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Stakeholder Survey Results

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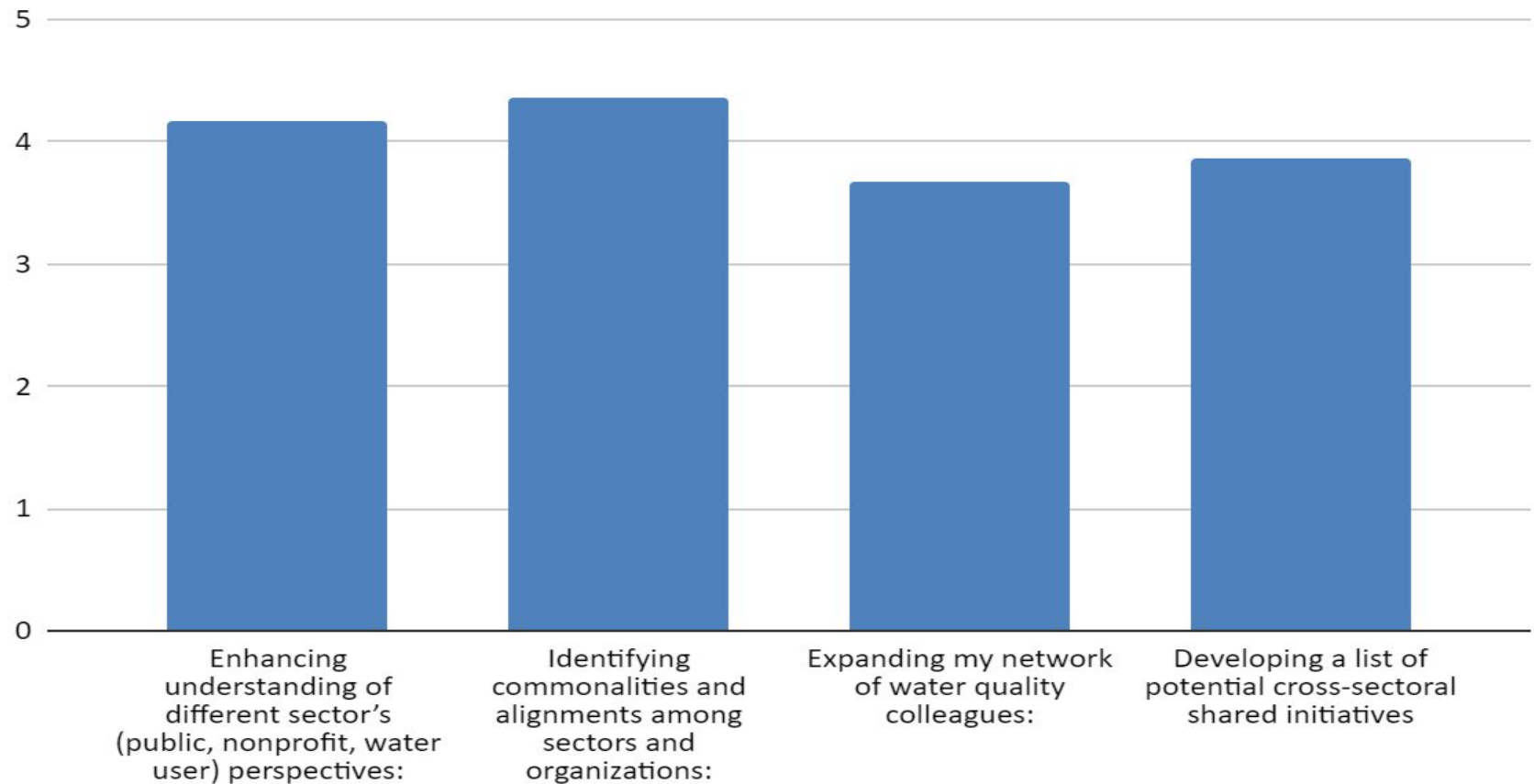
Stakeholder Survey Purpose

- **Gauge reactions to**
 - **Water Table Premise**
 - **First Stakeholder Meeting**
 - **Level of Commitment Going Forward**
- **Elicit ideas**

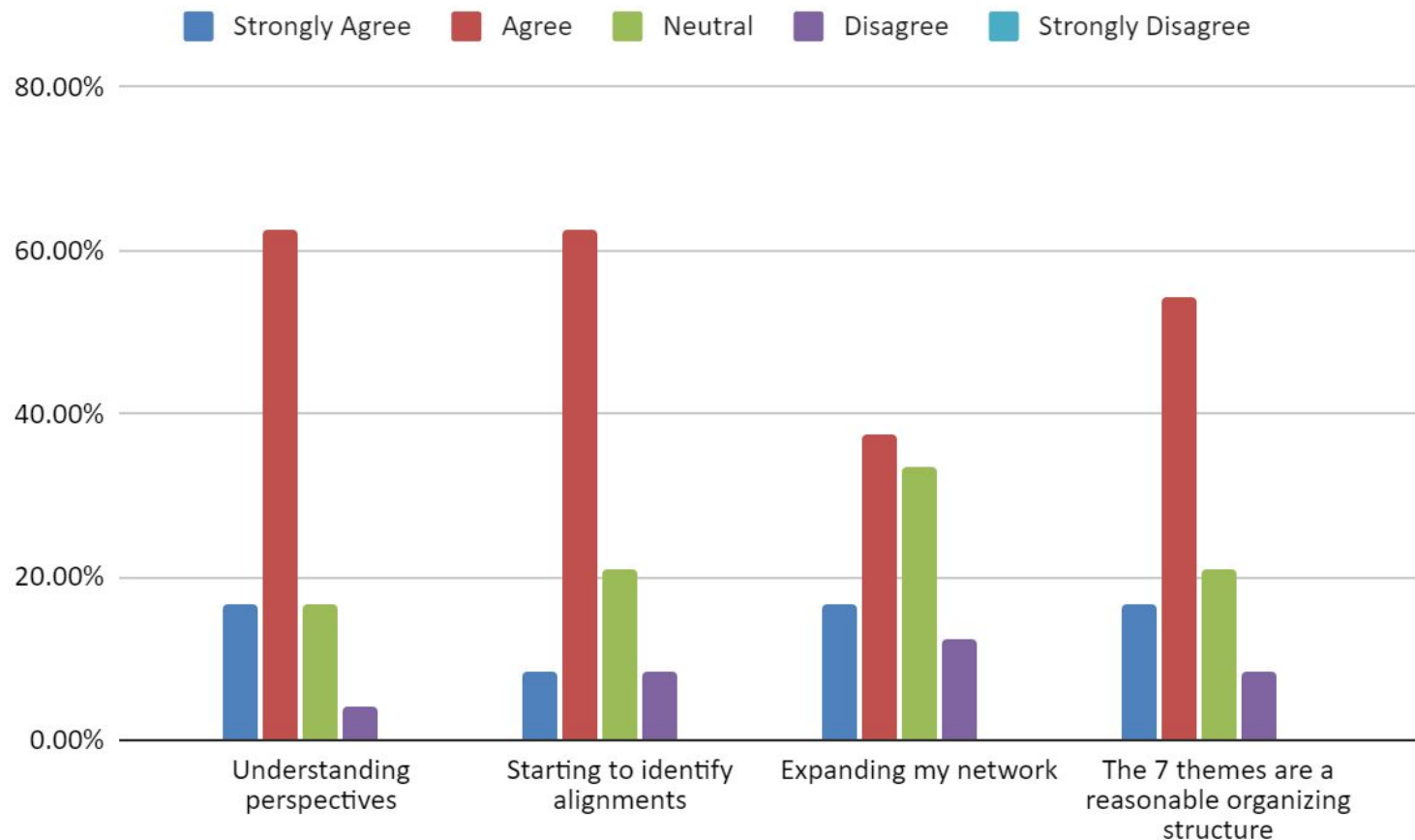
Survey Stats

- **Emailed to 61 Stakeholders**
- **31 Responses - 50% response rate**
- **Of 31 responses**
 - - 29 had been interviewed
 - - 26 attended 4/16/21 Stakeholder Meeting
- **18 respondents provided their name/contact info - which was optional**

Meeting Objectives Evaluation - On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being least important and 5 being most important, how critical is achieving these outcomes to improving water quality in the Delaware Basin? (weighted averages)



To what extent do you agree with statements below - the 4/16/21 Meeting was helpful for:



In your opinion, what was the best thing about the 4/16/21 convening?
(open-ended, with responses grouped and ranked by theme frequency)

- **Gaining understanding of sectors' perspectives**
- **Opportunity to begin a robust and transparent conversation among sectors**
- **Break-out sessions generated great dialogue**
- **Well-organized and facilitated meeting**
- **A good start to an important effort**

In your opinion, what would have made the event more enjoyable or productive? (open-ended, grouped and ranked by theme frequency)

- **More time to get to know one another/more time for discussion**
- **If it were held in person**
- **A narrower goal**
- **Incorporating elements of fun and joy**

What would need to emerge from this project to make it worthwhile and exciting for you and your organization? (19 responses)

- Coordinate government agencies, **streamline permitting procedures**. **Coordinate** conservation groups and businesses doing environmental work in the region.
- Defined set of actions to **create opportunities for shared programs and funding** to support implementation.
- **Collaborate to secure funding** for key projects.
- **A regional identity and shared regional approach**

What would need to emerge from this project to make it worthwhile and exciting for you and your organization?

- **Understanding the interests of the water user community** is essential, as is getting to know them. I also hope that this effort will result in them being included in the non-profit community's discussions more often. **Collaboration** can build from there.
- **Enhance understanding and cooperative processes between various public, private and non-profit water users to help achieve combined user goals in the Delaware River Watershed.**

What would need to emerge from this project to make it worthwhile and exciting for you and your organization?

- Opportunity to work with like-minded traditional and non-traditional partners to address water quality, and quality of life issues in the basin. In particular, with the CCI and brownfields redevelopment, better serve and support the **environmental, social and economic needs of urban neighborhoods and distressed communities** in our basin.
- Greater knowledge of **how each sector can cooperate around common goals**, and opportunities for our organization to participate in the process

What would need to emerge from this project to make it worthwhile and exciting for you and your organization?

- A process to share information and discuss issues of concern that enables parties to disagree without being exposed to public criticism
- Buy in by multiple organizations regarding the priorities and desire for follow up with grants to achieve desired endpoints
- Streamline and simplify funding for ag restoration projects
- True commitment to equity-centered approach
- Initiatives relevant to and supportive of my organization's constituents

What would need to emerge from this project to make it worthwhile and exciting for you and your organization?

- A list of **shared commitments** so we can see what aligns with our organization
- **Clarity around truly shared goals and metrics** that are realistic and achievable in real time
- **Full watershed approaches** and tangible results
- Partnerships working directly on shared goals, communicating regularly and pooling resources
- **Improved water quality**
- Any progress is a good thing!

In which of the following ways, if any, would you/your organization be interested in participating in a collaborative cross sectoral effort to define a list of shared water quality initiatives for the Greater Philadelphia area of the Delaware River Basin, and to continue to collaborate to implement some of those initiatives? Check all that apply.

Myself or someone from my organization would be interested in attending the second WT Stakeholder meeting to refine a list of shared commitments
-22 pp, 78%

Myself or someone from org would be interested in serving on a core steering committee that will work to define a structure, process and funding opportunities for continuing the WT initiative - 10 pp, 36%

Myself or someone from my org would be interested in serving on a work group addressing a specific “shared commitment” project or action -12 pp, 43%

I am not sure if I or someone from org would be interested or able to participate in any way. Keep me posted with updates and opportunities - 8pp, 28%

Not interested in participating - take me off the list - 0

Any Other Feedback?

- Interested in **supporting water leaders with DEIJ and power sharing**, either through thought partnership or possibly a grant-funded project.
- Due to COVID and social justice issues, the Water Table collaborative effort should have a **greater focus on urban communities** and urban environmental issues.
- Choose **a more limited scope than the broad "water quality" one**. Specific components of water quality? Suspended solids, emerging contaminants, some other water quality parameter(s) that limit specific uses of the Delaware River
- It should lead to **something tangible**, which will take considerably more effort.
- Possible Resources: River Network and Freshwater Futures are two organizations that have shifted from water quality focus to human-centered environmental collaborations



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