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Local Leadership Workgroup Update

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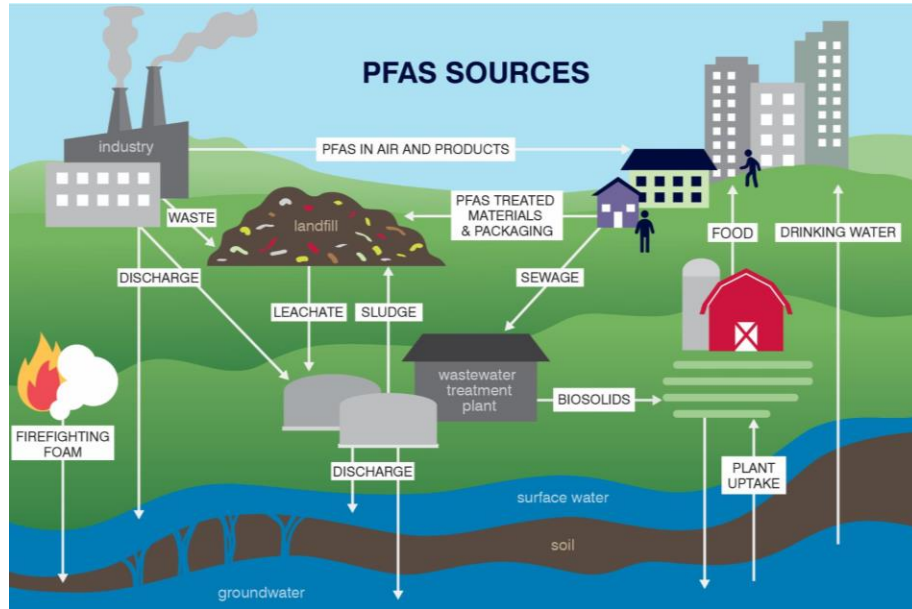
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DC Peer to Peer –
*Equitable Access to
Green Space*

August Quarterly Meeting

Talking Toxics with Local Governments

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Support Local Governments
in Addressing Toxic and
Emerging Contaminants

August Quarterly Meeting

Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities

EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program

Transforming environmental liabilities
into community assets



United States
Environmental Protection
Agency

Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

- Identify and inventory existing local government technical assistance programs that align with the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement outcomes.
- Compile standardized information about each technical assistance program (geographic scope, funding source, types of local governments served, type of services offered, costs, and key watershed agreement outcomes the technical assistance addresses).

Technical Assistance Inventory and Gap Analysis

- Define and analyze gaps (regions, types of local governments, types of services offered, watershed agreement outcomes covered, etc.) in existing technical assistance programs.
- Recommend approach to fill gaps in technical assistance to local governments to drive increased implementation towards meeting watershed agreement outcomes.

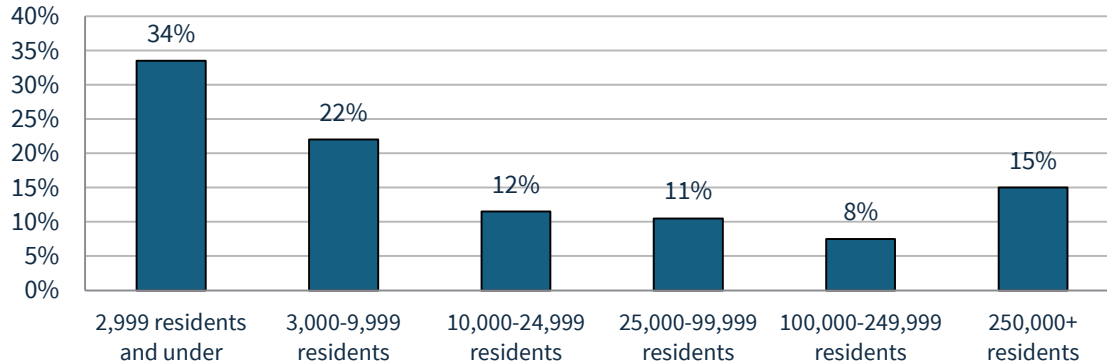
Local Leadership Survey

Findings and Figures

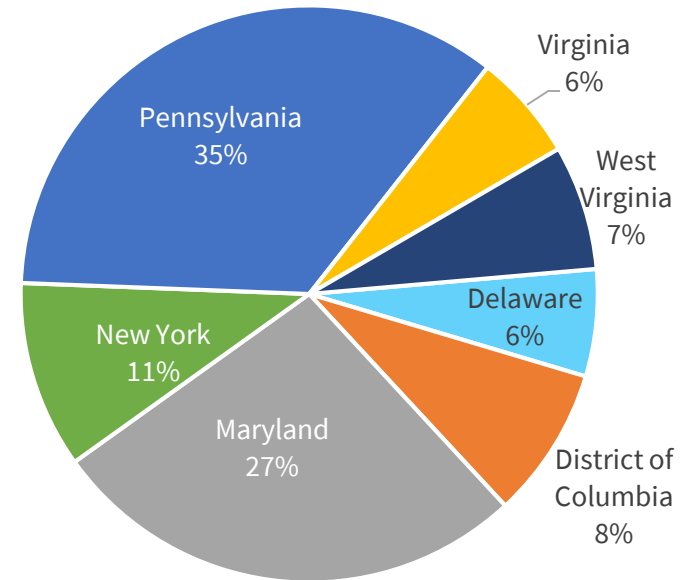
Local Leadership Survey

- 200 respondents from communities in all six states in the Bay watershed and Washington, D.C.

Community Population

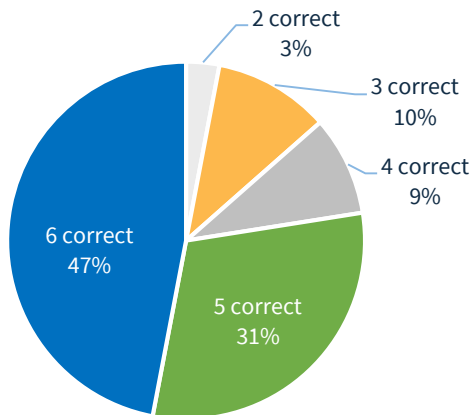


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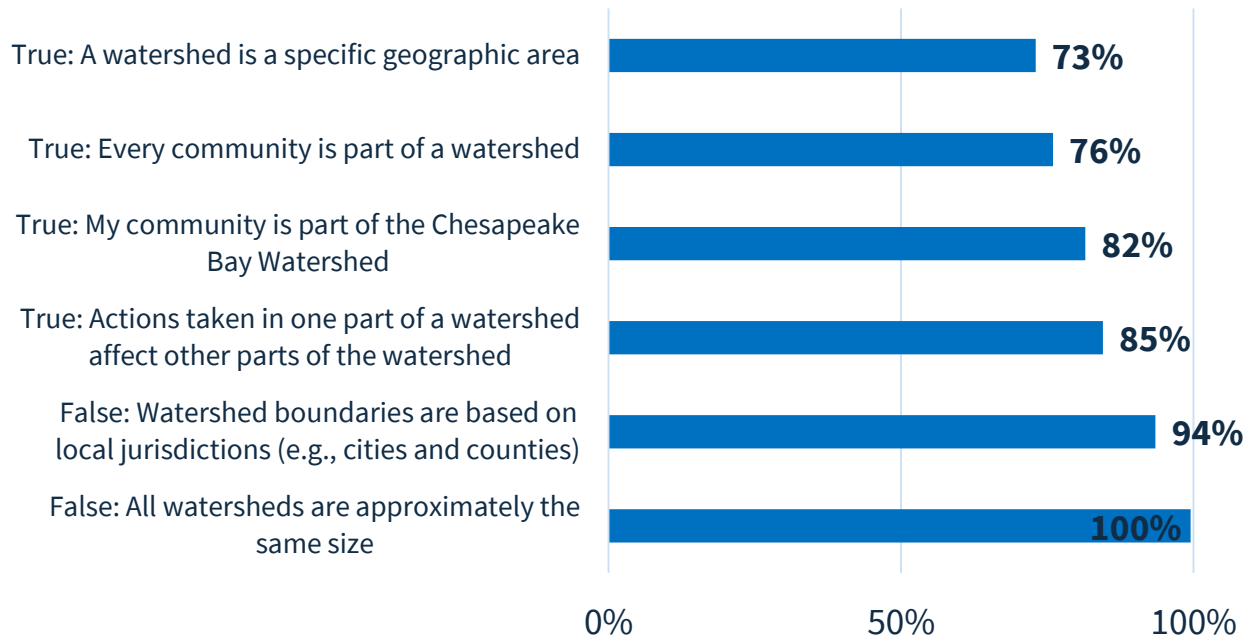


Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

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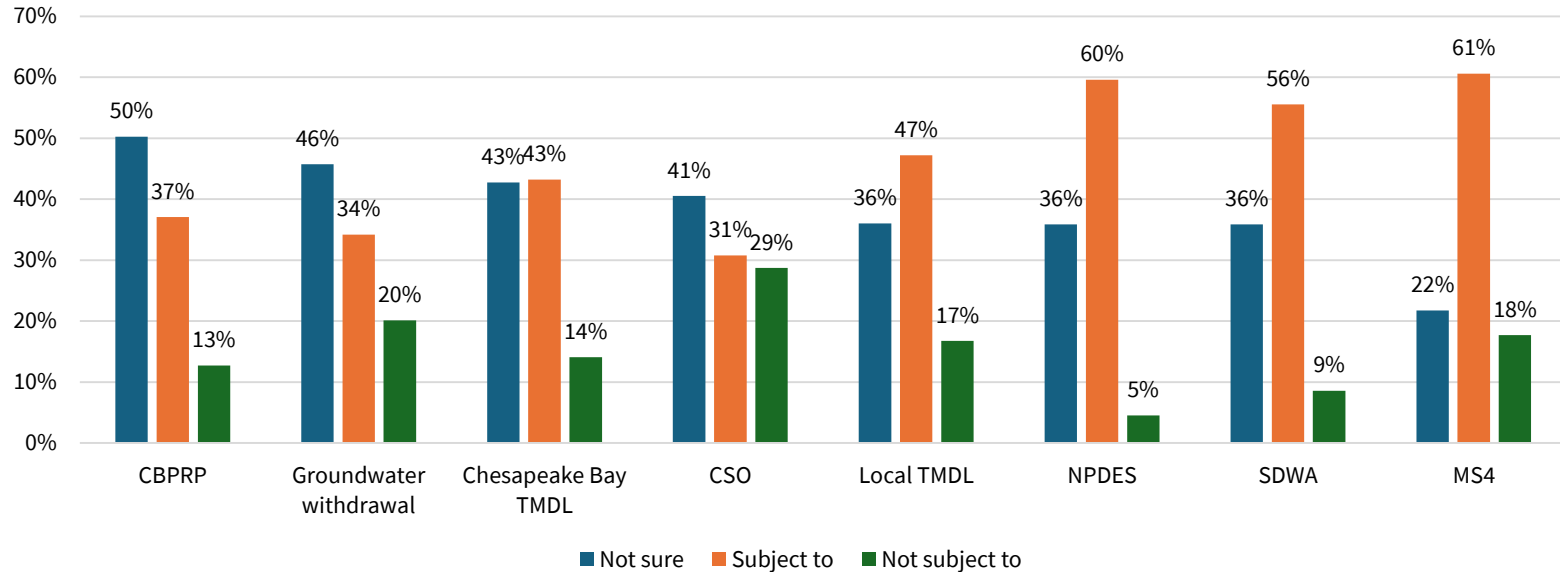


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Rules Community is Subject to

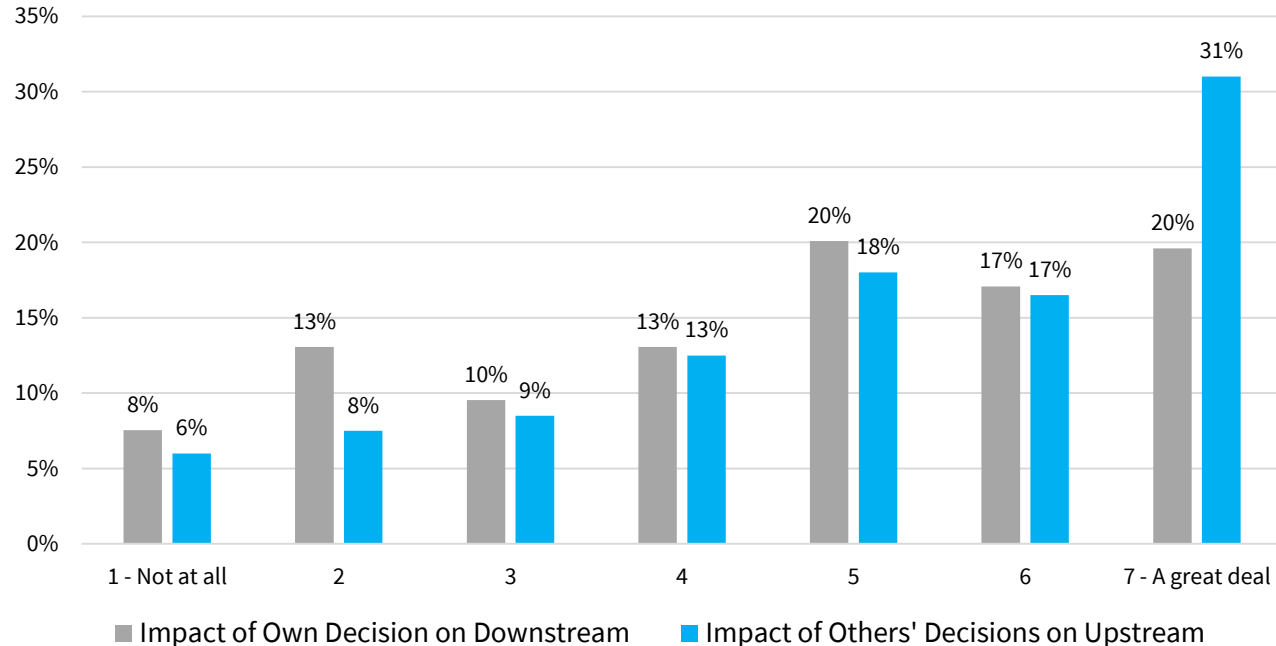


- Understanding of regulations was lowest for officials with less than 2 years experience and highest for those with 11+ years experience.

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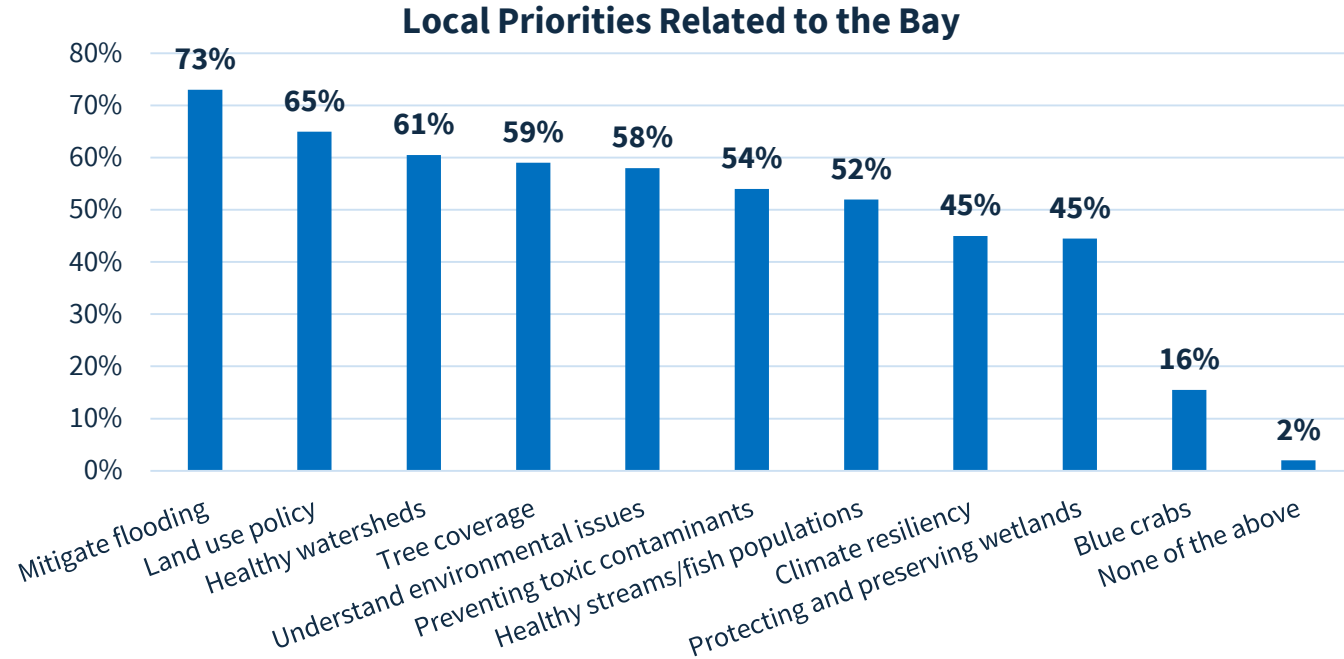
- Half (50%) think about downstream communities when making policy decisions. Respondents were more inclined to see others' decisions impacting their own communities vs. their decisions impacting other communities.

Perceived Impact of Decisions



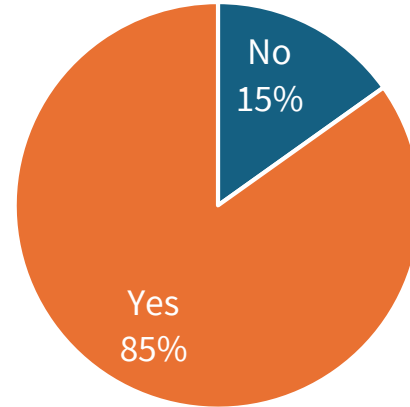
Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

- Mitigating flooding **remained** as a top local priority to water resources.



Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

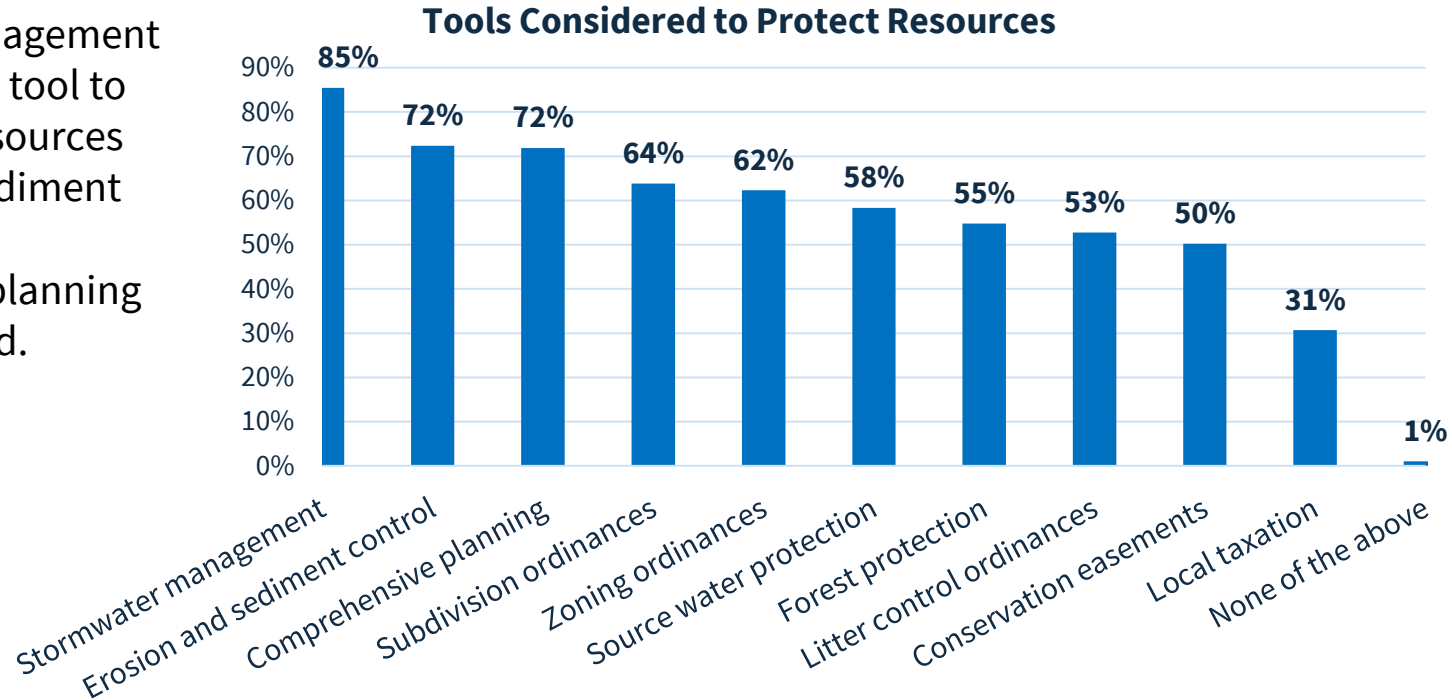
- **Majority** say they have a contact person to consult for more information on water resources or how to implement environmental policy.



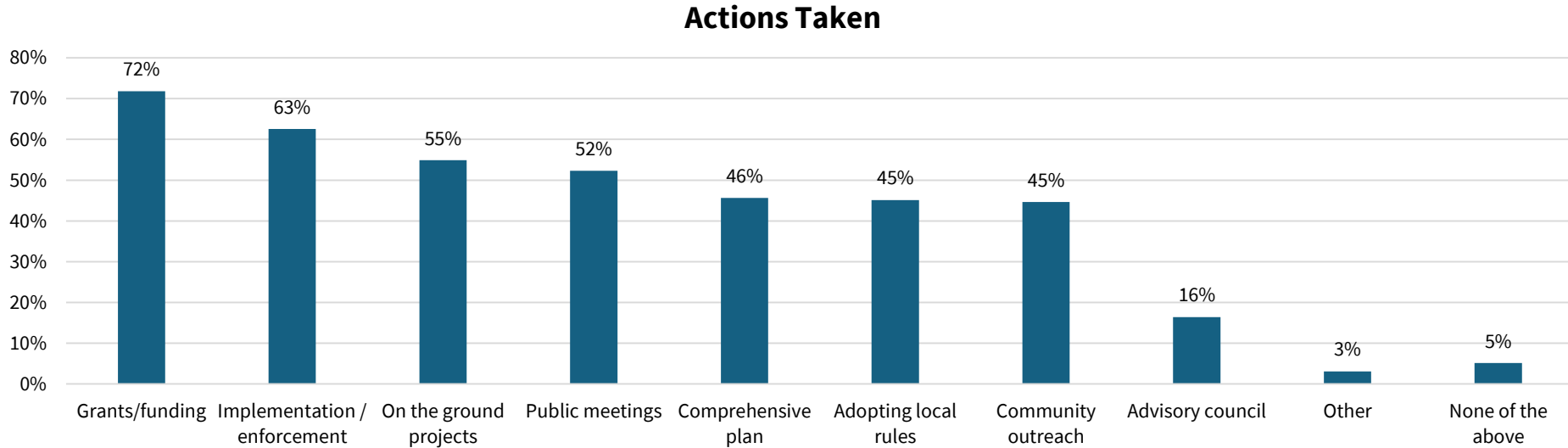
Question 15: If you had a question about water resources or how best to implement environmental policy, do you have a knowledgeable person or source you could go to for assistance?

Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

- Stormwater management **remained** as key tool to protect water resources with erosion/sediment control and comprehensive planning highly considered.



Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways



- Almost all respondents (95%) reported taking actions related to water resources.

Local Leadership Survey – Key Takeaways

- Smaller communities (especially those with fewer than 10,000 residents) **remained** lower in using tools, taking fewer actions, not understanding regulations as well, and lower knowledge scores.
- Officials in office longer (11+ years) **continued** to report less uncertainty about whether various federal regulations apply to their communities and a higher understanding of state regulations.

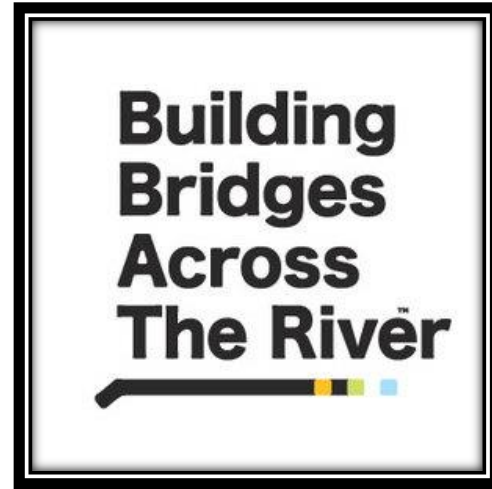
Local Leadership Next Steps

- *How will the LLWG utilize this information moving forward?*
- *What are the key areas the LLWG is looking to focus on in the future?*

DC Peer to Peer Tour

*Facilitating Equitable Access to
Greenspace*

DC Peer to Peer



P2Ps in all watershed
jurisdictions!



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Thank you!

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