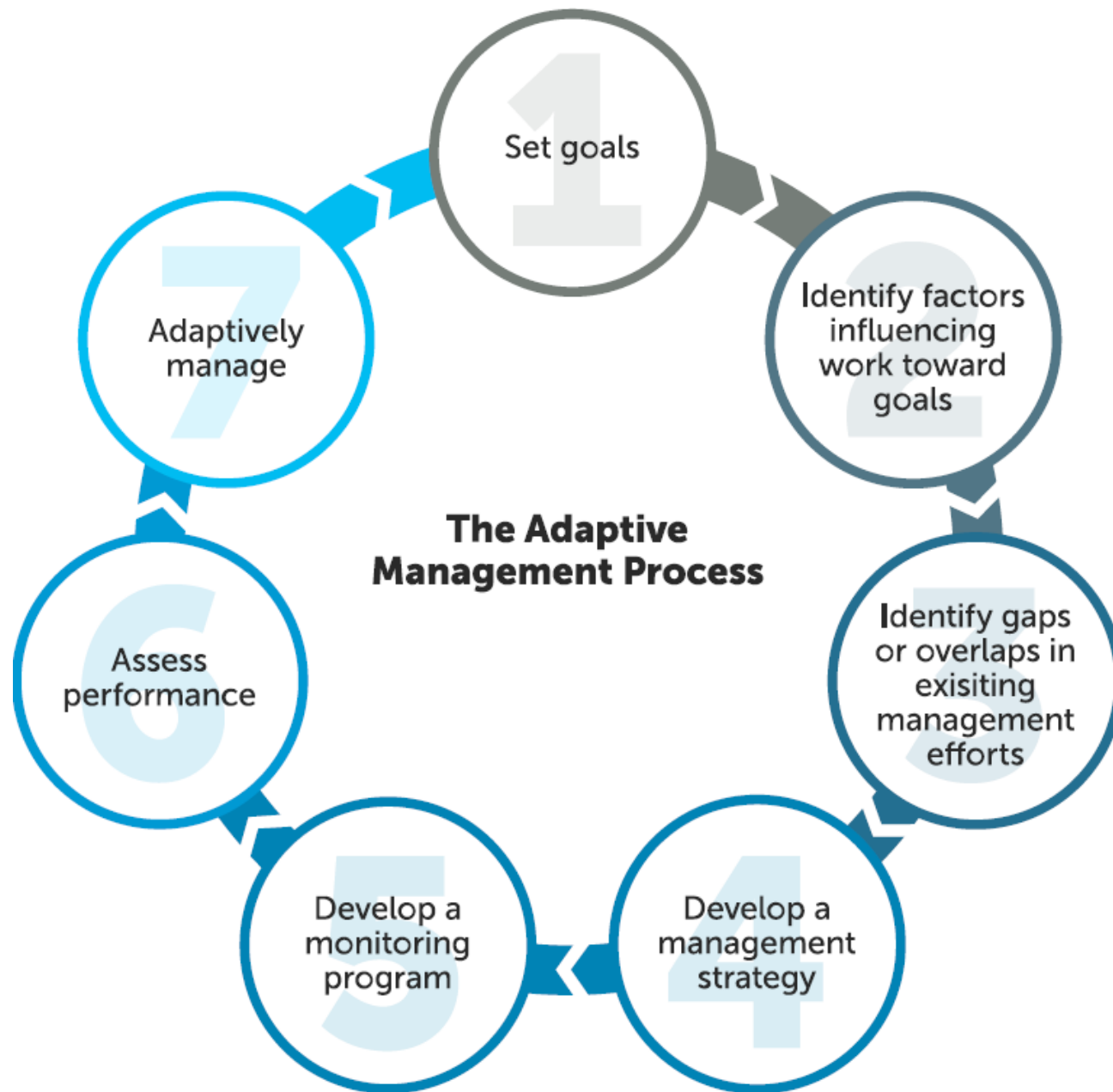


Wetland Workgroup Meeting

SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

Welcome & Introductions

- NAME, ORGANIZATION, TITLE OR AREA OF EXPERTISE



Our Meeting Purpose & Goals

Purpose: To update the Wetlands Workgroup **Management Strategy** and **Workplan**

Objectives:

1. Identify the **barriers** to the progress to meet the Management Strategy
2. Have a robust conversation about **ways we can achieve our goal**

Today's Agenda

- Welcome & Opening Comments
- What Keeps Us from Getting Wetland Acres in the Ground?
- Break (10 minutes)
- Four Ways to Achieve Our Goals
- Wetlands BMP Expert Panel Report
- The Way Forward
- Adjourn (1:00pm)

Wetlands Outcome

Continually **increase the capacity of wetlands** to provide **water quality and habitat benefits** throughout the watershed.

Create or reestablish **85,000 acres** of tidal and nontidal wetlands and enhance the function of an additional **150,000 acres of degraded wetlands** by 2025.

These activities may occur in any land use (including urban) but **primarily occur in agricultural or natural landscapes**.

Visual Discussion!

- Use Mentimeter to provide input to our two questions.
 - Obtain Wifi access
 - Go to www.menti.com
 - Type in code: **542130**
- Responses will generate a word cloud
- Use respective codes for each question
 - Submit your response(s) (up to 10)
 - Responses are limited to 25 characters
 - Assess our responses
 - Compare to responses from 2016



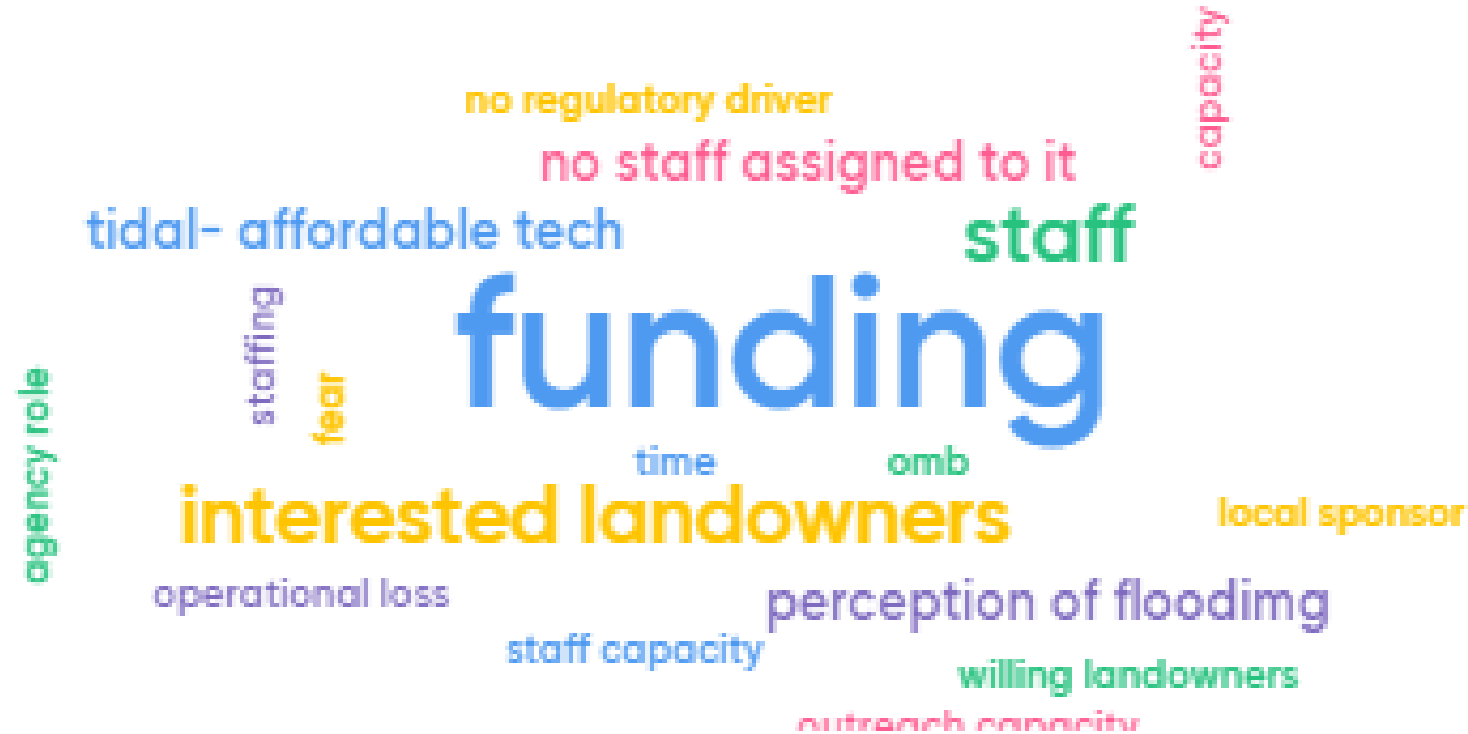
What keeps us from getting wetland acres in the ground?

1. What are the things that have **limited our** ability to get this work done?
2. What keeps **you** from getting wetland acres in the ground?

What limits our ability to get wetland acres in the ground?



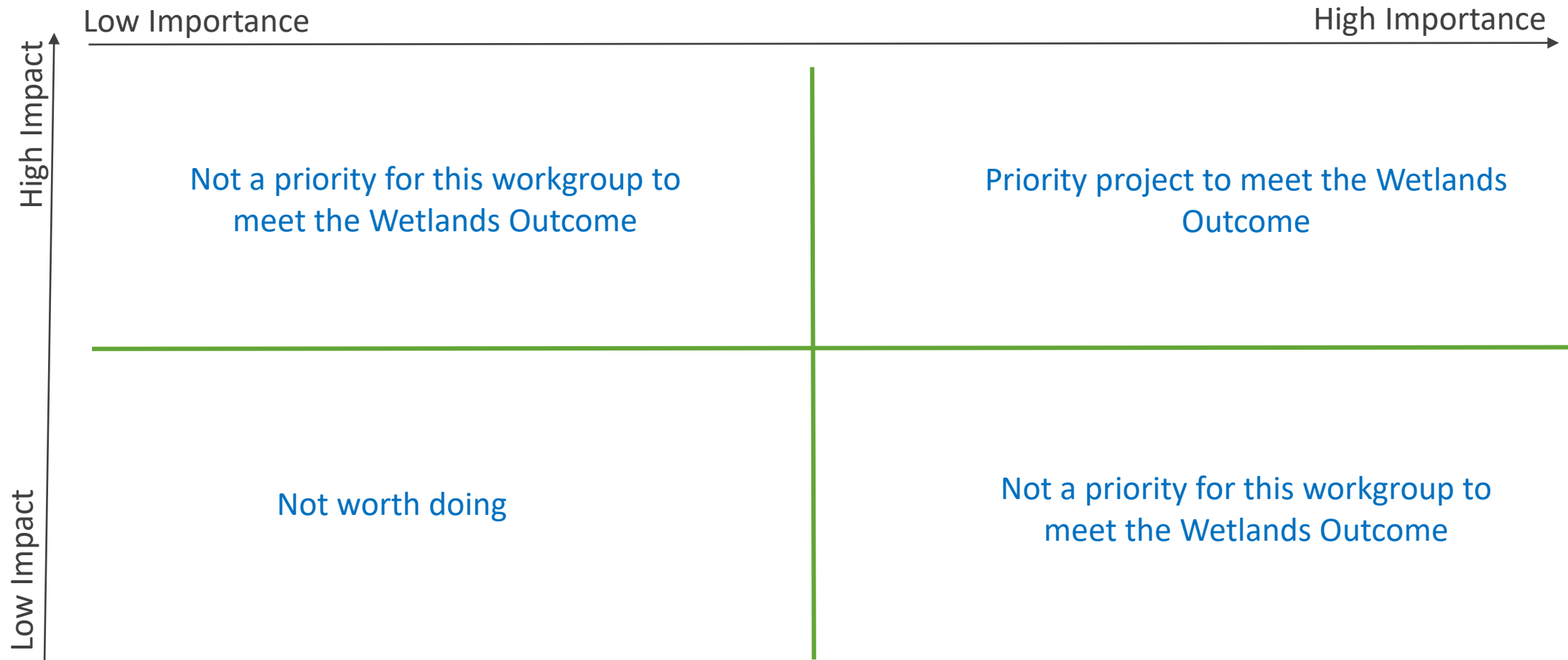
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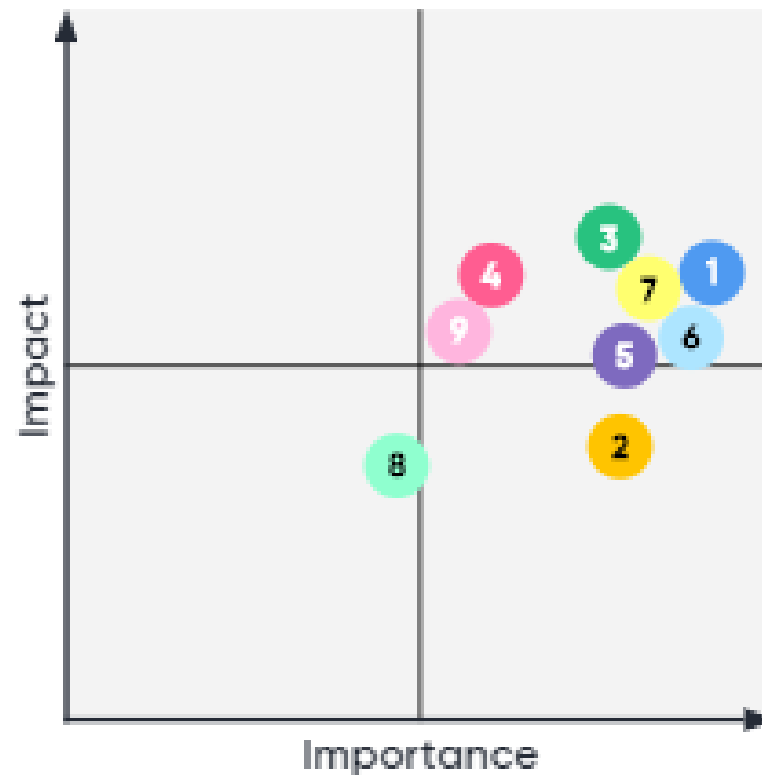
Existing Barriers

- **Climate change**
- **Funding**
- Inaccurate and incomplete **reporting**
- Landowner **willingness/ marketing and outreach**
- **Understanding** the importance of restoration among **decision makers**
- Technical **understanding** among **restoration practitioners**

Barriers Assessment



Prioritize Barriers



- 1 Funding and incentives
- 2 Climate Change
- 3 Communication
- 4 Reporting
- 5 Staffing/resources
- 6 Landowners
- 7 Political will/commitment
- 8 Permitting
- 9 Technical design

Break

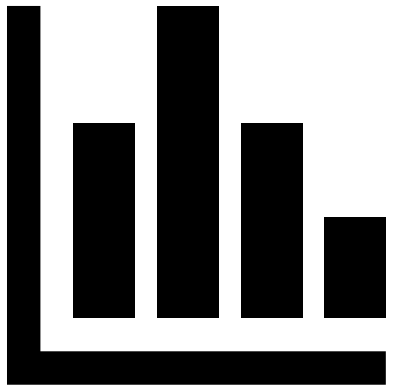
- RETURN BY 11:25 AM
- PHONE LINE REMAINS OPEN AND ON MUTE DURING BREAK
- SUBMIT YOUR INDEX CARTS/CHAT FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDA TOPICS

Current Management Approaches

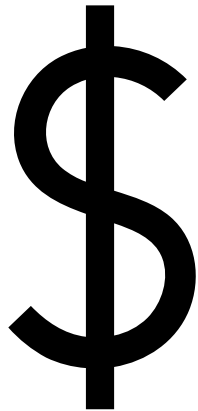
- **Reporting** (NEIEN)
- **Prioritization** (geographic)
- Identify and Develop **Solutions to Barriers** to Accelerating **Wetland Restoration**
- Increase Technical **Understanding of Factors** that Influence **Restoration Project Success**
- **Local Engagement**
- Approaches Targeted to **Local Participation**

Four Ways to Approach Our Goals

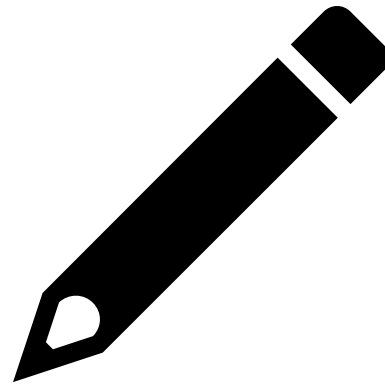
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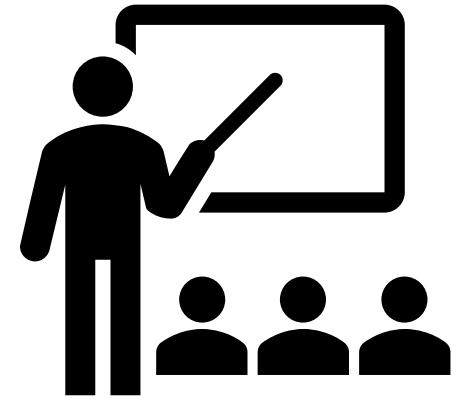
FUNDING



**EDUCATION &
OUTREACH**

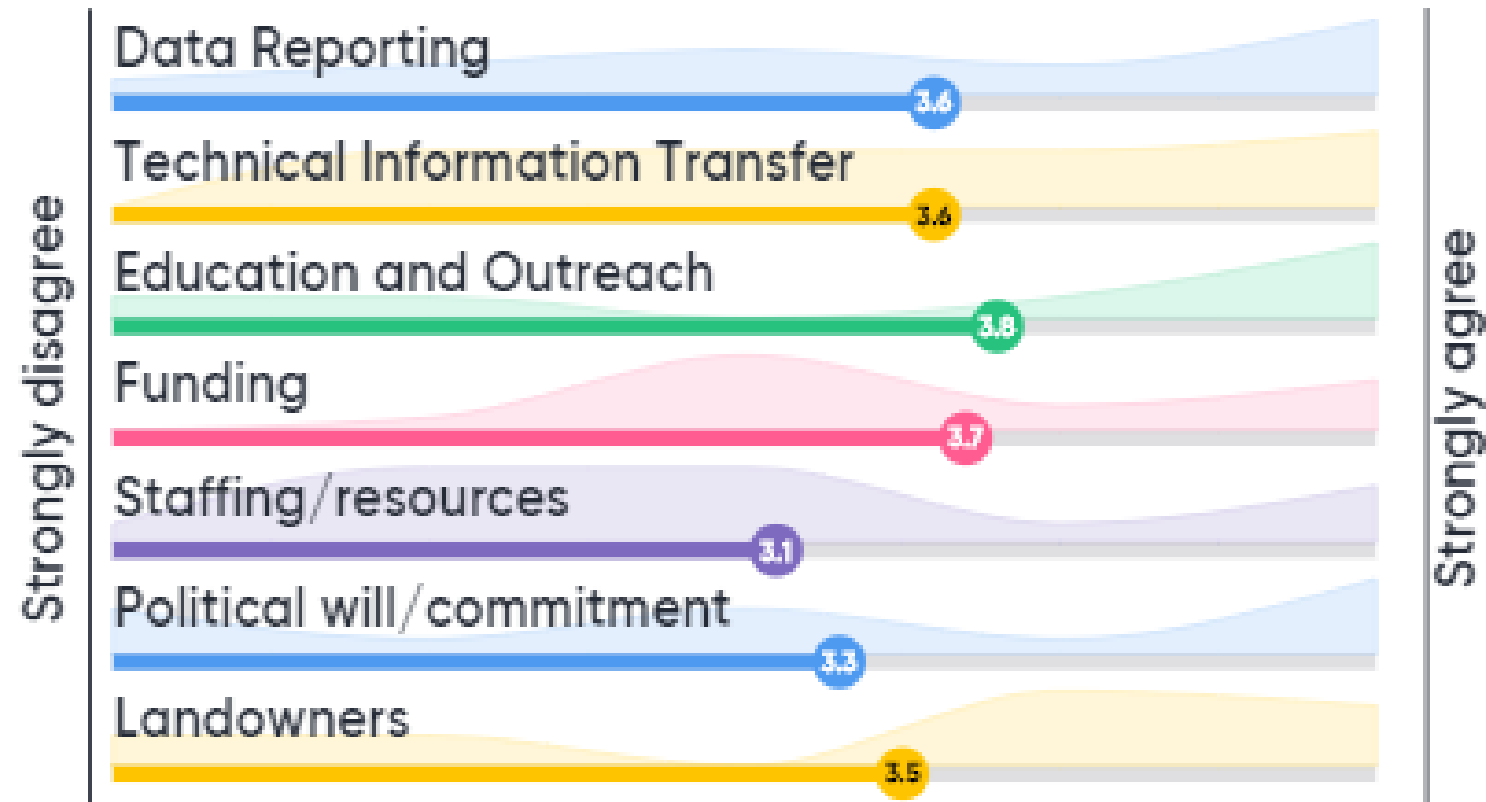


**TECHNICAL INFORMATION
TRANSFER**



Current Management Approaches	Four Ways to Approach Our Goals	Quadrant Assessment for Prioritized Barriers
Reporting (NEIEN)	Data	
Prioritization (geographic)		
Solutions to Barriers to accelerate wetlands restoration		
Technical understanding of factors influencing restoration project success	Technical Information Transfer	
Local engagement	Education & Outreach	
Local participation	Education & Outreach	
	Funding	

Ways of Reaching Our Goals



Wetlands BMP Expert Panel Report

- NEELY LAW, PANEL CHAIR
- JEREMY HANSON, PANEL COORDINATOR

Consensus Continuum



The Way Forward

- Our progress
- Next steps/action items, parking lot
- Call for landowner contacts
- Next meeting date(s)
- Future workgroup meeting agenda topics

Points of Contact

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Thank you for your participation!