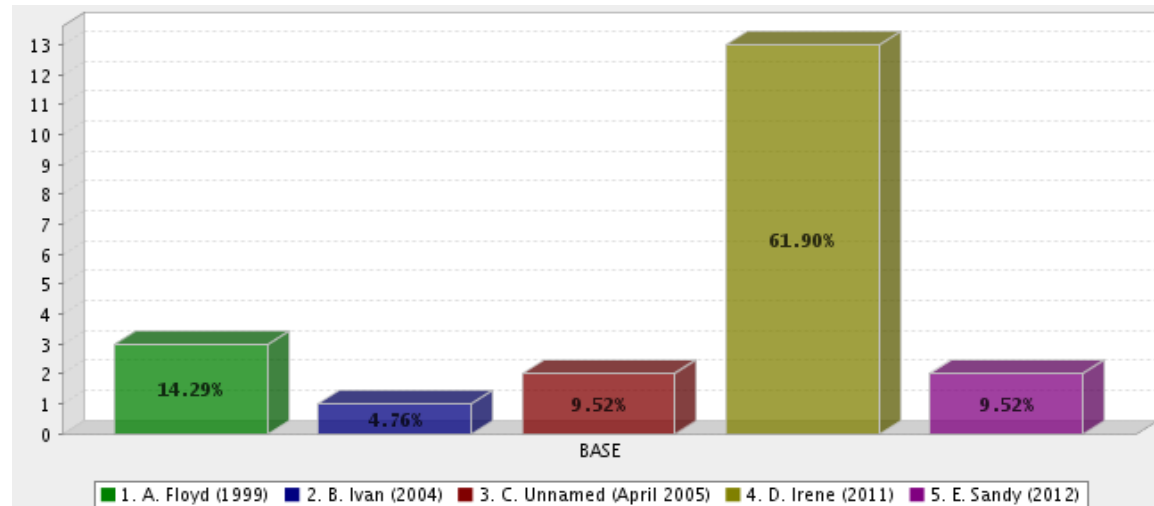
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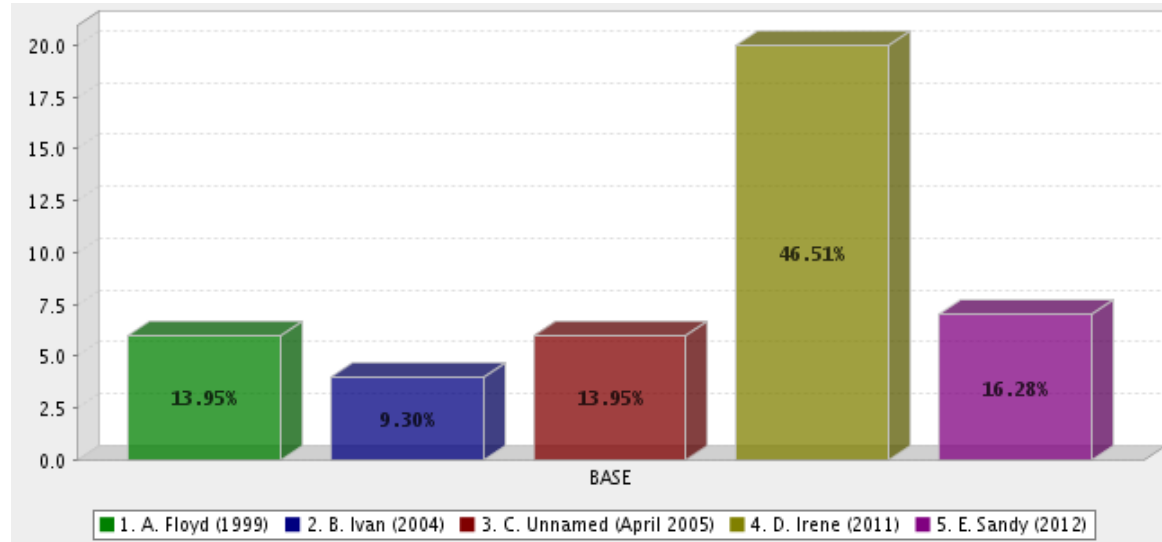
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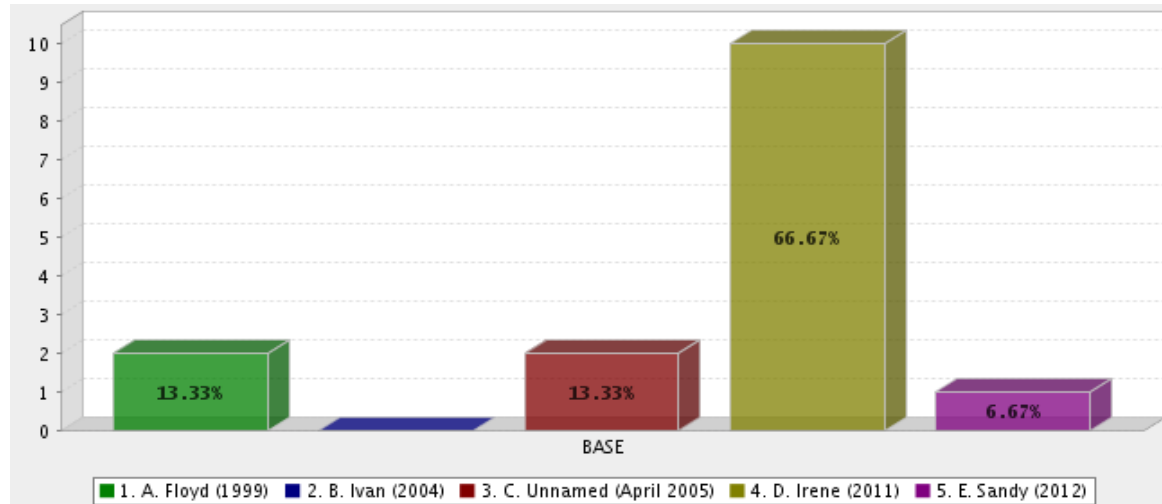
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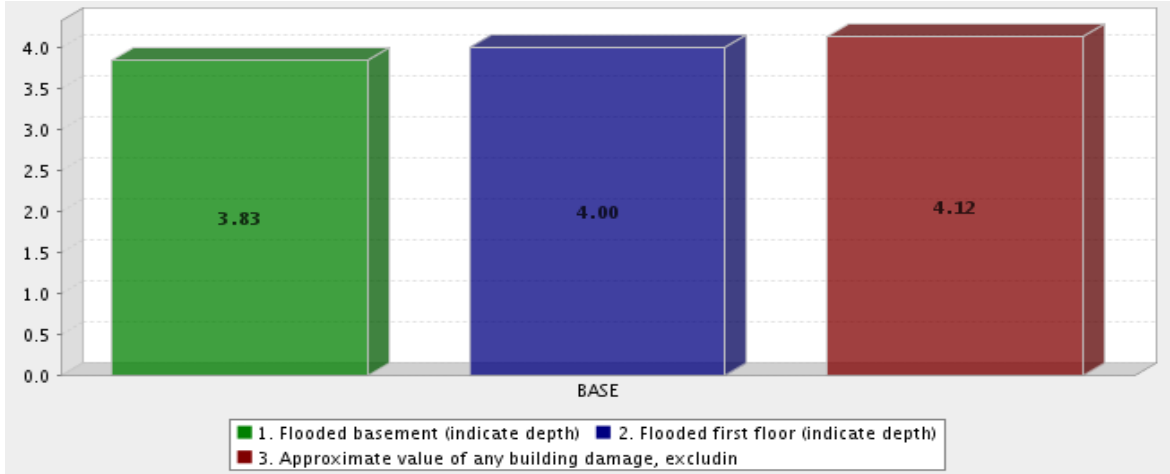
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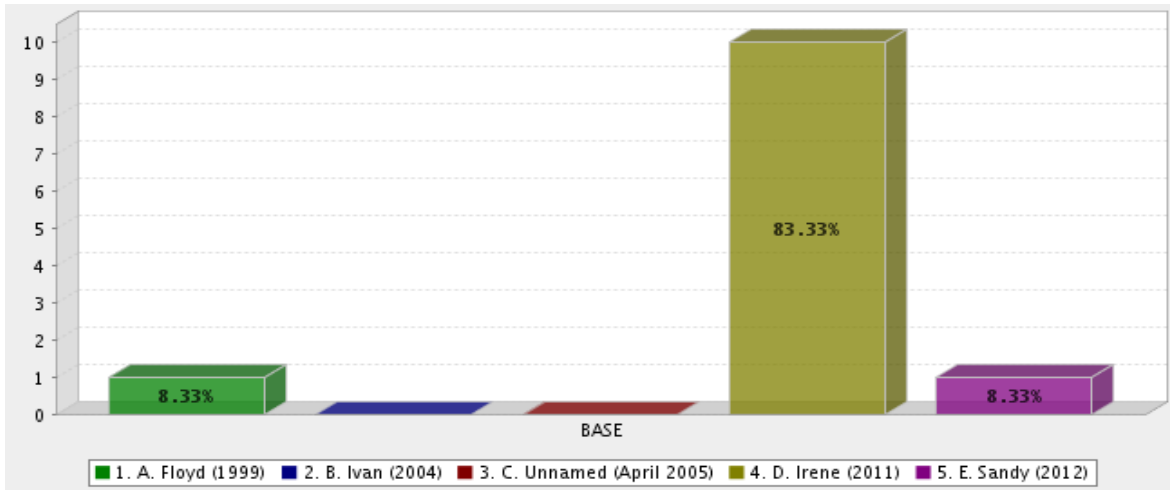
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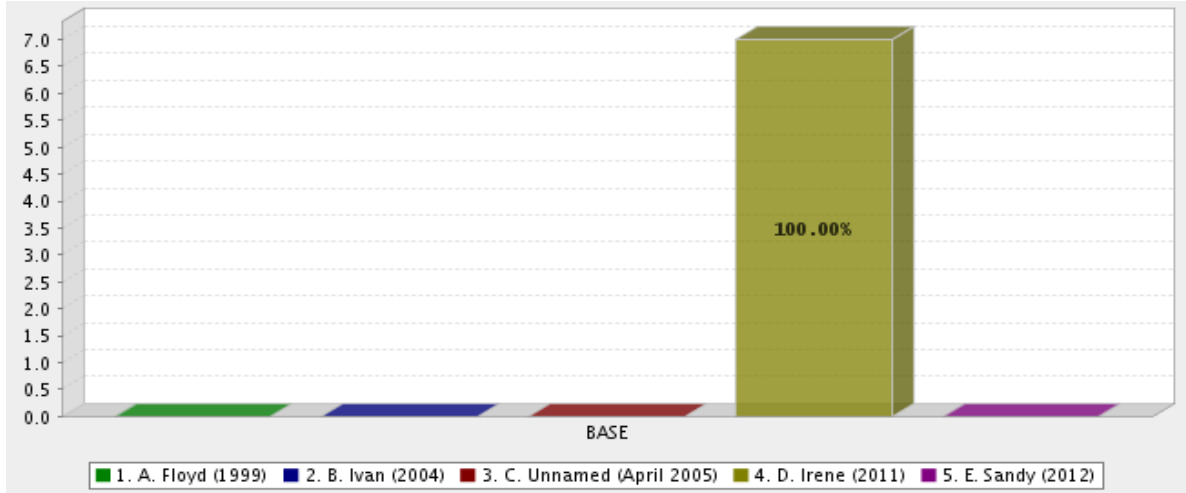
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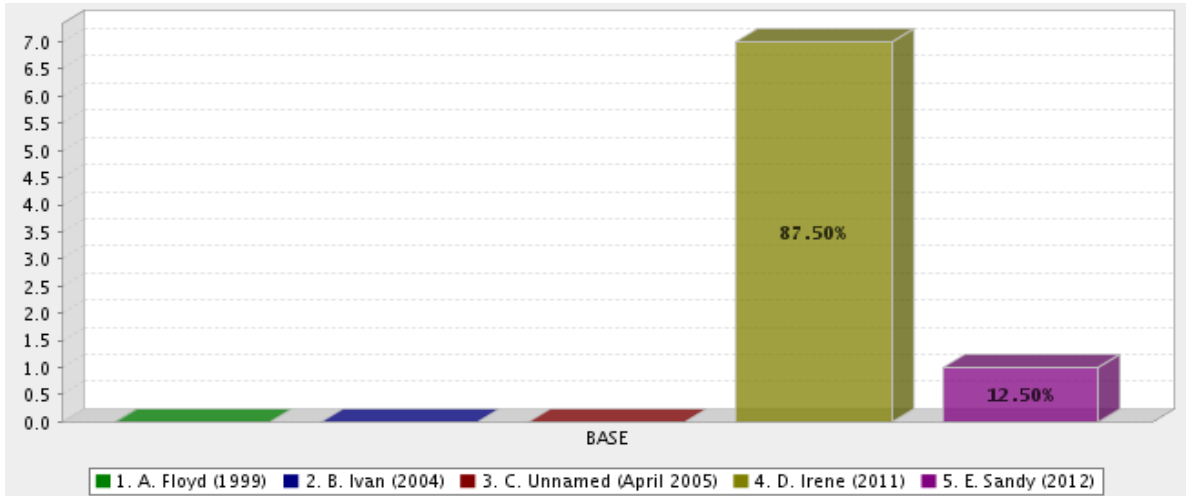
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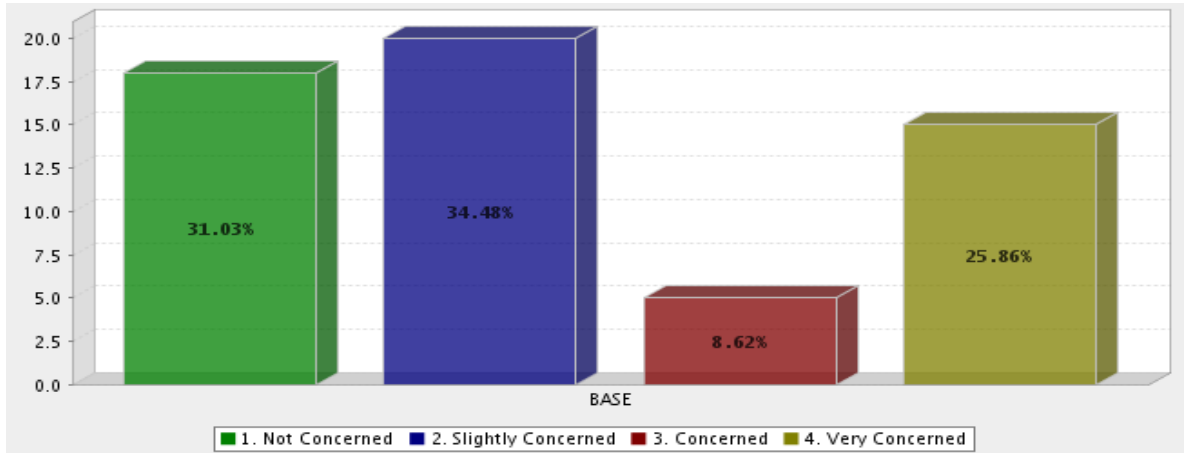
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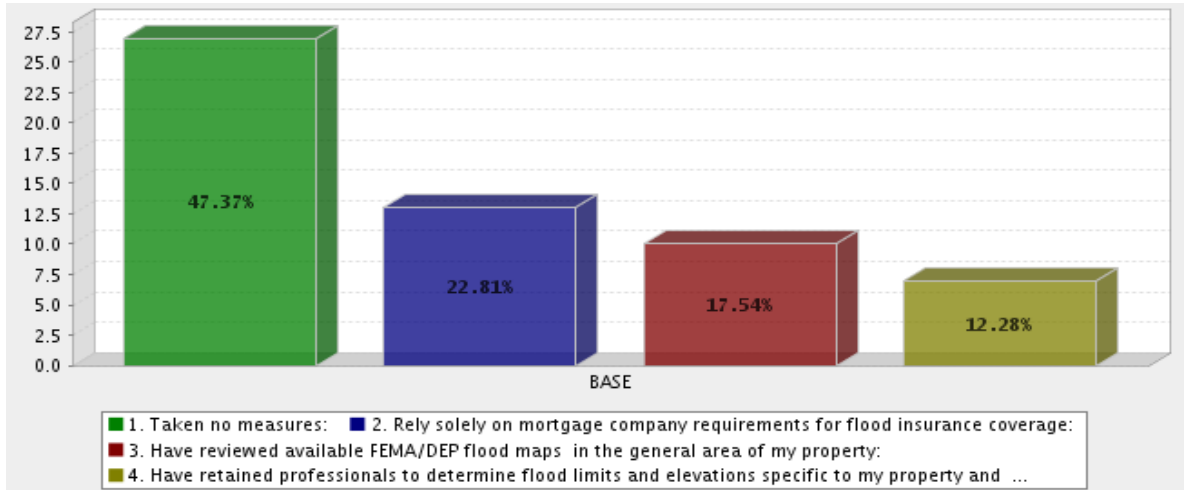
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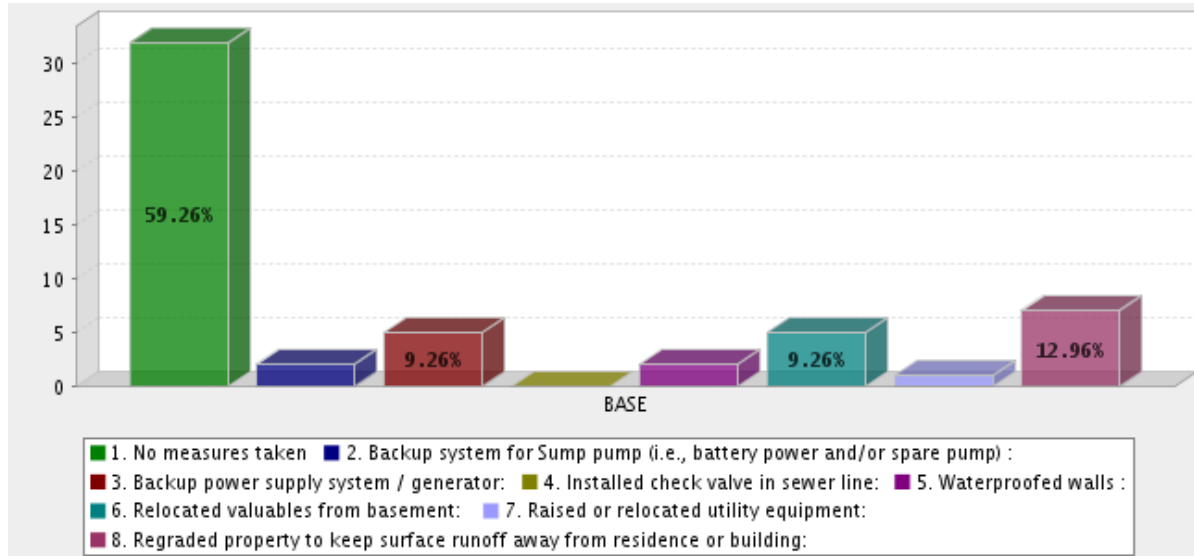
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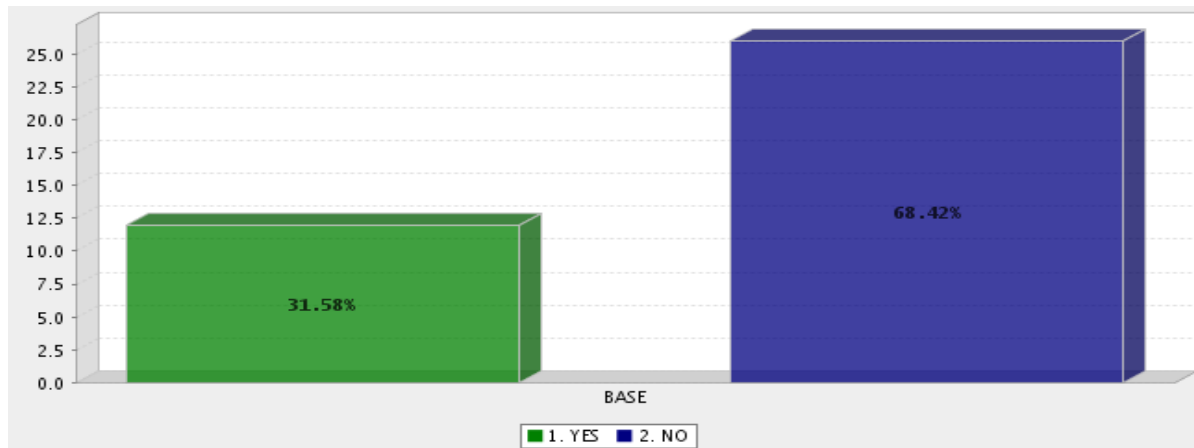
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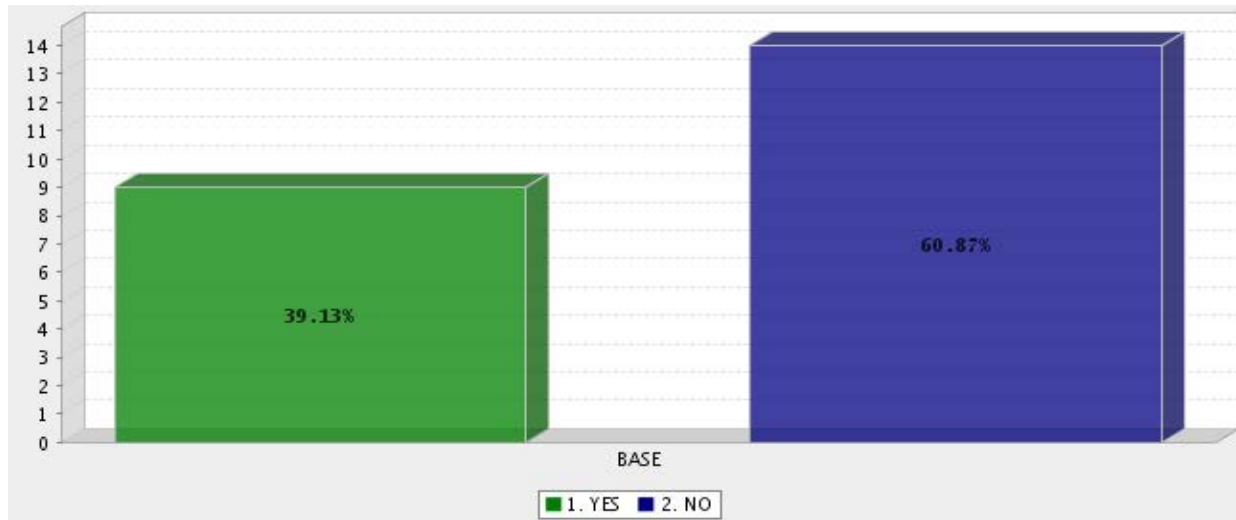
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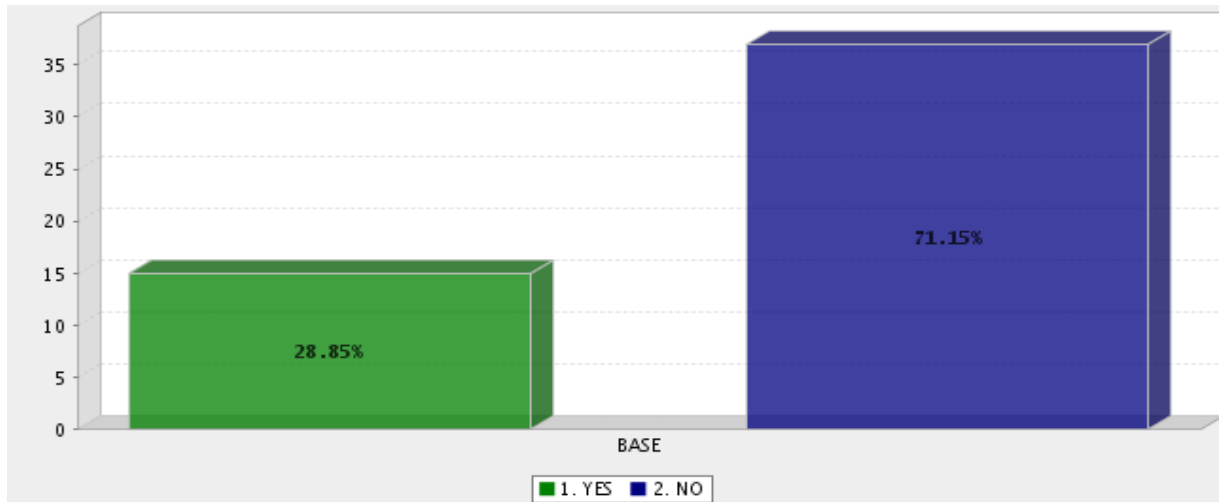
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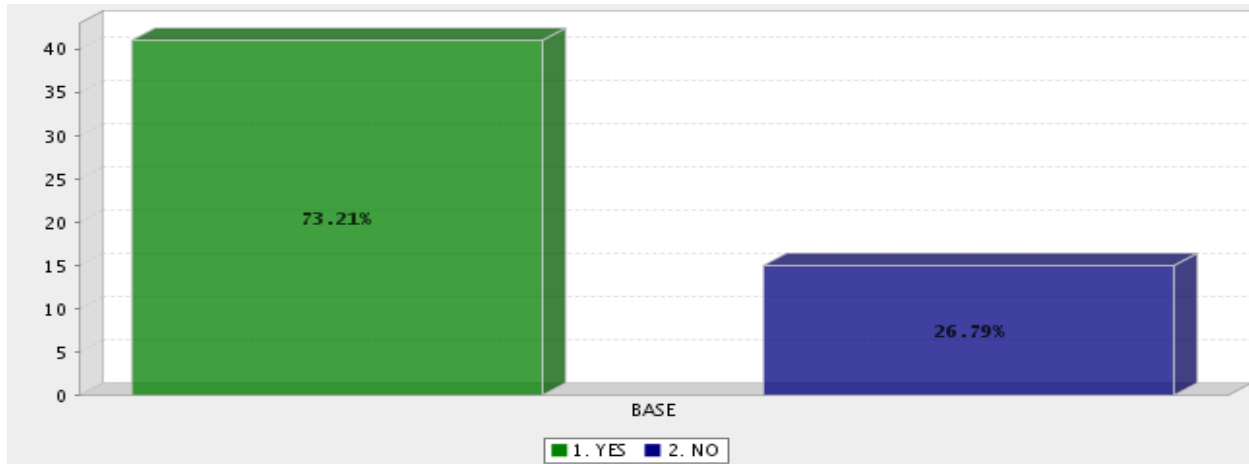
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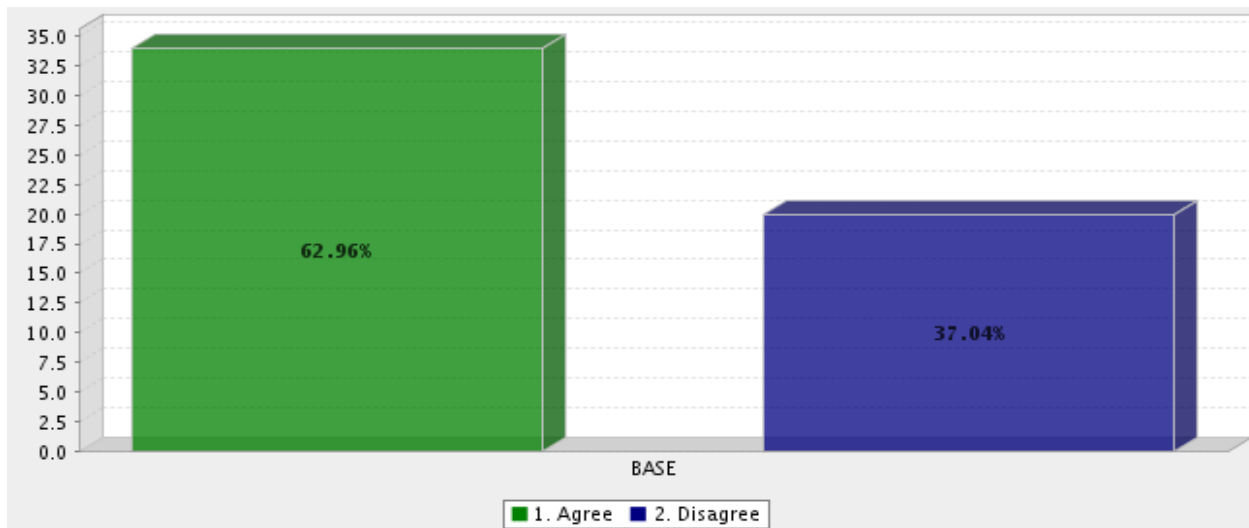
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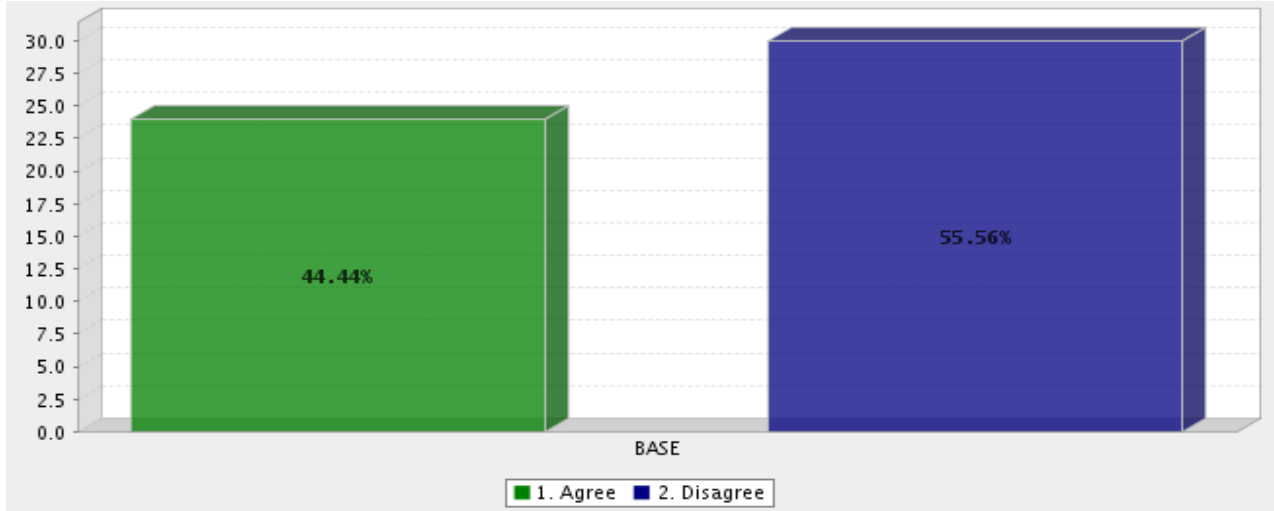
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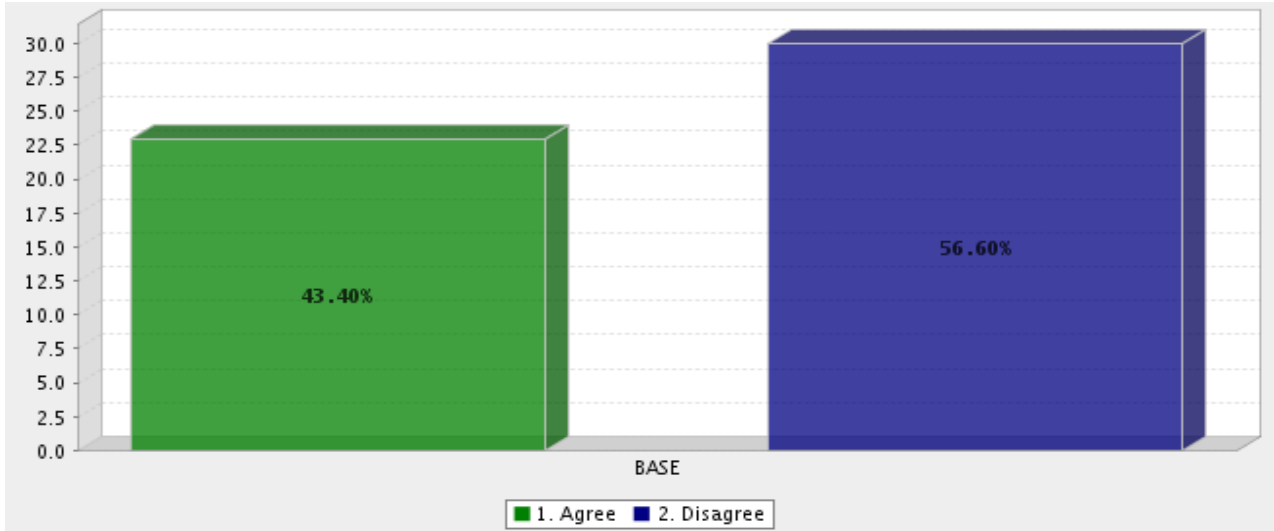
D2. Little Bear Brook provides important scenic value for me and is part of my quality of life



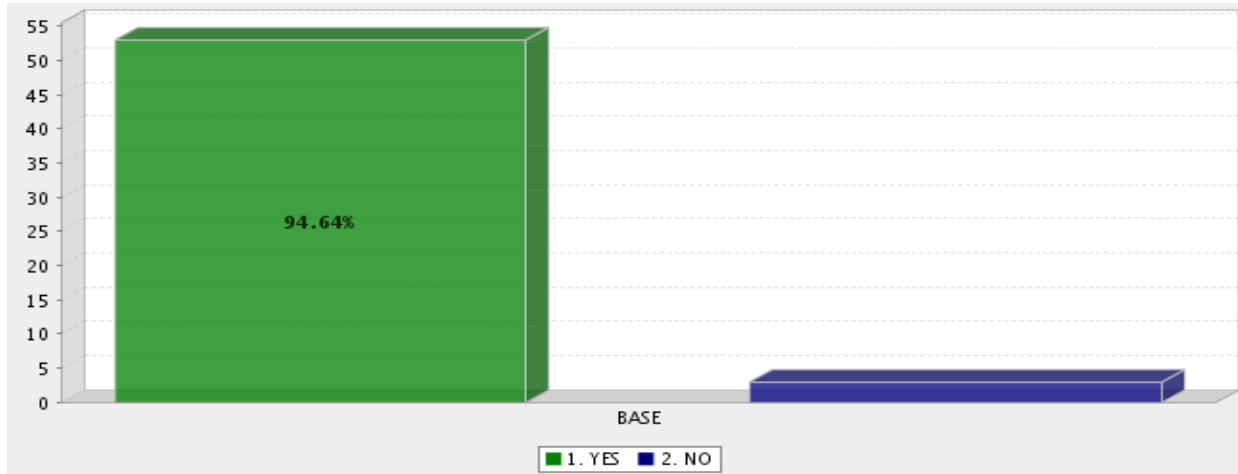
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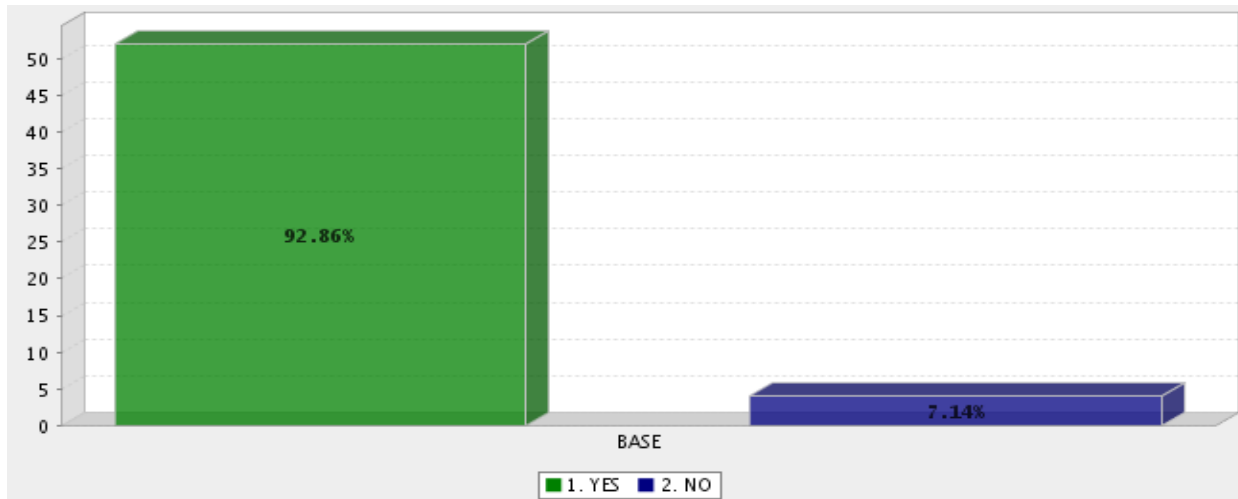
D4. Little Bear Brook is not important to my quality of life



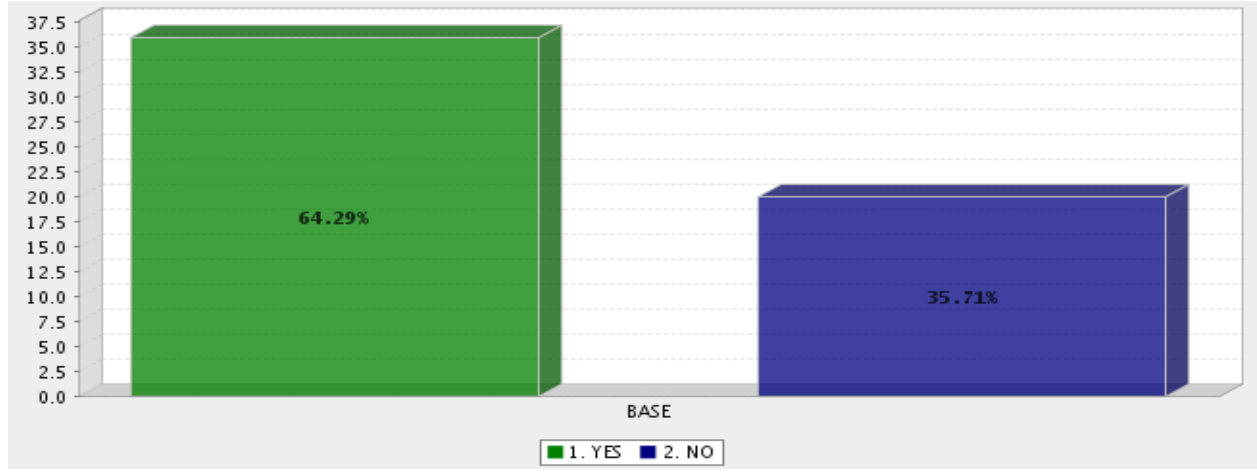
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