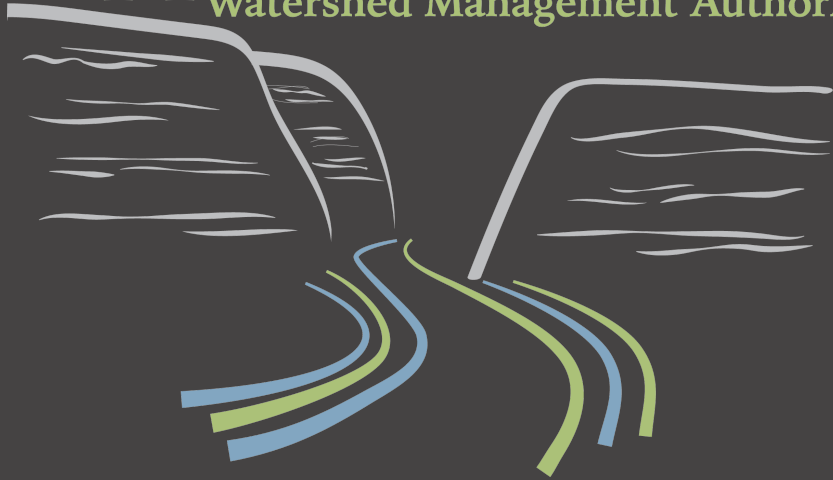


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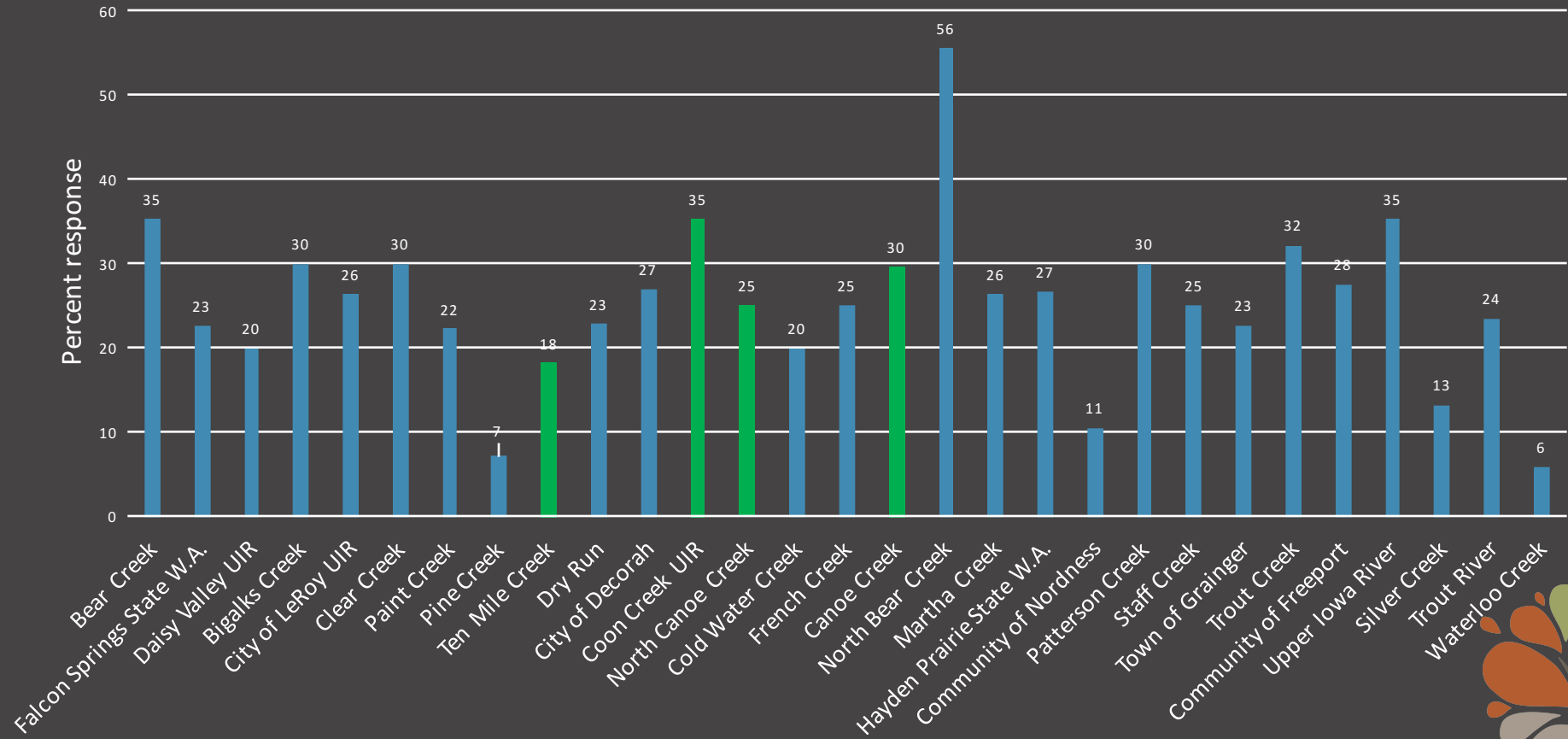


Landowner Survey

- 1,300 surveys mailed to landowners in the Upper Iowa Watershed.
- 304 surveys returned, 23% response rate.
- Results from the survey help us understand landowners' experiences, attitudes, and willingness to participate in solutions.



Percent response from each HUC 12 sub-watershed



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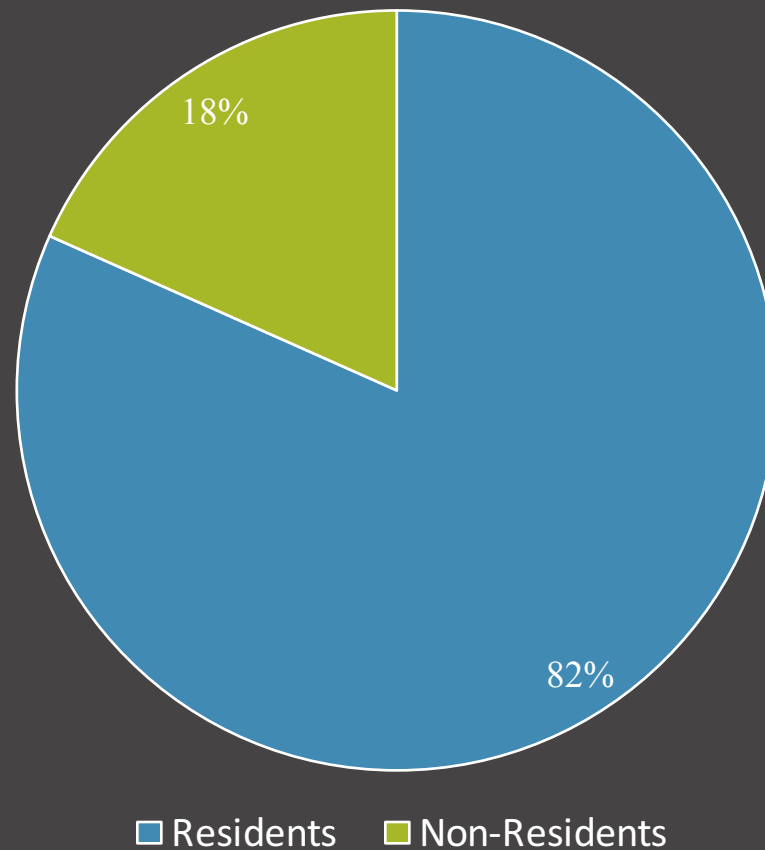


Number of respondents who reside in the UIR watershed

41% of respondents own farmland.

Nearly 40% of respondents live in a town, city or village.

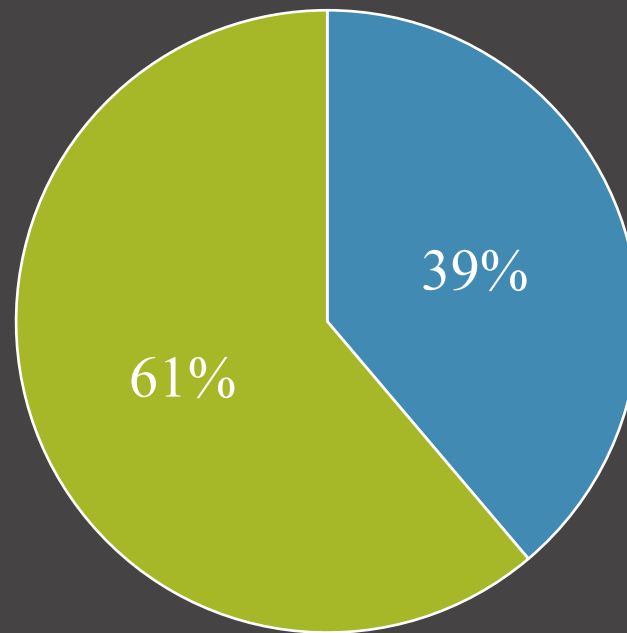
44% of non-residents live over 30 miles away from watershed.



Respondents whose land or home has been affected by flooding in the last five years

Nearly half those respondents experienced flooding 2-3 times.

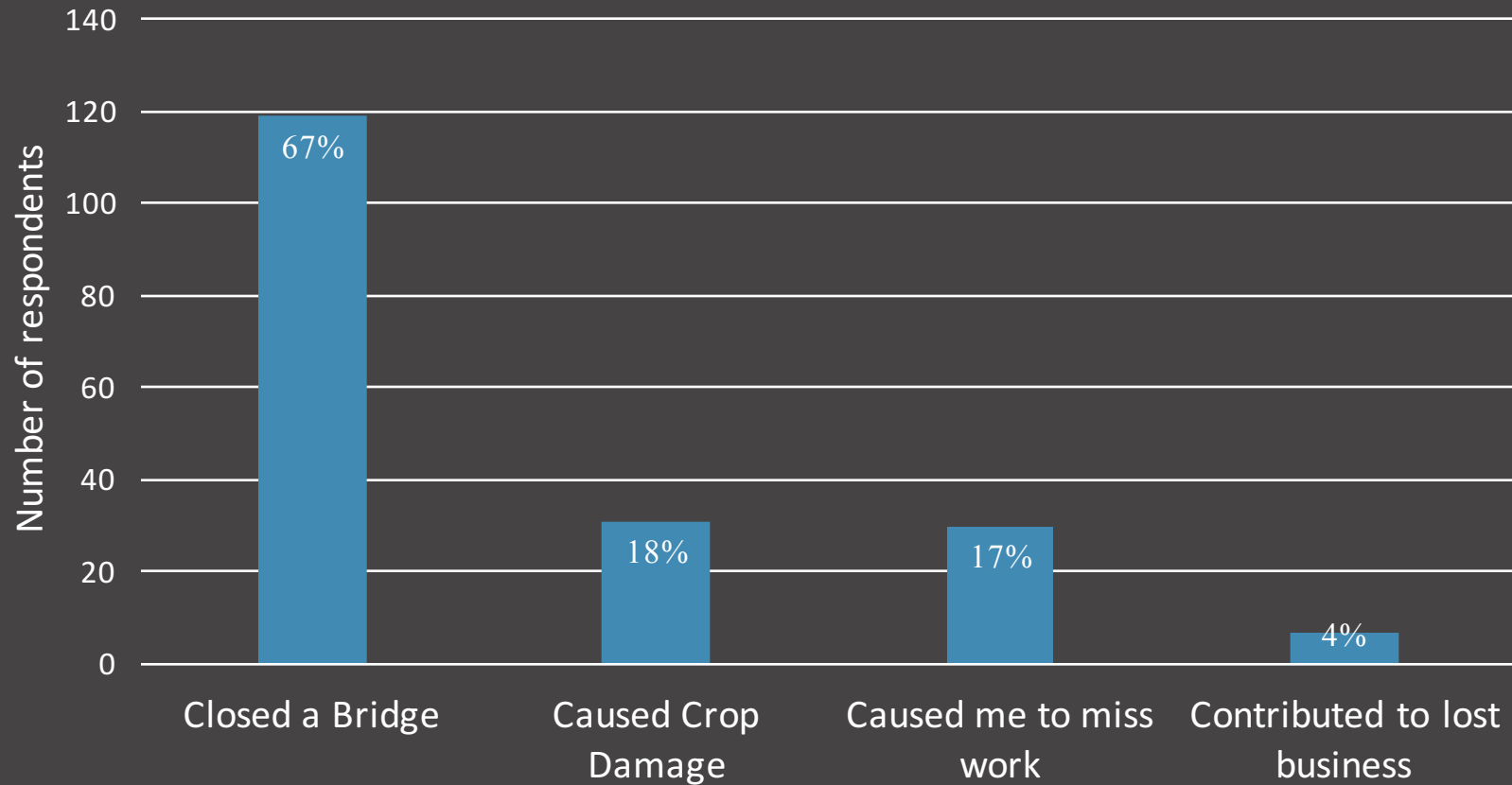
80% of respondents know someone who has been impacted by flooding.



■ Affected by flooding ■ Not affected by flooding



How flooding has impacted residents in the UIR

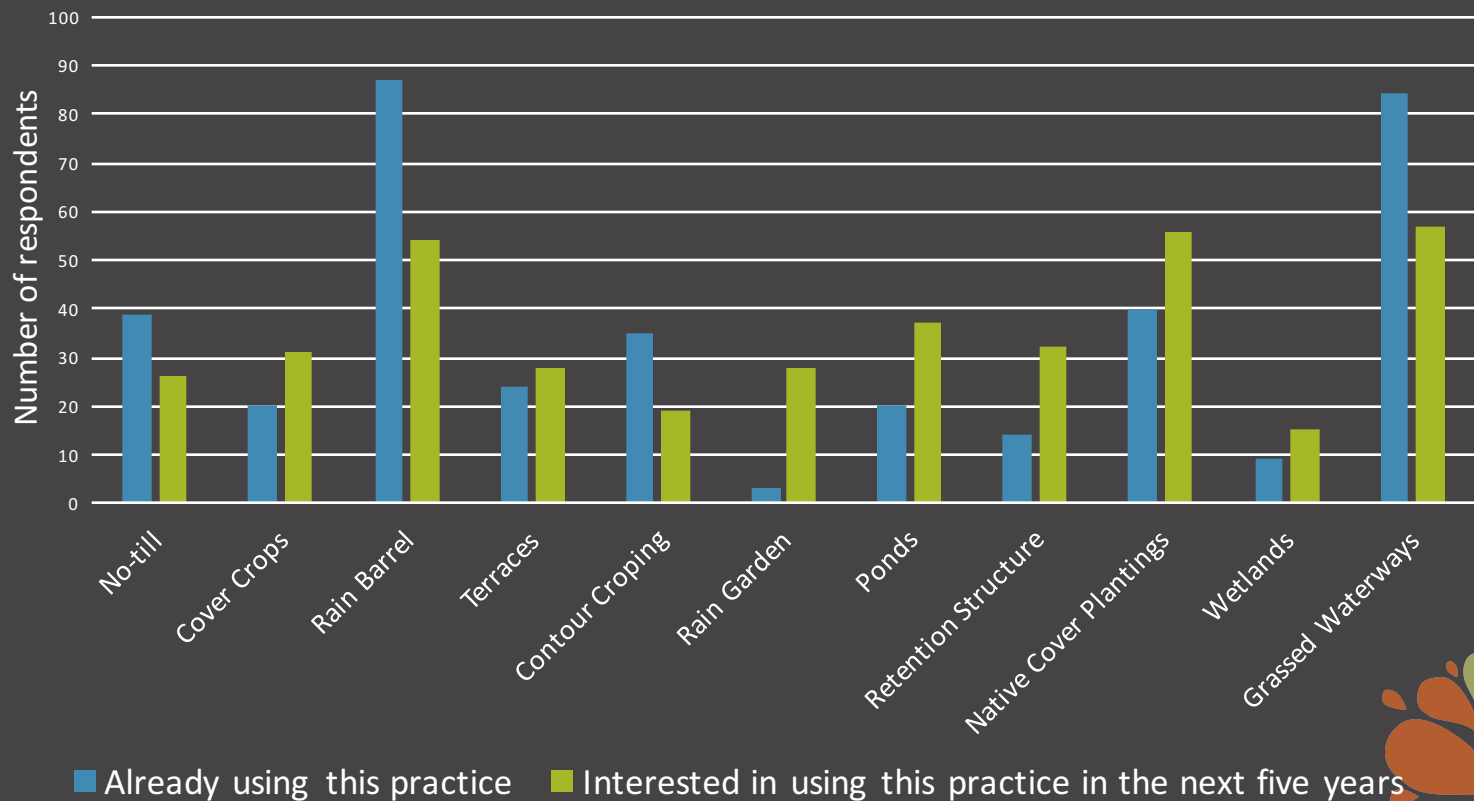


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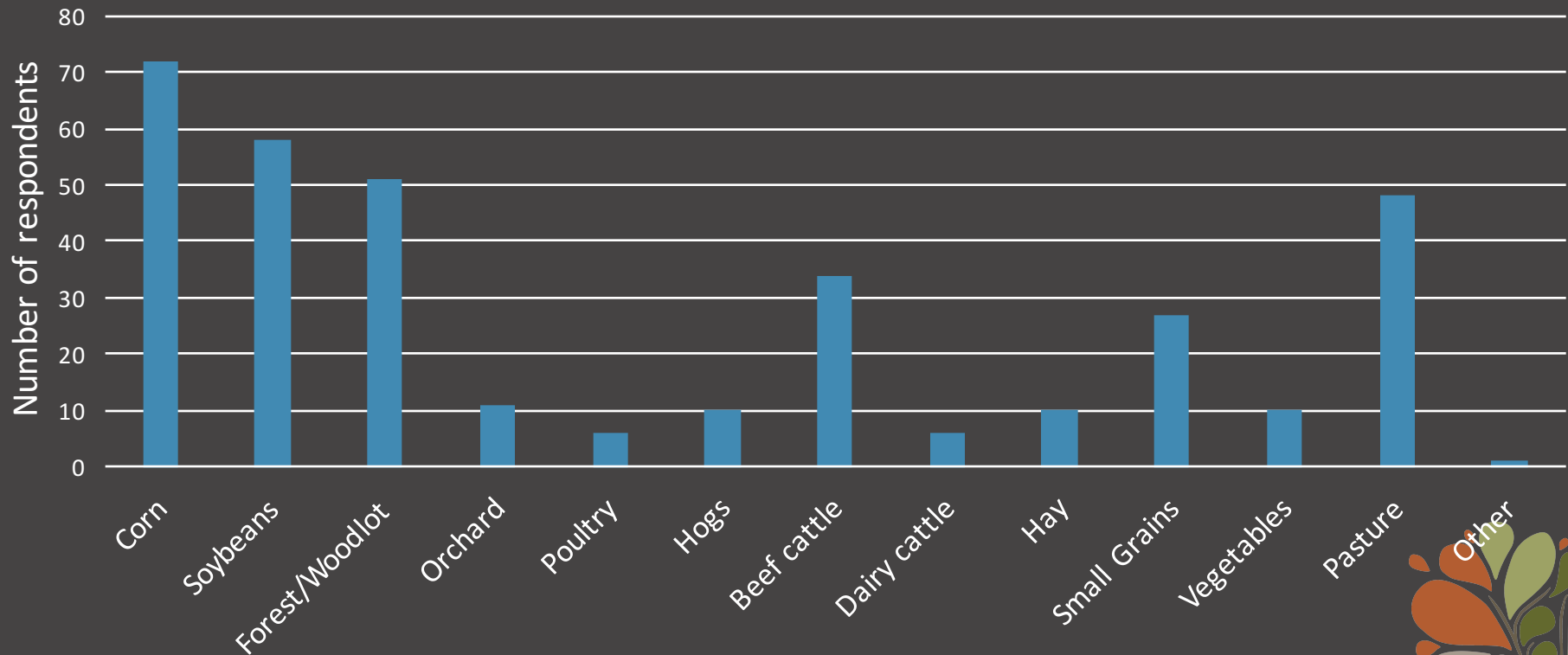
Practices farmers are using or are interested in using.

68% of those who responded are interested in using at least one conservation practice on their land.



Crops and livestock raised on respondents' farms

41% of respondents farm or own farmland.



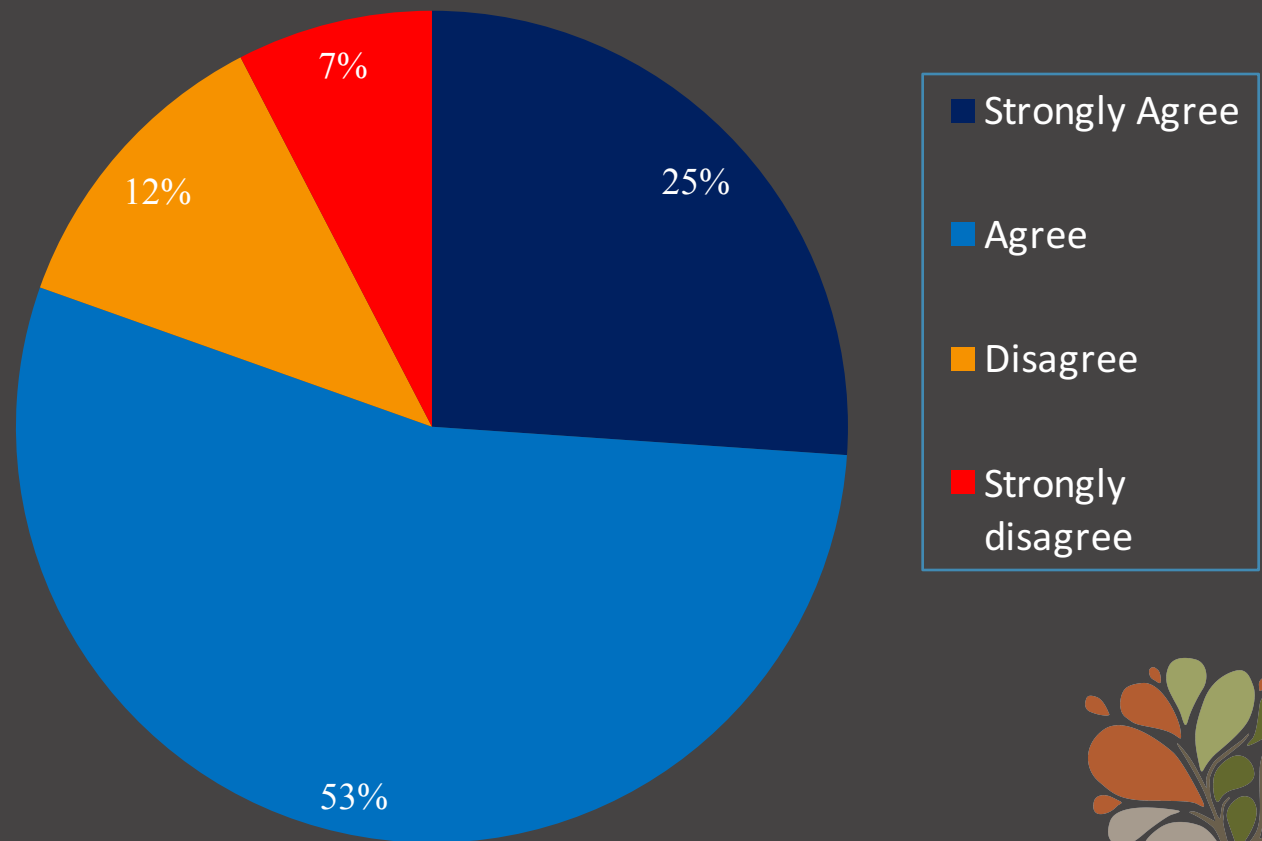
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Farmers interested in receiving conservation assistance

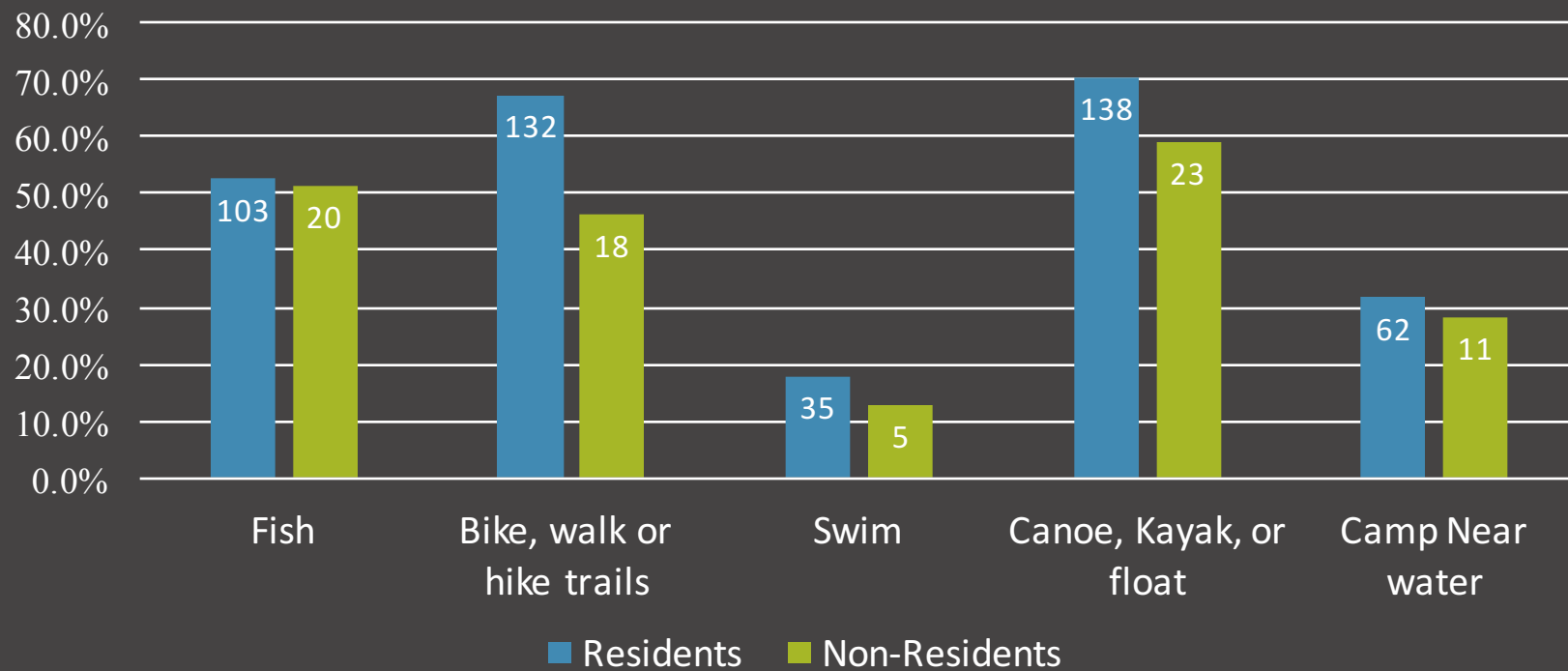
Nearly 80% of farmers and farmland owners are interested in potentially receiving funding for adopting conservation practices.

54% of farmers said cost was a limiting factor when implementing conservation practices.

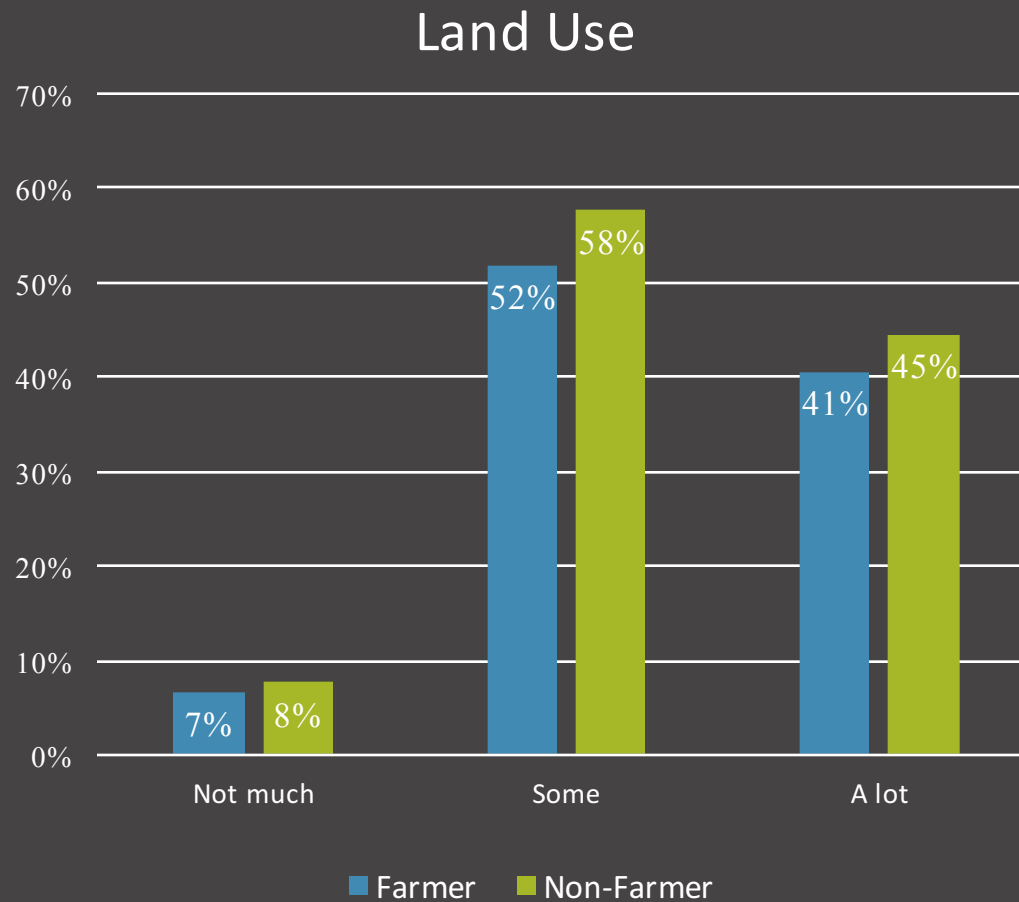


How Residents and Non-residents recreate in the UIR Watershed

73% of respondents are involved in some form of outdoor recreation in the Upper Iowa Watershed.



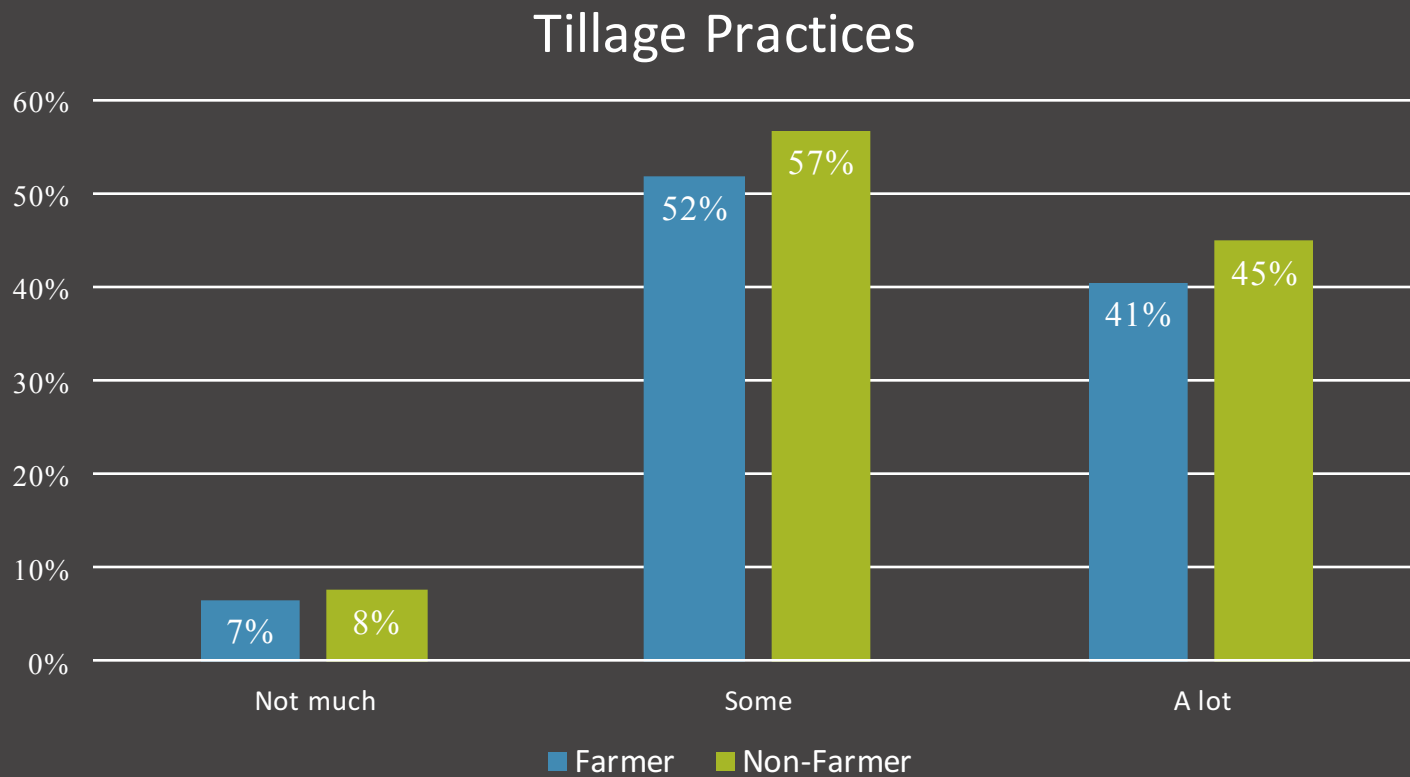
Views about the contribution to flooding in the UIR Watershed



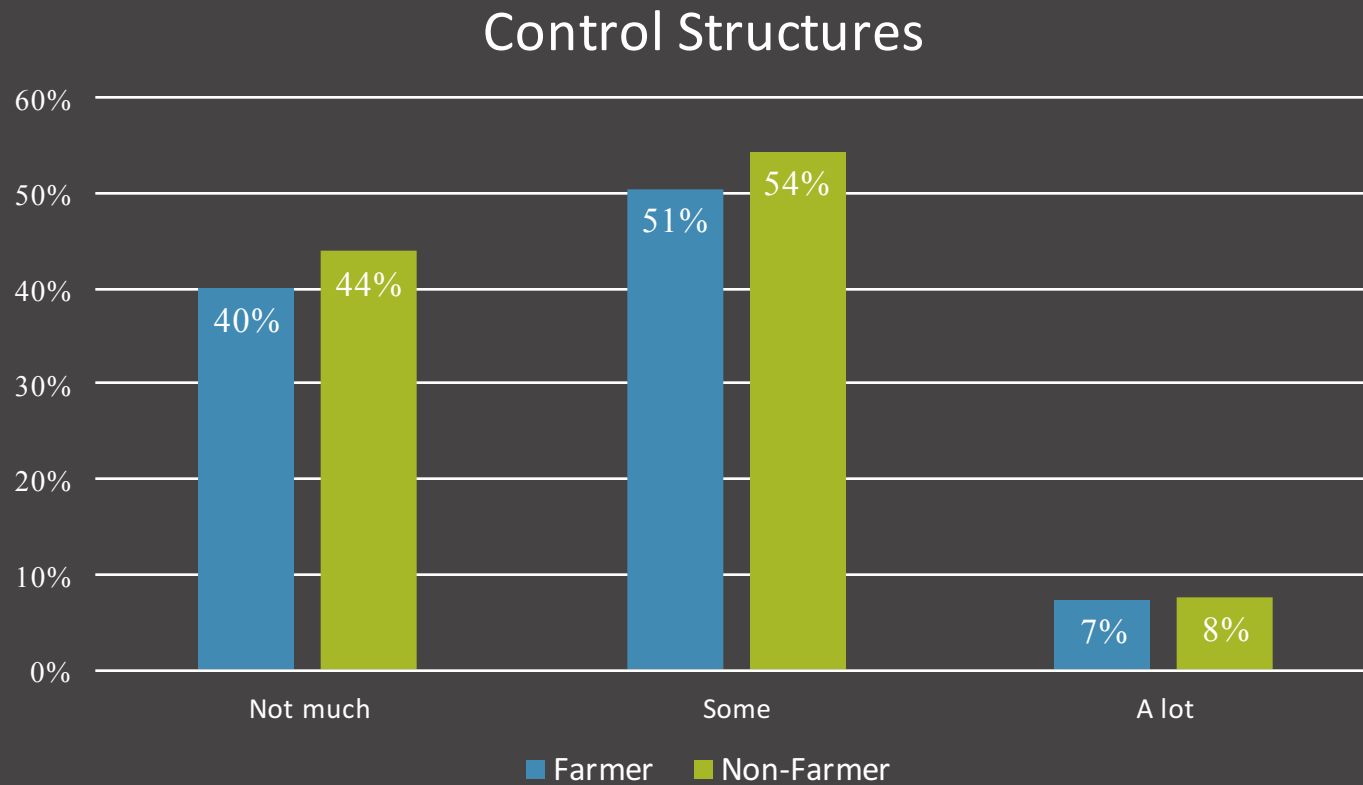
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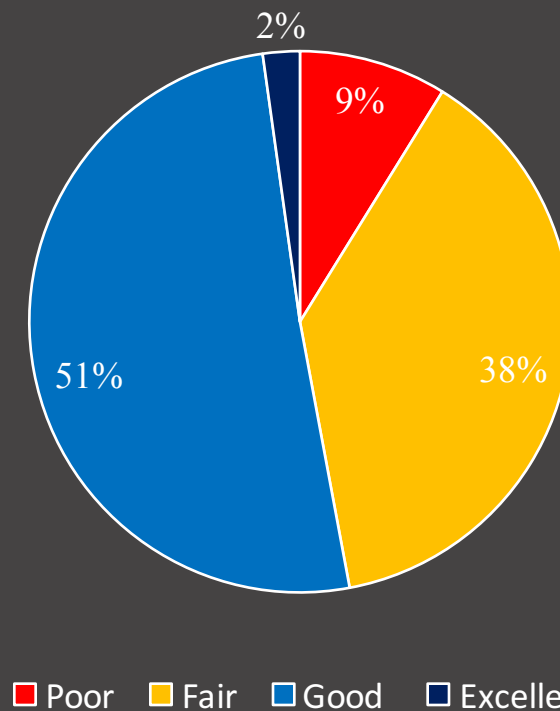


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Landowners view on the quality of surface waters in the UIR Watershed

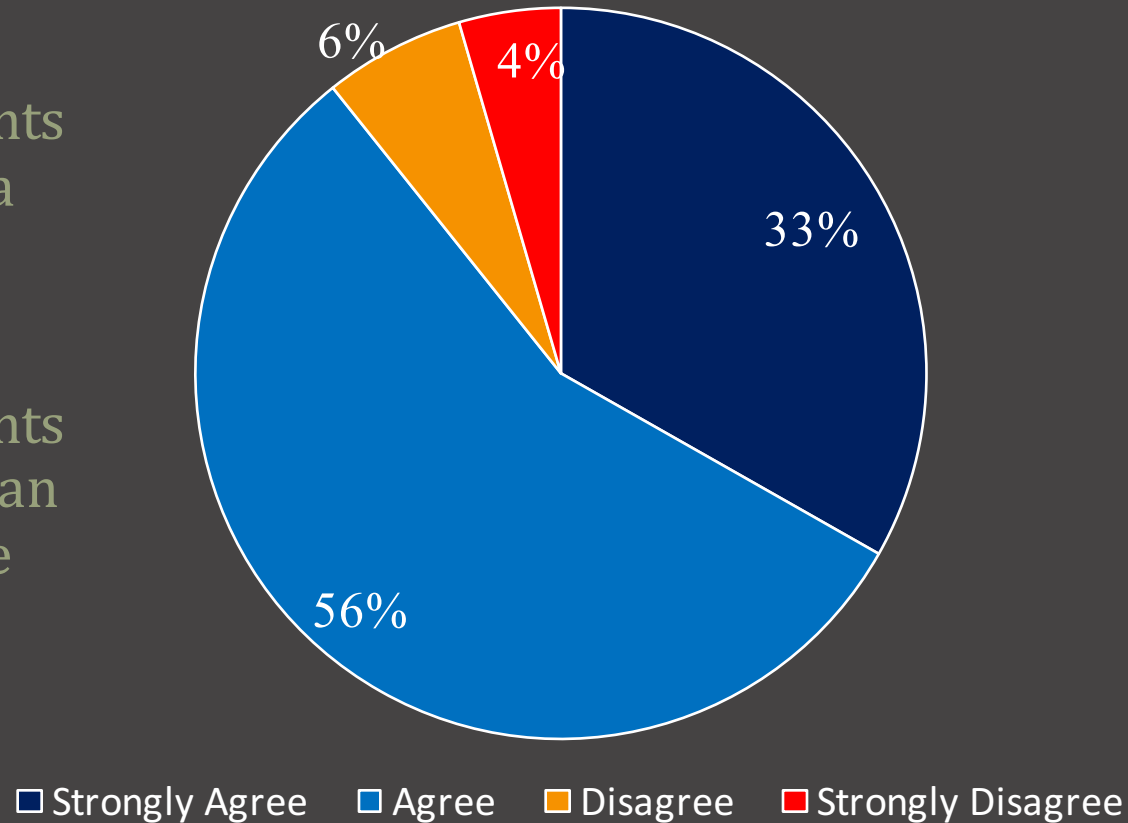
53% of respondents think that the quality of surface water in the UIR Watershed is good or excellent.



Flooding is a problem in the Upper Iowa Watershed

89% of respondents think flooding is a problem.

80% of respondents think that more can be done to reduce flood risk in the watershed.



Landowner Survey

When asked if they were interested in learning more about how they could reduce flooding and/or improve water quality:

- 60% of overall respondents agreed they wanted to learn more!



Landowner Survey

The full landowner survey report will be included in the plan.

Data may be helpful in future efforts to:

- Prioritize sub-watersheds for future projects
- Demonstrate need & interest to secure funding
- Shape outreach, education and communications



Upper Iowa Watershed Open Houses

Wings Bar and Restaurant-Dorchester, Iowa
Tuesday, November 14th, 12:00-1:30pm

Decorah City Council Chambers
Monday, November 27th, 7:00-8:30pm

Cresco United Methodist Church (next to library)
Tuesday, November 28th, 6:30-8:00pm

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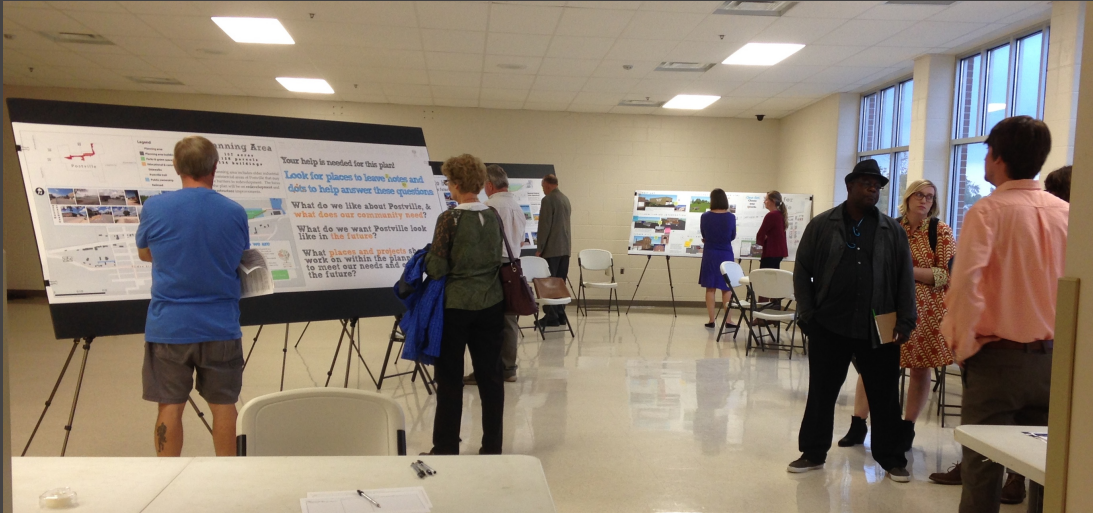


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Inform & educate people about their watershed!

Gather input from the public:

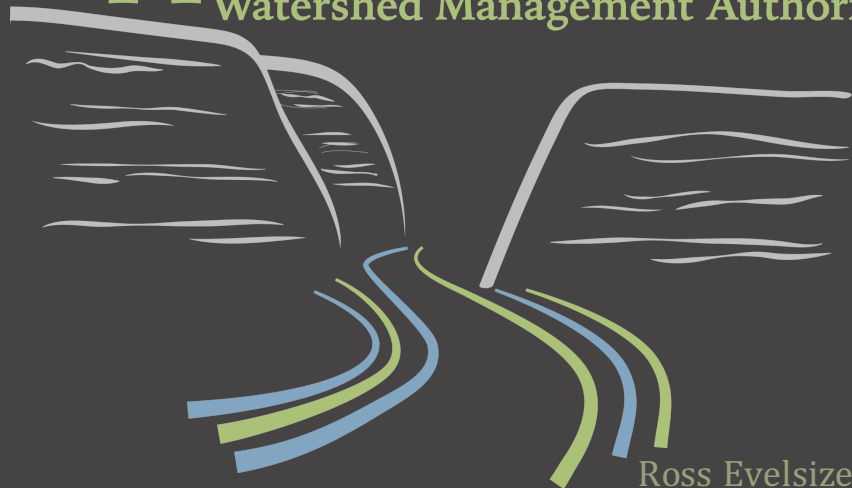
- What do they value?
- What concerns do they have?
Flooding? Water quality?
- What do they want to do on
their own land and in their
communities?



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