Friends of the Rouge Program Review ARC Feedback Survey

December 2009



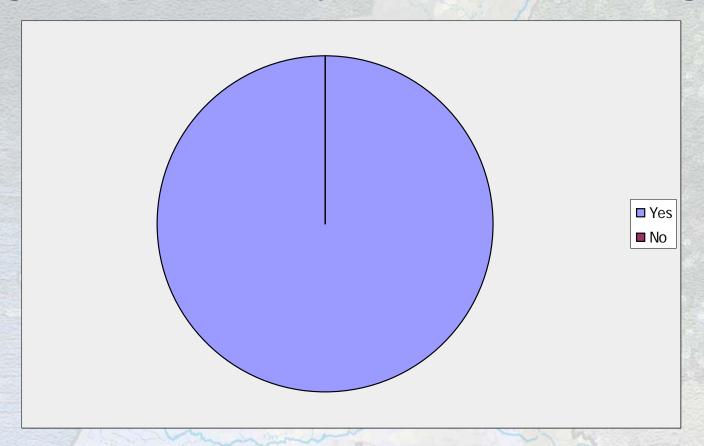
Survey Details

Used Survey Monkey (web-based)

19 respondents
(24% of ARC Communities)

32 questions

Question 1: Are you satisfied with the programs provided by Friends of the Rouge?



Comment: Enjoy a great working relationship with FOTR staff. Many of their programs support our MS4 permitting Public Education activities.

Answered question	19
Skipped question	0

Question 2: Please rate Friends of the Rouge's six programs on how valuable they are to the watershed.



Most valuable -----least valuable

Program	most valuable	second most valuable
Rouge Education Project	5	3
Frog & Toad Survey	1	1
Rouge Rescue	9	2
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Monitoring	2	6
River Restoration	2	6
Schoolyard Habitat	0	0

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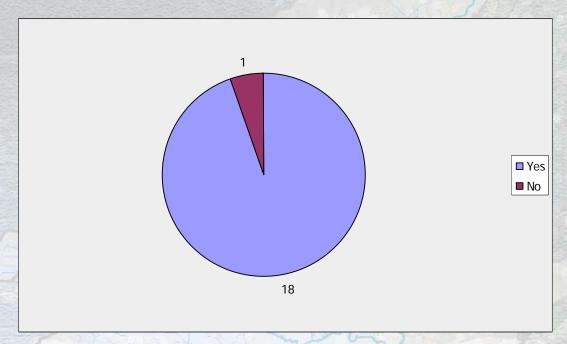
I think it all comes down to the number of individuals participating in a certain program.

I'm assuming you wanted them ranked most to least valuable; really they are all "most valuable" in my eyes.

FOTR brings a great educational component to the MS-4 Programs

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Question 3: Do you use the public participation and/or data collected by FOTR in your Storm Water Reports?

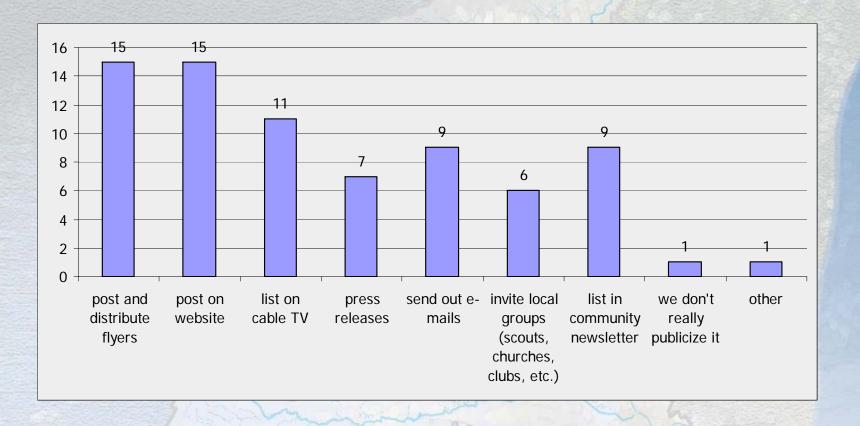


If no, why not?

- 1. Focus is on County-implemented programs only.
- 2. Sometimes. I do not have to use it for my report.

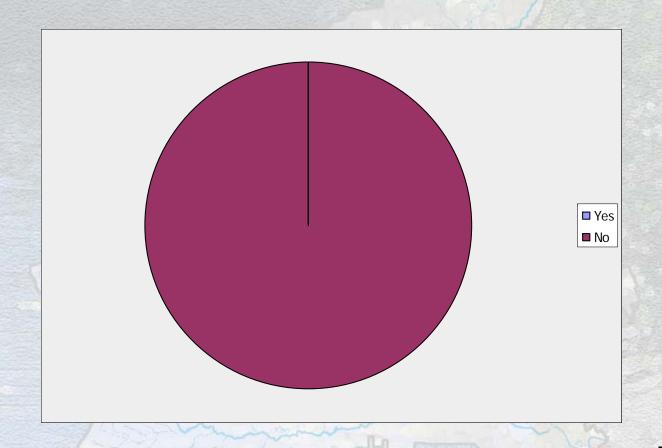
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Question 4: How do you publicize Rouge Rescue?



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Question 5: If you do not publicize Rouge Rescue, would you be willing to publicize it?

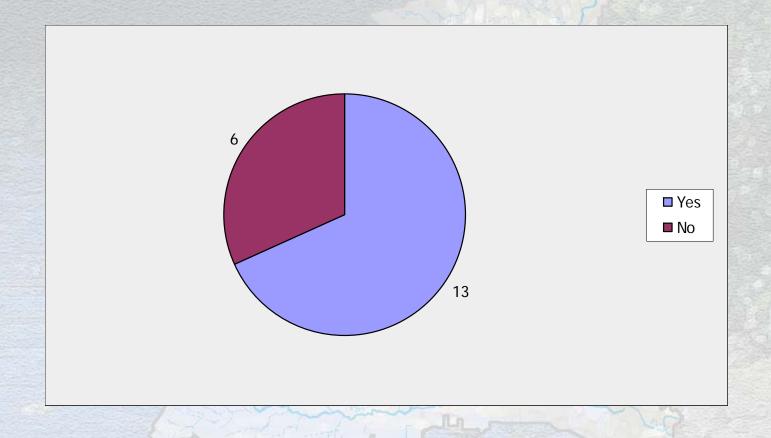


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No budget or method for advertising

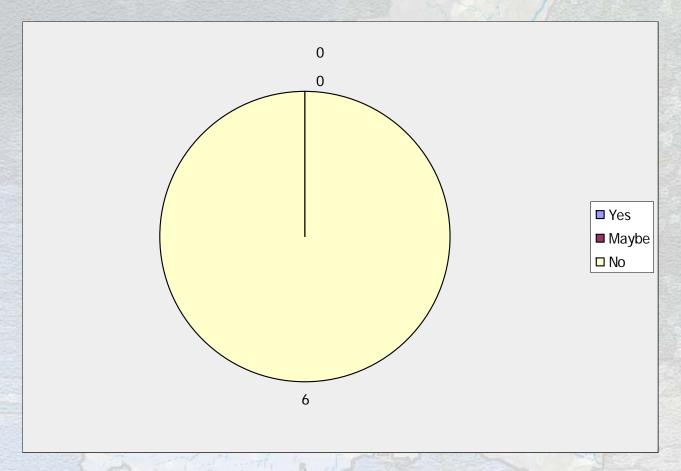
Answered question	1
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Question 6: Do you host a Rouge Rescue site?



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Question 7: If you do NOT host a site, are you willing to?



Answered question	6
Skipped question	13

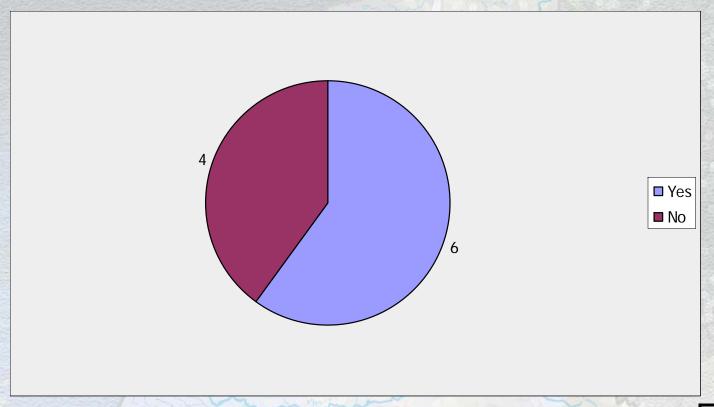
Question 7: If you do NOT host a site, are you willing to?

If MAYBE, what would convince you to do this? If NO, why not?

- 1. In the past, our event is outside of the Rouge, but it was still publicized by FOTR
- 2. We used to, not a glorious location no budget for overtime for employees to assist.

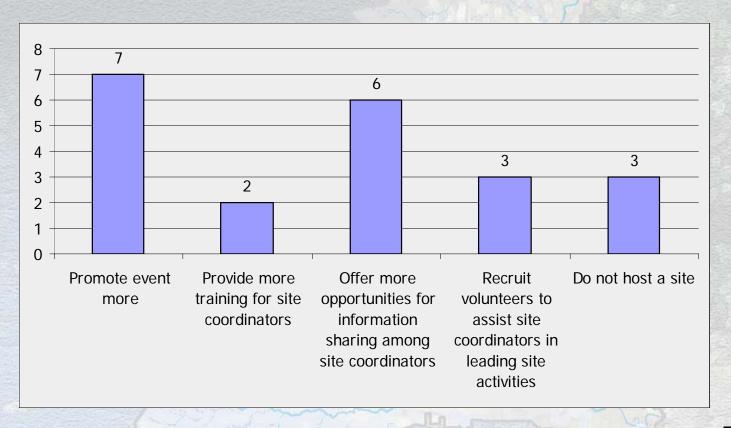
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Question 8: If you DO host a site, could FOTR help you improve it?



Answered question	10
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Question 9: What can FOTR do to help improve your Rouge Rescue site?



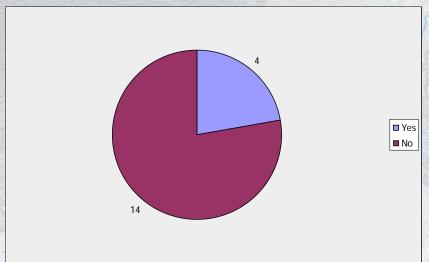
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Question 10: Have you attended the kick-off training and/or the wrap up meeting for site coordinators?



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Question 11: Do you have a list of neighborhood association contacts in your community that you could provide to Friends of the Rouge?

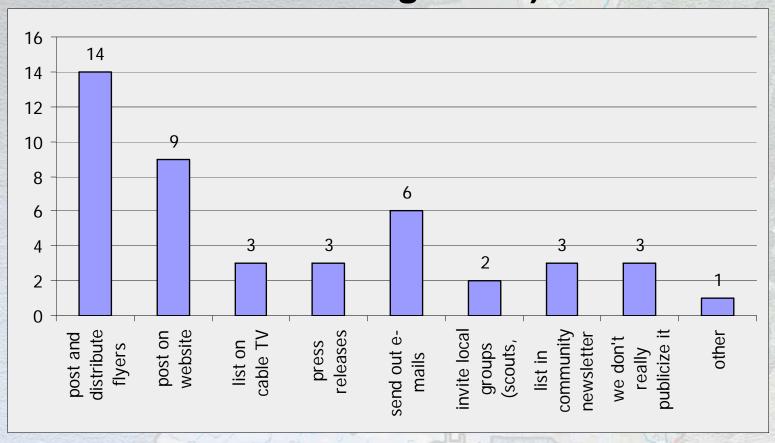


If yes, who should we contact?

- 1. Better to work through the community.
- 2. We cannot give out lists
- 3. The list is ever-evolving, but could supply the latest.
- 4. Forward information to Storm water contacts from communities. Do not have Community based lists.

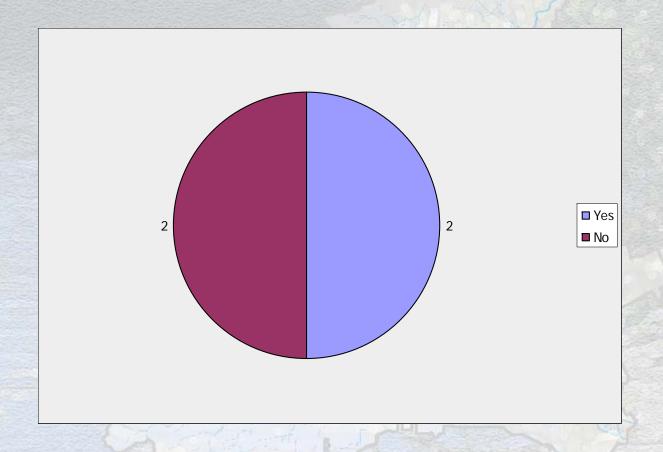
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Question 12: How do you publicize River Restoration (formerly called Riparian Corridor Management)?



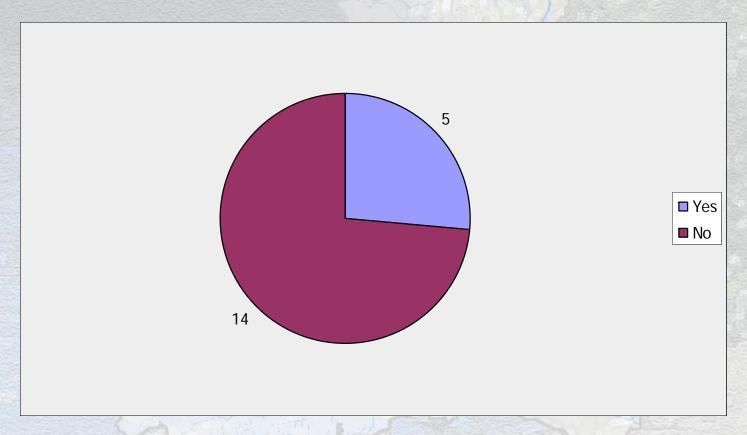
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Question 13: If you do not publicize River Restoration, would you be willing to publicize it?



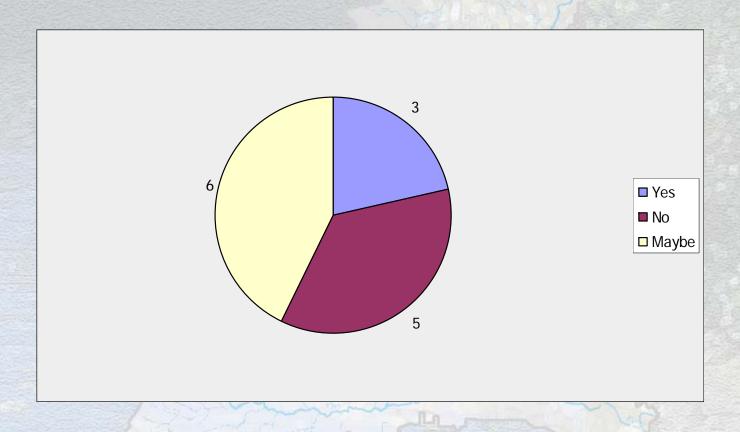
Answered question	4
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Question 14: Have you partnered with Friends of the Rouge to install a River Restoration project in your community?



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Question 15: If you have NOT partnered on a project, would you be interested in partnering on a project?



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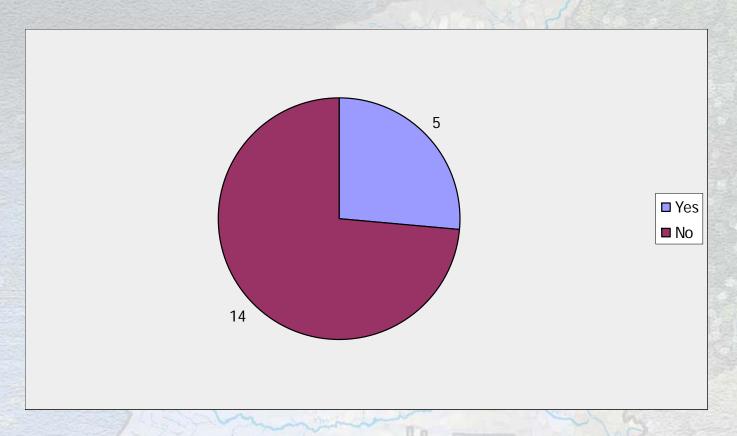
Question 15: If you have NOT partnered on a project, would you be interested in partnering on a project?

If yes, how?

- 1. Looking at doing it spring 2010
- 2. We did an ARC native planting project. The ground is terrible and full of unsuitable materials.
- 3. Help in coordinating the event.
- 4. Have partnered with Communities and FOTR on projects on several County Drains

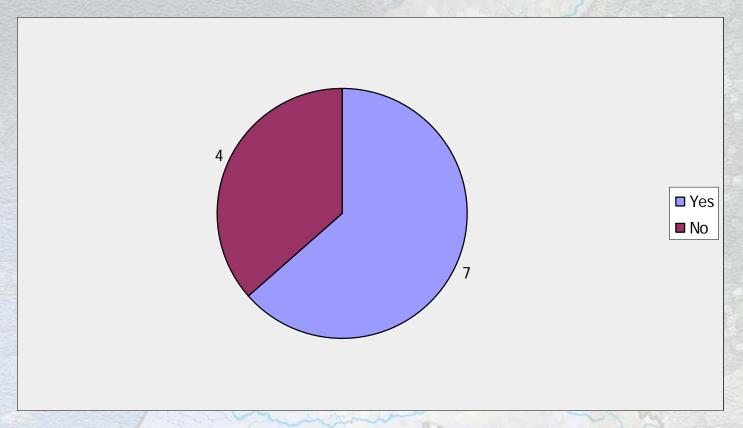
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Question 16: Have you held a River Restoration workshop with FOTR in your community?



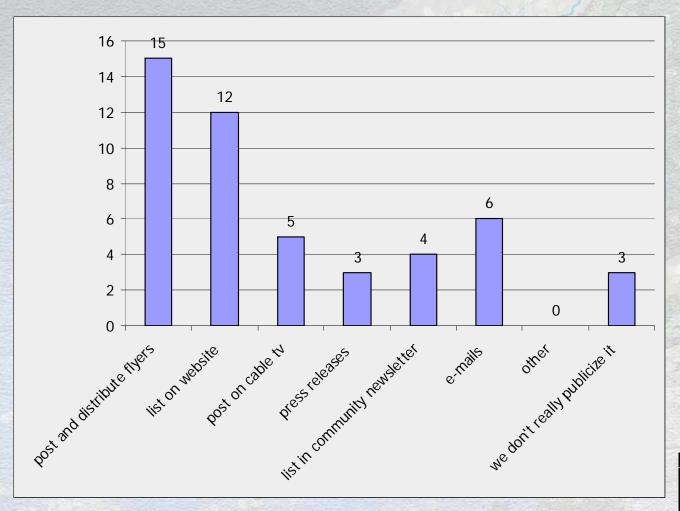
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Question 17: If you have NOT held a public education event or workshop would you be willing to?



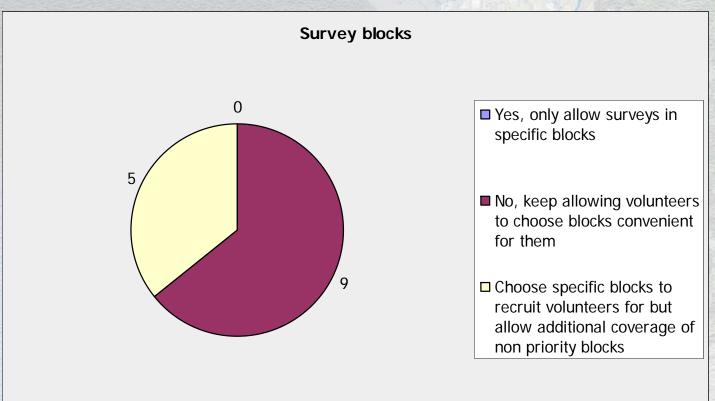
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Question 18: How do you publicize the Frog & Toad Survey training workshops held every year in February and March?



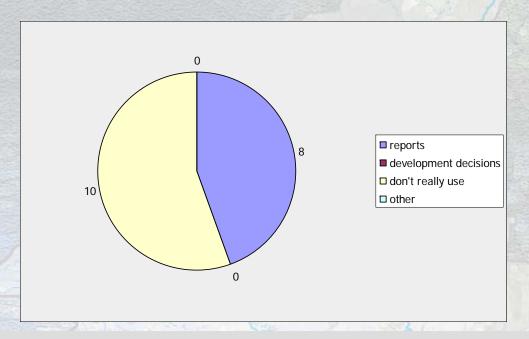
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Question 19: Would you prefer that FOTR only assign specific quarter sections in your community of your choosing (must have wetlands and be accessible)?



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Question 20: How have you used the data from the Frog & Toad Survey?

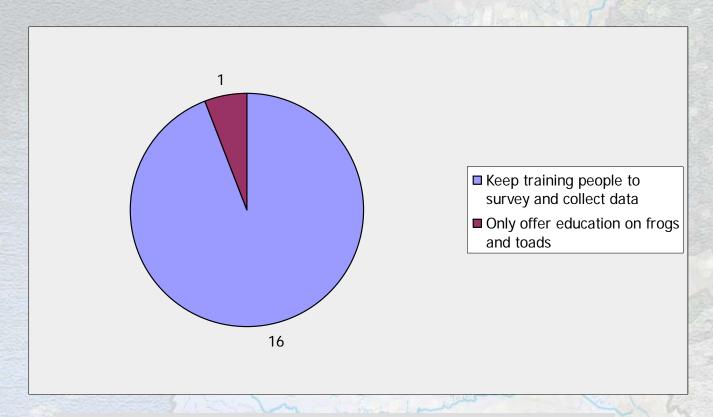


List other ways you use the data:

- Useful for developing/assessing progress for watershed management program and watershed management plans
- 2. Storm water annual report and monitoring
- 3. Data reported in Annual Stormwater Report to MDEQ

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Question 21: Would you prefer that FOTR stop training volunteers to collect data but just offer an educational program on frogs and toads?

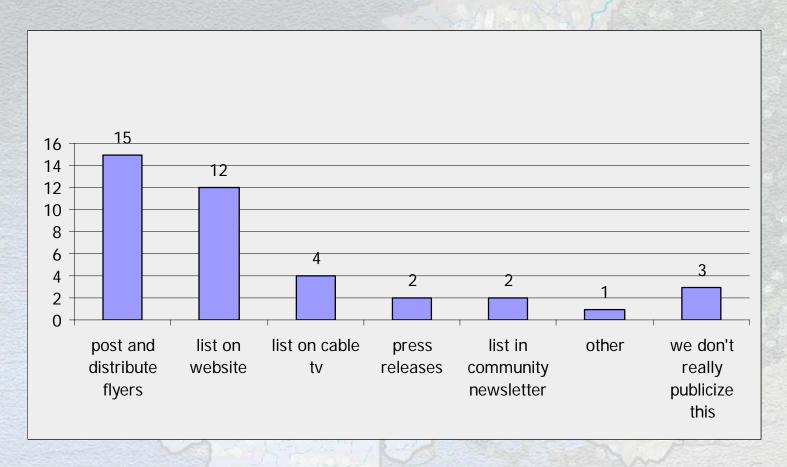


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Provided there is sufficient interest and the data is helpful for trend and condition analysis

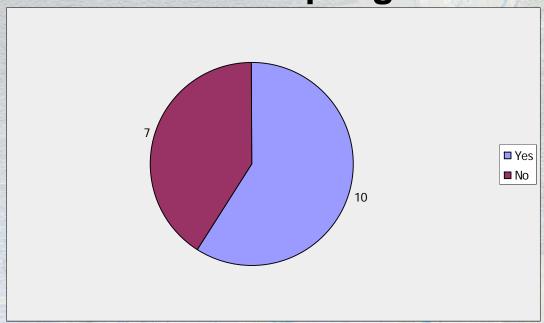
Answered question	17
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Question 22: How do you publicize the events (Spring and Fall Bug Hunt and Winter Stonefly Search)?



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Question 23: Do you use the data on macroinvertebrates provided by FOTR after each sampling event?

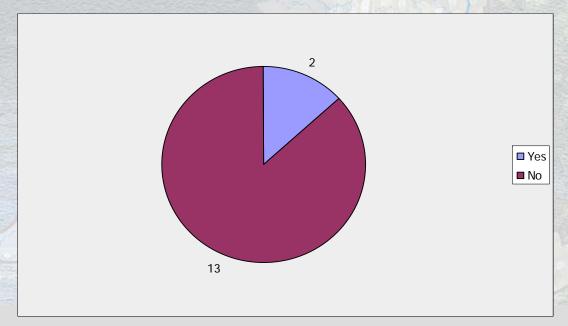


If not, why not?

- Again, we only report on County-specific programs. But, this info is very useful for assessing progress as part of the watershed management plans and programs
- 2. Unsure if it is included in our annual report
- 3. Included In Annual Reports

Answered question	17
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Question 24: Do you have any specific sites that you would be interested in FOTR volunteers sampling for benthic macroinvertebrates?

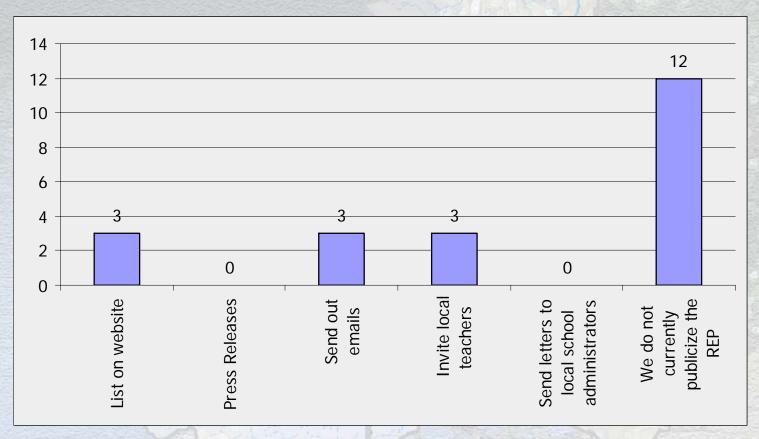


Please list sites

- Coordinate with AOC list from DEQ
- Downstream From Retention Basin Discharge points for Acacia Park, Bloomfield, Beverly Hills Village as part of TMDL monitoring requirements

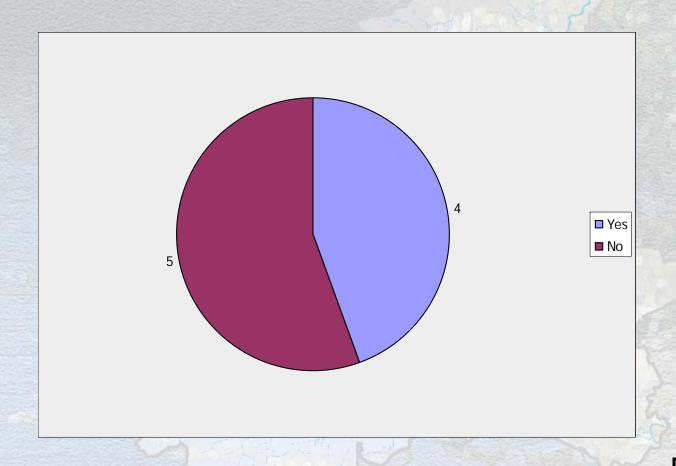
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Question 25: How do you publicize the Rouge Education Project?



Answered question	19
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Question 26: If you do not currently publicize the REP, would you be willing to?



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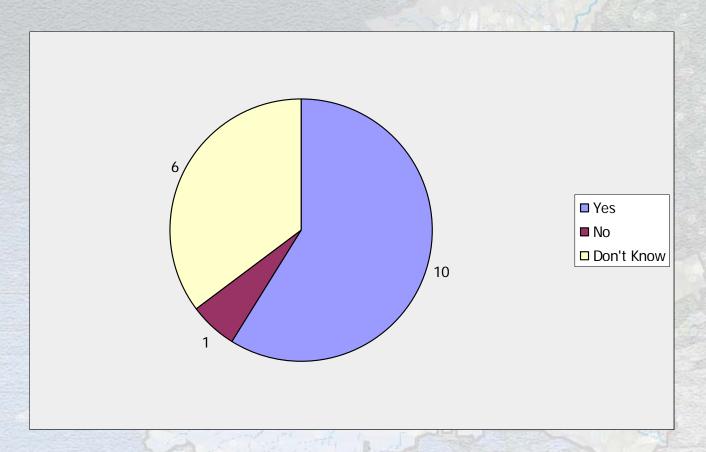
Question 26: If you do not currently publicize the REP, would you be willing to?

If yes, please list person to contact (name and phone)

- 1. Willing to pass along to others who are responsible for determining participation
- Difficult for a local government to do.
- 3. We assisted in making the initial contact to a local teacher, and we provide facilitation for this annual event.

Answered question	9
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Question 27: Does your community currently have schools participating in the REP?



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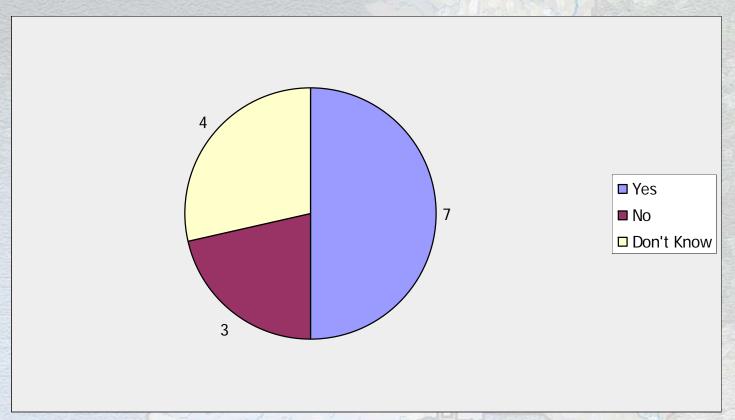
Question 27: Does your community currently have schools participating in the REP?

If yes, please list the schools

- 1. Taft-Galloway Elem.
- West Hills Middle School
- 3. Offered to pay for a school to get involved they rejected.
- 4. Amerman
- 5. Strong Jr. High School
- 6. This is an individual Community component not really applicable to County Stormwater reporting.

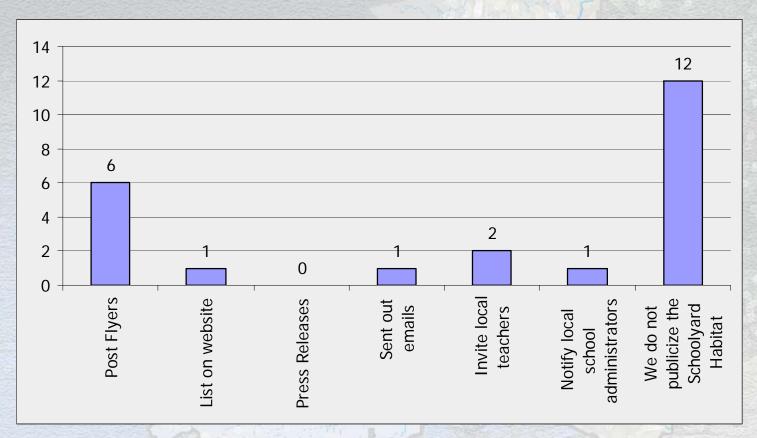
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Question 28: If you do have schools participating, do you utilize the REP as a public education component in your communities Storm Water Permit reports?



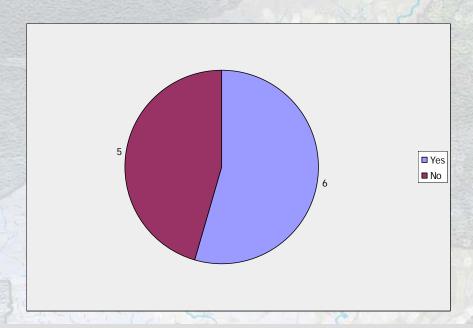
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Question 29: How do you currently publicize the Schoolyard Habitat Program?



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Question 30: If you do not currently publicize the Schoolyard Habitat Program, would you be willing to?

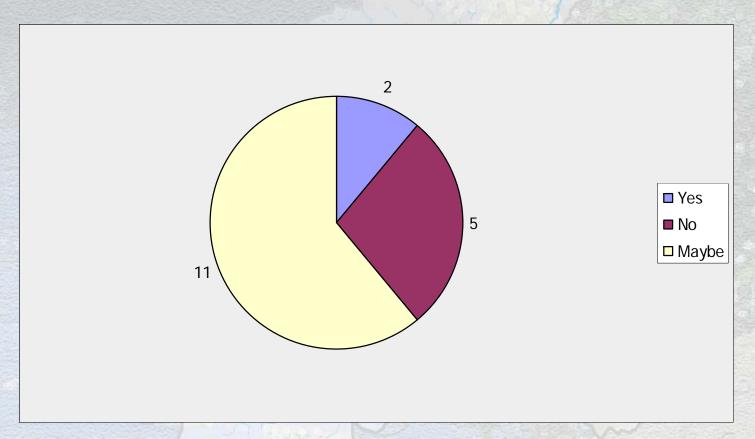


If yes, please list person to contact (name and phone)

- Willing to pass along to others who are responsible for determining participation
- Not sure how I would do so.
- We could help make the initial contact to the proper school administrators

Answered question	11
Skipped question	8

Question 31: Would you take advantage of a fee based service provided by Friends of the Rouge to write and manage grants for projects in your community?



Answered question	18
Skipped question	1

Question 32: Please list any services that you would like to see provided by Friends of the Rouge in the future.

- 1. Would depend on the project and scope.
- 2. I believe you will need to start doing your monitoring on a biannual cycle. Possibly even every 5 years. Cost constraints are going to have to be a consideration. Rouge Rescue appears to be the largest public outreach. I would continue to concentrate on this until the communities budgets rebound.
- 3. Educational booths at community events such as "Melvindale Days" hosted annually on the banks of the Rouge River and attracting over 8000 visitors each year.
- 4. Possibly TMDL benthic Monitoring requirements
- 5. Illicit Discharge Education Program

Answered question	4
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