

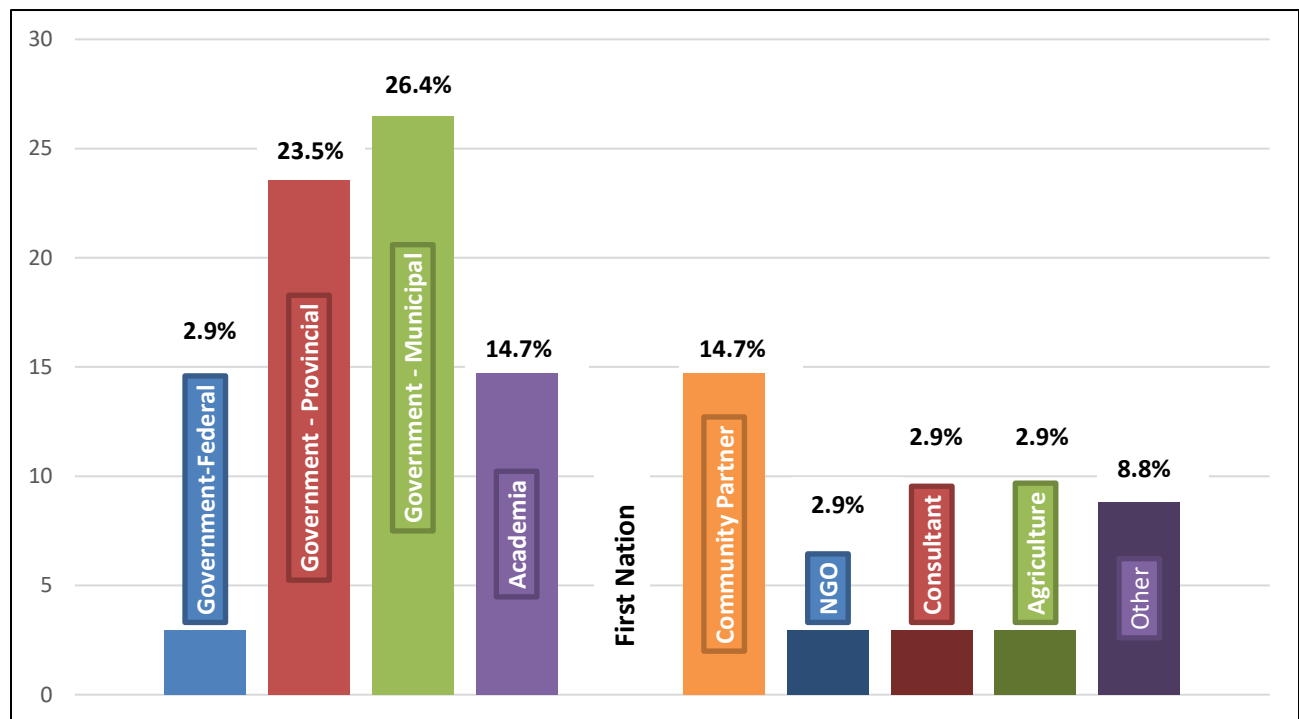
Environmental Monitoring Strategy Community Partners Engagement Survey Results

Total Survey Responses = 34

The community partners engagement survey was sent to over 50 people. A list of survey participants was generated by the Integrated Management Team based on whether the person has had direct involvement with Kawartha Conservation programs or projects over the years. We also targeted community types that might benefit from our technical services. Our goal was to connect with people that were willing to provide constructive feedback on the survey.

Question # 1 – What community type do you represent?

- *Out of the 34 responses we received, we were fortunate to have one or more responses from all community types except one. The only community type that was not represented was First Nations. A survey was sent to this community type, but we have not received a response yet. Almost half of the participants came from either a Provincial or Municipal partner (49.9%), with academia and community partners coming in second with 14.7%. The OTHER community type consisted of a retired MNR and Environmental Consultant, volunteer, and lake resident.*

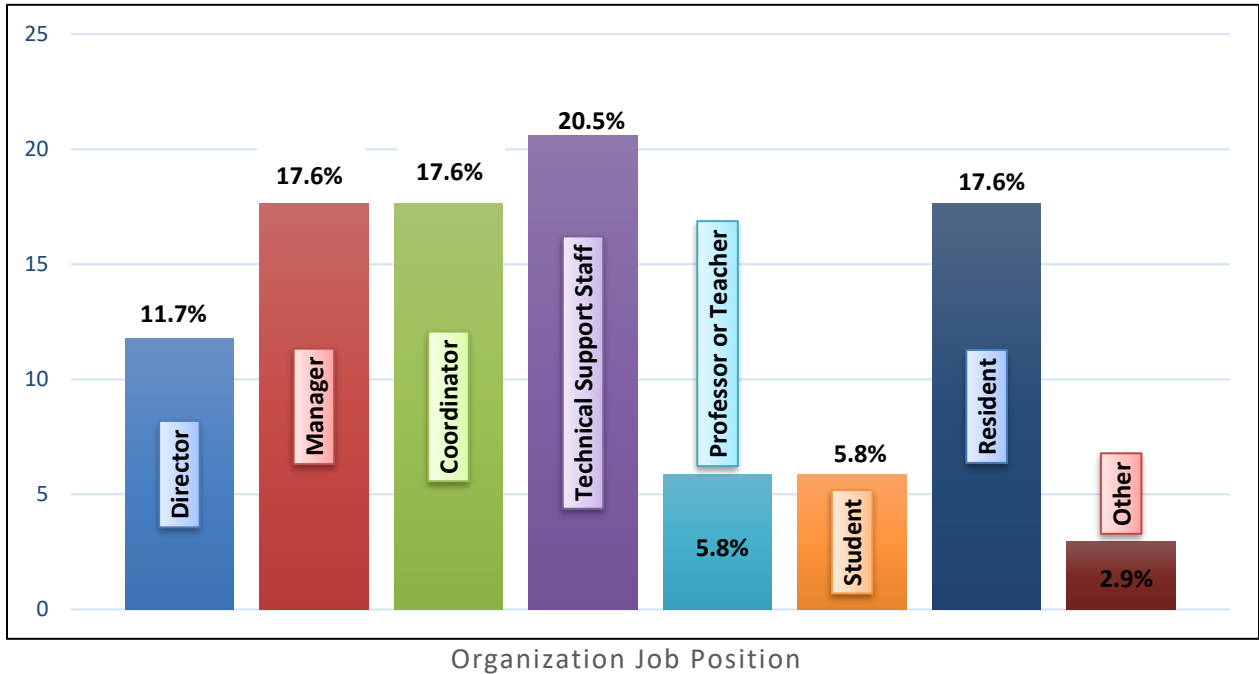


Community Type Representation

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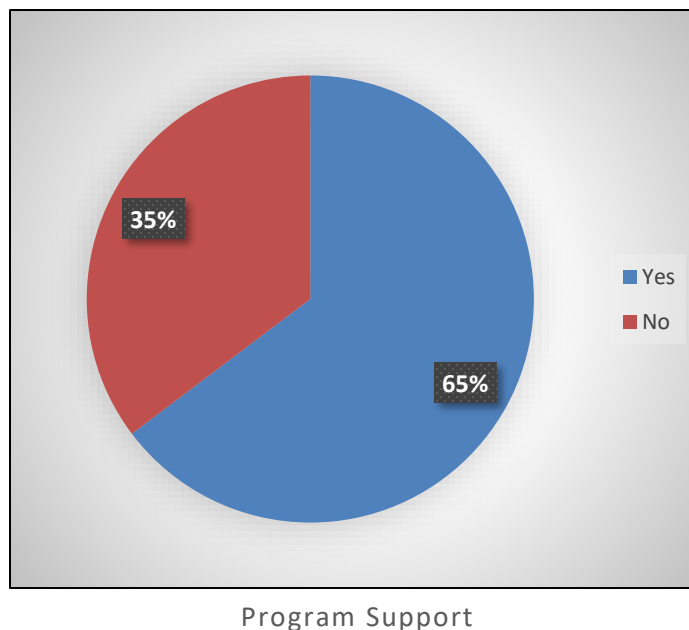
Question # 2 - How would you describe your role at your organization?

- *There was a very high percentage of upper management job roles that participated in this survey, followed by technical staff and community residents. The other category consisted of a volunteer, hired aid.*



Question # 3 – Has your organization been involved in or provided financial support towards any environmental projects over the years?

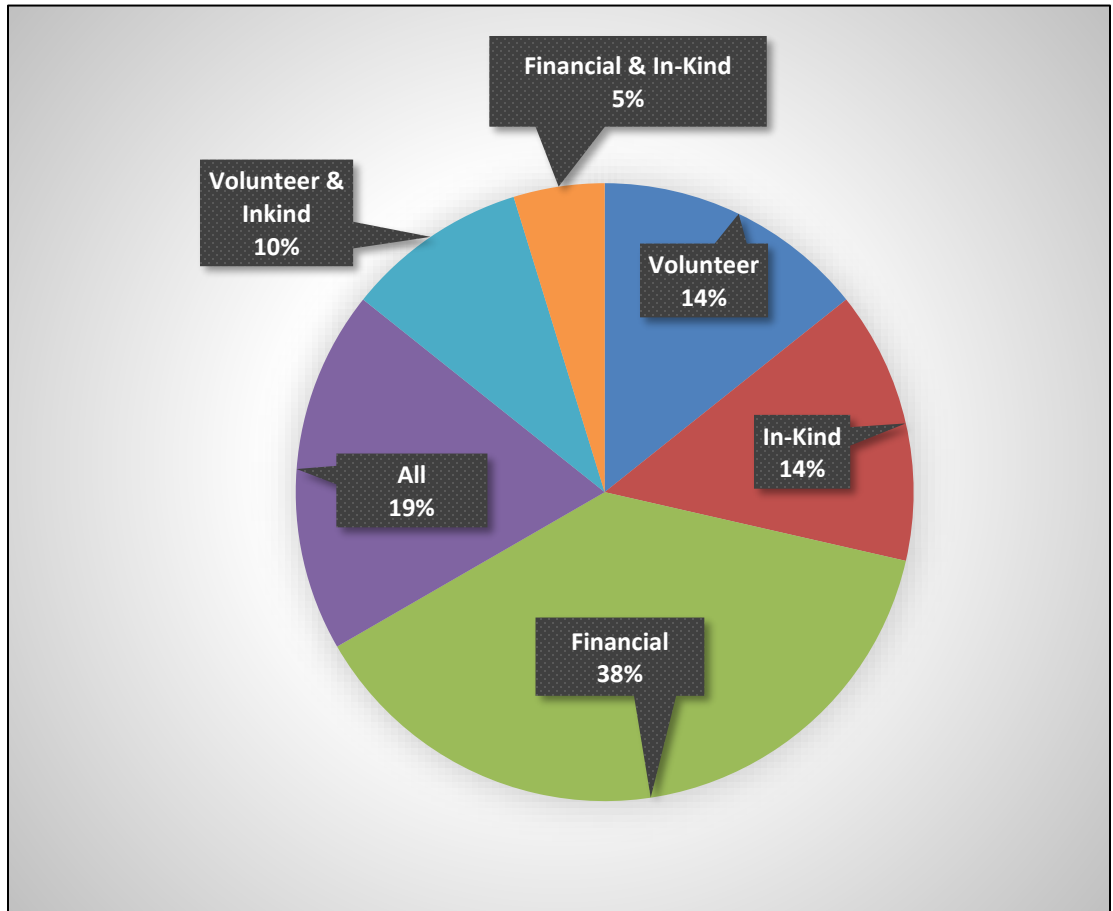
- *65% of survey responses have been involved or provided financial support towards our projects over the years, with only 35% answering No to this question.*



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Question # 4 – Please indicate what type of contribution your organization has made?

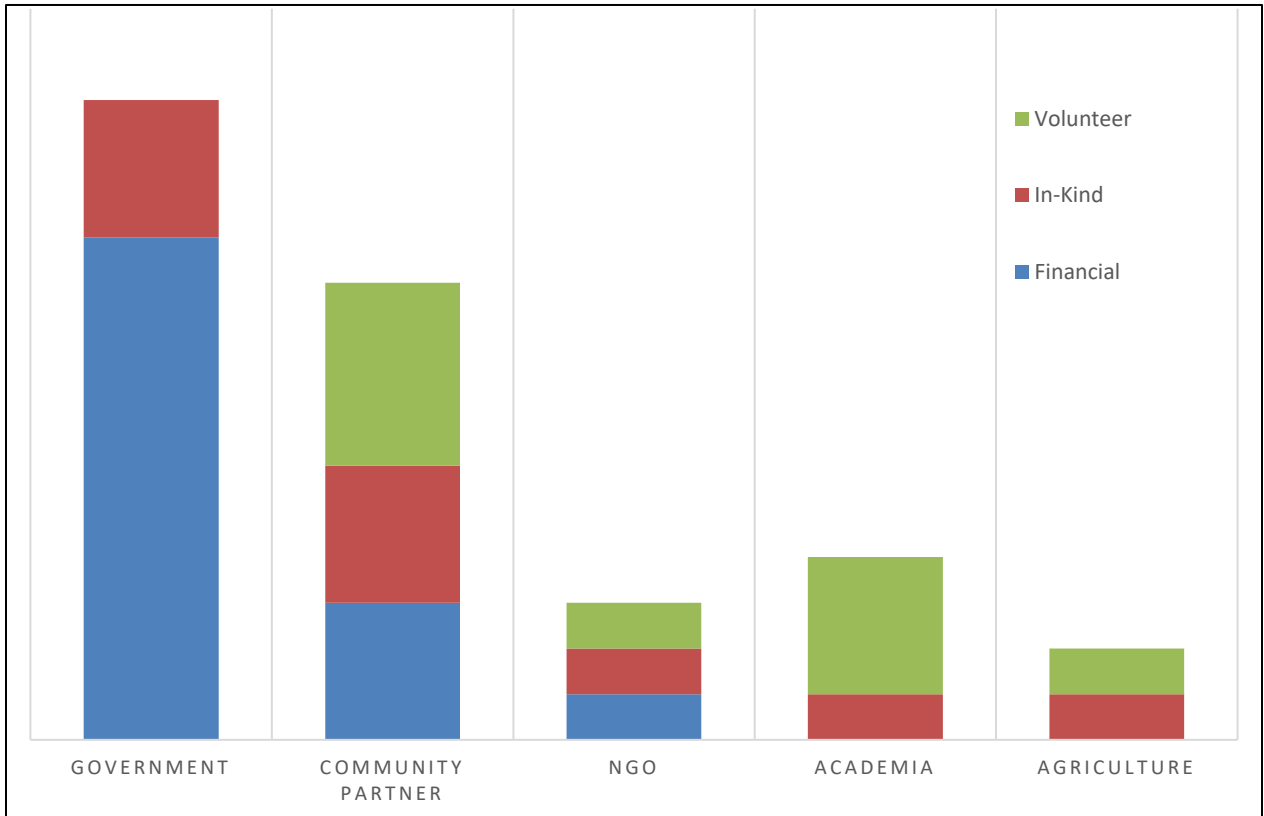
- *Out of the 22 responses that answered “Yes” to the previous question, financial support was the main contribution at 38%. The second type of contribution came in at 19%, and this included all types, with in-kind contribution and volunteering tied at 14%. Some responses indicated that they have provided both Financial and In-kind support as well as Volunteer and In-kind.*



Contribution Type

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- *This graph represents the breakdown of support by organization type. As you can see majority of our financial support comes from all levels of government, community partners and NGO organizations. Academia and agricultural sector tend to contribute more through In-kind and volunteer opportunities.*

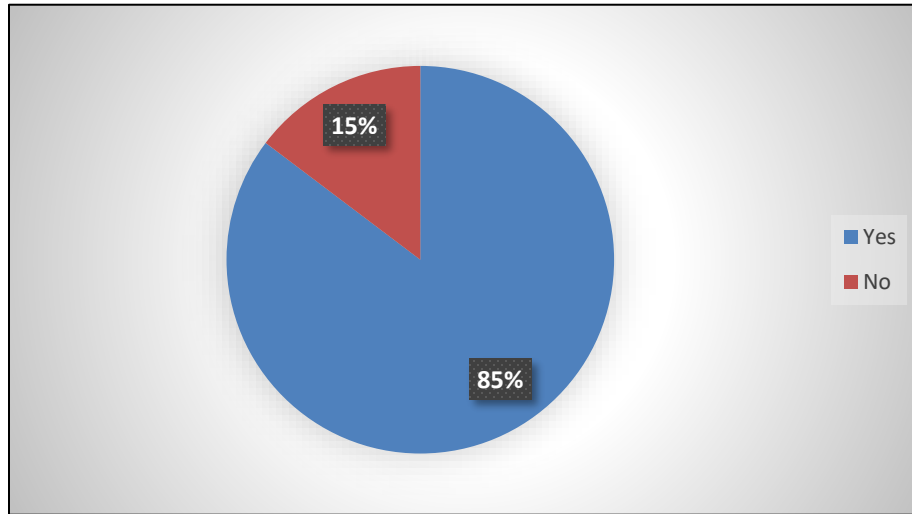


Organization vs Support Type

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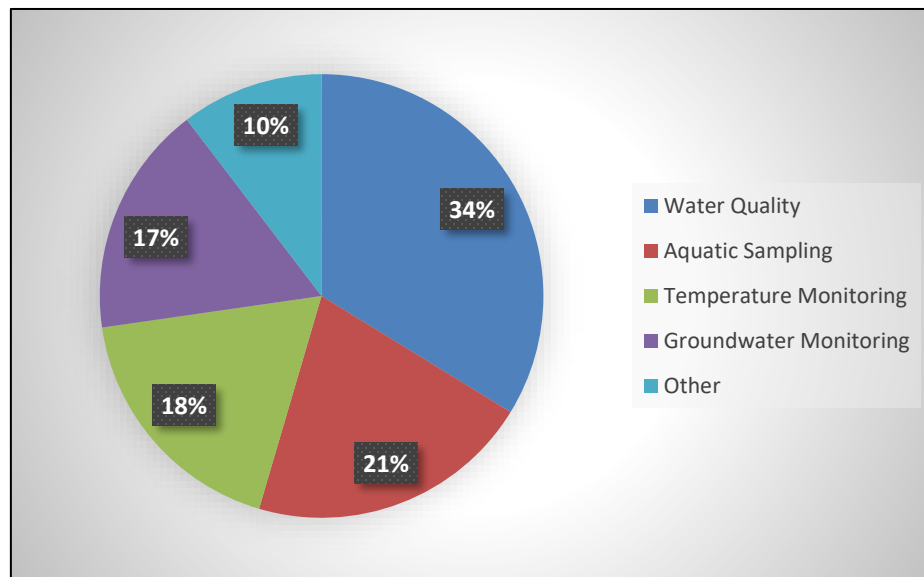
Question # 5 – Are you familiar with any of the current environmental programming we do?

- For this question we expected all survey participants to be familiar with our programming, but it turns out 15% of the survey participants were not familiar. Those not familiar included participants from municipal government and a resident.



Program Awareness

- Out of the 29 responses who said “Yes” to being familiar with our current environmental programming, water quality and aquatic sampling were two of the most recognized with temperature and groundwater monitoring being less familiar. Other areas in which we were known for by community partners included wetland monitoring, Ecological Land Classification (ELC), Climate and Hydrometric monitoring, Beach Monitoring, Bacteriological Sampling and Flood Forecasting and Warning.

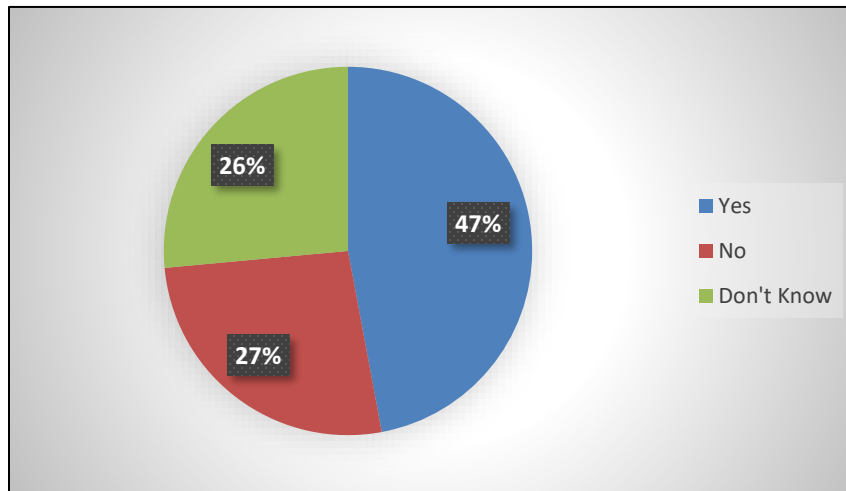


Program Awareness Breakdown

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Question # 6 – Does Kawartha Conservation currently provide environmental data to your organization?

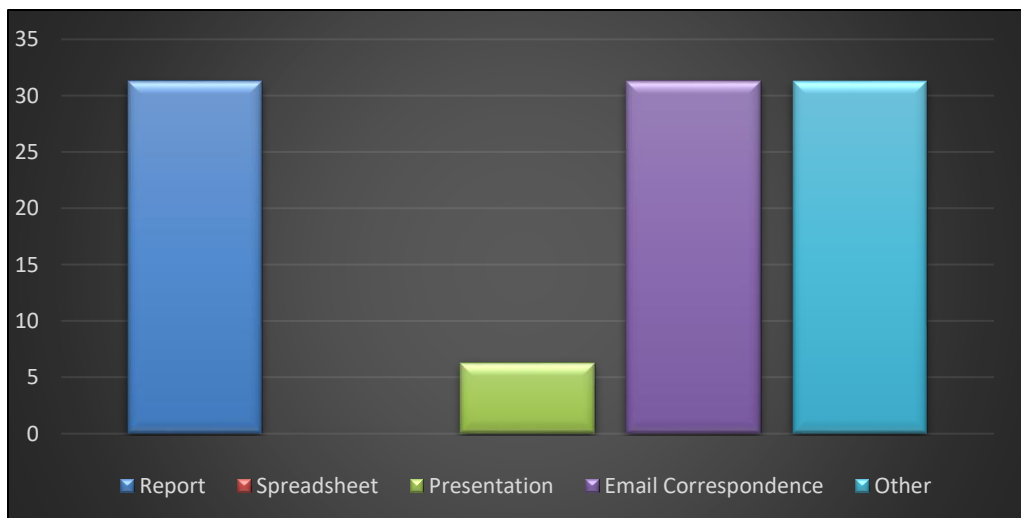
- *Almost half of the responses indicated that Kawartha Conservation does provide environmental information to their organizations, while just over 25% indicated that Kawartha does not provide data or that they did not know. Organizations that fell within that percent bracket included government (provincial and municipal), academia, agriculture, community partner and NGO.*



Provider of Data

Question # 7 – What is the current format of data delivery?

- *For those 47% of the survey responses that answered “Yes” to Kawartha Conservation providing data to their organization, the most common methods of data delivery included reports, email correspondence and other. Some of the items listed in the “Other” category included information being delivered at meetings, downloading data directly from some of our monitoring stations and through fax distribution.*

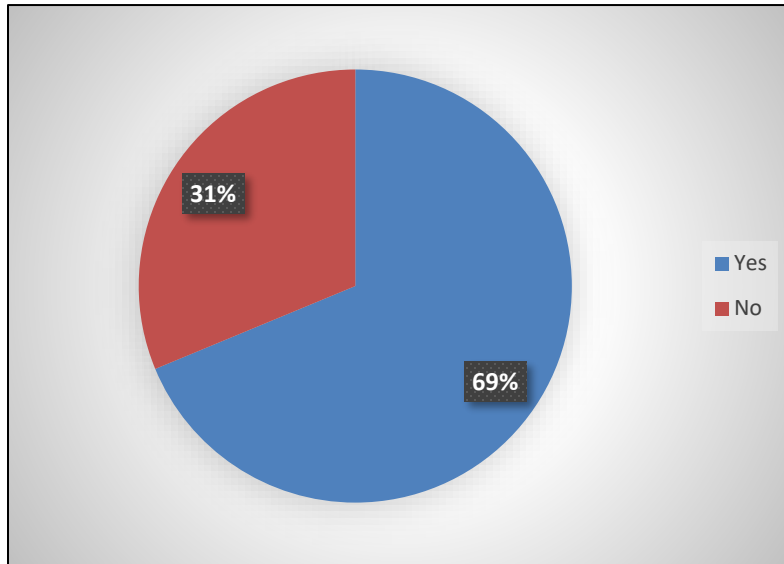


Data Delivery Breakdown

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Question # 8 – Does your organization have any environmental plans or strategic documents that focus on environment?

- 69% of the survey responses indicated that their organizations do have environmental plans or strategic documents that focus on the environment.



Environmental Plans or Strategic Plans Focused on Environment

Of those 69% that said “Yes”, they also provided a list of those environmental plan or strategic plan documents being used within their organizations. Below is just a few of the documents that were provided.

City of Kawartha Lakes

- Strategic Plan 2020-2023
- Healthy Environment Plan (HEP)
- Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)
- The Canal and Mitchell Lakes, Talbot River and Whites Creek Sub Watershed Plans, 2016
- CKL Healthy Environment Plan Project Oversight Committee for the Safe Drinking Water Act

Region of Durham

- Strategic Regional Official Plan
- Climate Change Adaptation Plan (Natural Environmental Focus Sector)
- Conservation Authority Watershed/Sub watershed Plans
- Provincial Policy Statement
- Greenbelt Plan
- Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan
- Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

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Parks Canada

- Trent Severn Waterway Management Site Management Documents: <http://www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-mhs/on/trentsevern/info>
- Ontario Waterways Environmental Standards and Guidelines for Environmental Impact Assessment
- We also have many internal documents that describe our work. If more specific examples are of interest, I can provide.
- Environmental Services at Ontario Waterways is currently evolving, and several plans are in development or planned for development.

Government – Federal and Provincial

- Ontario Public Health Standards Recreational Water Protocol
- 2019 Operational Approaches for Recreational Water Guidelines
- 2018 Healthy Environments and Climate Change Guidelines, 2018
- Made – In – Ontario Environmental Plan
- MNRF has many plans and strategic documents, here are a few.
 - Forest Industry Division Strategic Plan, 2013
 - Sustainable Growth: Ontario Biodiversity Strategy
 - Ontario Provincial Fish Strategy
 - Various Multi Species Frameworks and Strategies

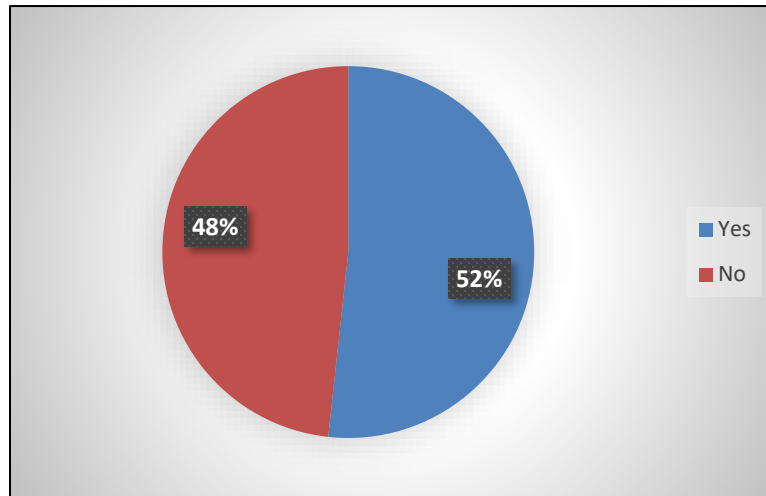
Other Comments

- Current Plans are relatively informal, and I am not aware of formal plans or documents. However, some may exist that I am unaware of.

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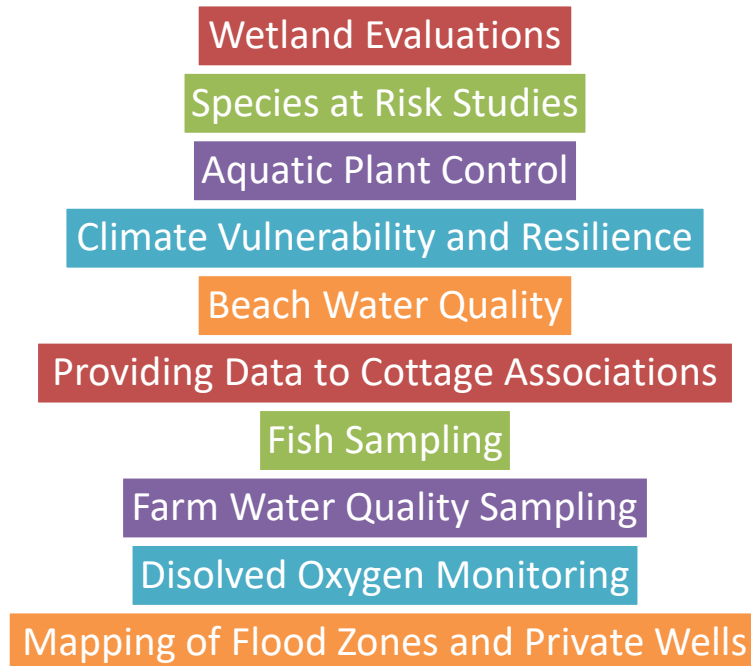
Question # 9 - Does your organization have any environmental data gaps that the Integrated Watershed Management Team could assist with?

- *Just over half of the survey responses indicated that their organization had environmental data gaps that the Integrated Watershed Management team could assist with.*



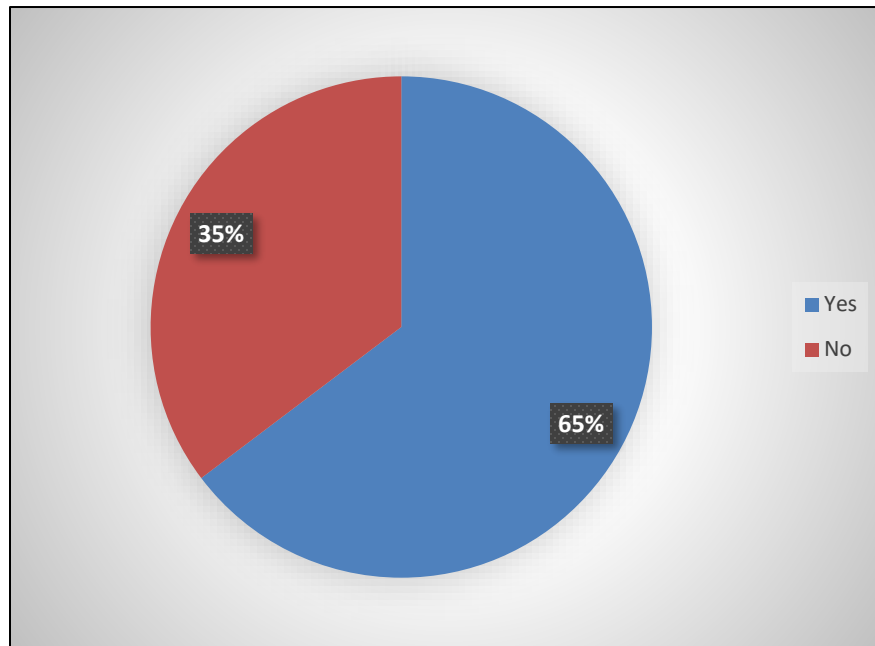
Environmental Data Gaps

- *Of those 52% that answered “Yes”, the list below represents the environmental data gaps that survey participants suggested Kawartha Conservation could assist with.*



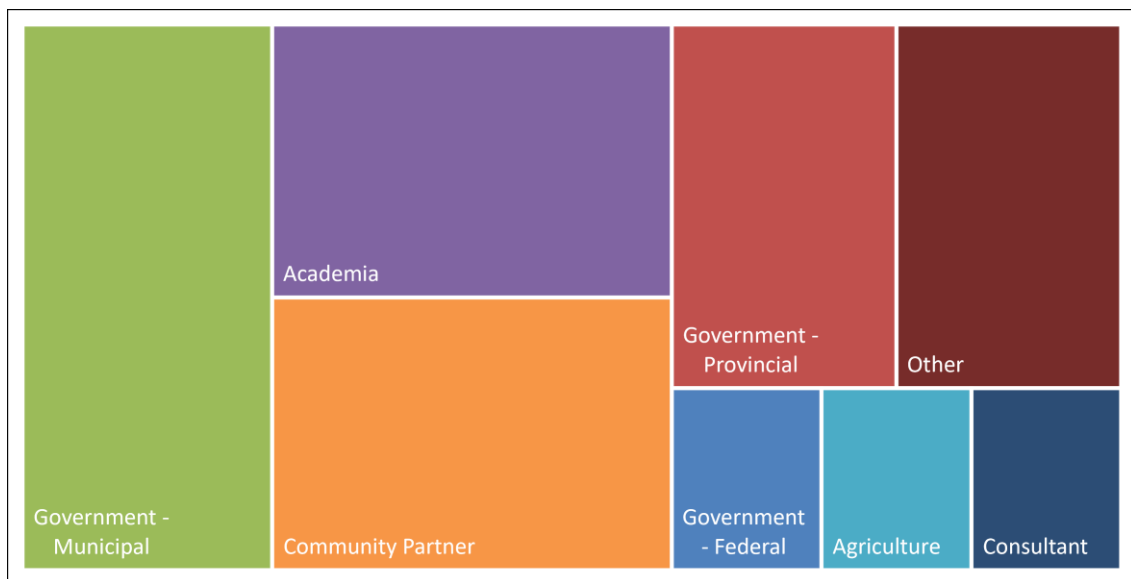
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Question # 10 – Would you be interested in participating in Kawartha Conservation Environmental Monitoring Strategy Guidance Group?



Strategic Guidance Group Interest

- *The graph below represents the distribution of community types that would like to be part of our Strategic Guidance group. This group will provide valuable input and guidance for the final Environmental Monitoring Strategy document. The strategic guidance group will be made up of 10 external partners and 3 Kawartha Staff. Our goal is to have an equal distribution of community types represented on this committee.*



Strategic Guidance Group – Community Type Distribution