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TRENTON, N.J. (CBS) — A new poll in New Jersey suggests residents are prepared for a long recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

Now almost six months after the superstorm that ravaged a good part of the shore, and more to the north, the Rutgers-Eagleton poll shows three out of four people are prepared to wait a few years for a complete recovery.

“Only 15-percent think we’ll get back to normal this year,” Poll director David Redlawsk said. “Another 64-percent think it’s going to take one to five years to get there.”

The rest see it taking a decade or longer. Seven percent don’t believe the state will ever be the same again.

That said, there’s wide support, better than three to two, for efforts to provide better flood protection down the shore.

“Things like placing buildings up on pilings and especially there’s strong support for dune construction and seawall construction.”

Suggestions that storm ravaged areas be turned into open space are backed by about a third of those surveyed.

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