



2027 Watershed Management Plan Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting #2

September 29, 2026, 10:00 - Noon

MCWD Office - 15320 Minnetonka Blvd, Minnetonka - Board Room

Agenda

10:00 Welcome and Overview

- Overview of meeting purpose and agenda
- Recap of PAC and TAC Meeting 1 takeaways

10:10 Part 1: Land and Water Partnership

- Review of TAC Meeting 2 takeaways
- Reflections on water resource governance

10:50 Break

11:00 Part 1: Land and Water Partnership Continued

- Small group discussion and share out

11:30 Part 2: Flood Management Strategy

- Overview of flood management work area
- Large group discussion

11:55 Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Preview of upcoming meetings

Attachments:

- Meeting 2 Pre-Read Memo and TAC Survey Results



Title: PAC Meeting 2 Pre-Read: Water Resource Priorities and Roles
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Meeting Purpose:

The second meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) will focus on two areas:

1. Local Water Resource Priorities
Understanding local priorities and efforts, and opportunities to improve partnership and coordination
2. Overview of MCWD's Flood Risk Assessment
Introduction to MCWD's flood risk assessment and input on flood management questions and considerations

Part 1. Land and Water Partnership

Our communities and built environment are closely connected to the region's lakes, streams, and wetlands which shape local identity, support economic value, and contribute to quality of life. Land use decisions directly impact the health of these resources and long-term flood risk. MCWD's [Balanced Urban Ecology](#) (BUE) philosophy recognizes this connection and promotes partnership between community development and water resource management.

Cities play a central role as land use authorities and water resource managers. At the same time, communities face competing priorities, limited resources, and other obstacles that can make water resource work challenging. As part of the [2027 Watershed Management Plan](#) (2027 Plan), MCWD is exploring how cities, MCWD, and other public partners can improve the alignment of priorities, roles, and investments to achieve shared water resource goals.

In July, MCWD gathered input from the [Technical Advisory Committee](#) (TAC) on current water resource management challenges and opportunities. At the September 29, 2026, PAC meeting, MCWD will share key takeaways from that discussion and the attached survey results, then seek PAC perspectives on the following questions:

- How does your community establish water resource goals and priorities?
- What strategies does your community use to advance those goals, and which are most effective?
- Where do you see gaps or opportunities to improve water resource management?
- How should responsibilities be shared among cities, MCWD and other public partners?
- Where can MCWD provide the greatest value in supporting local water resource priorities?

Part 2. Flood Management Strategy

As part of the 2027 Plan, MCWD is working to improve its understanding of flood risk across the watershed and develop a shared approach to reducing flood risk and increasing climate resilience. This work includes three steps:

1. Assess current and future flood risk using new watershed modeling tools
2. Evaluate how different management strategies affect flood risk
3. Use the results to identify priority areas, management approach, and appropriate roles for MCWD and partners

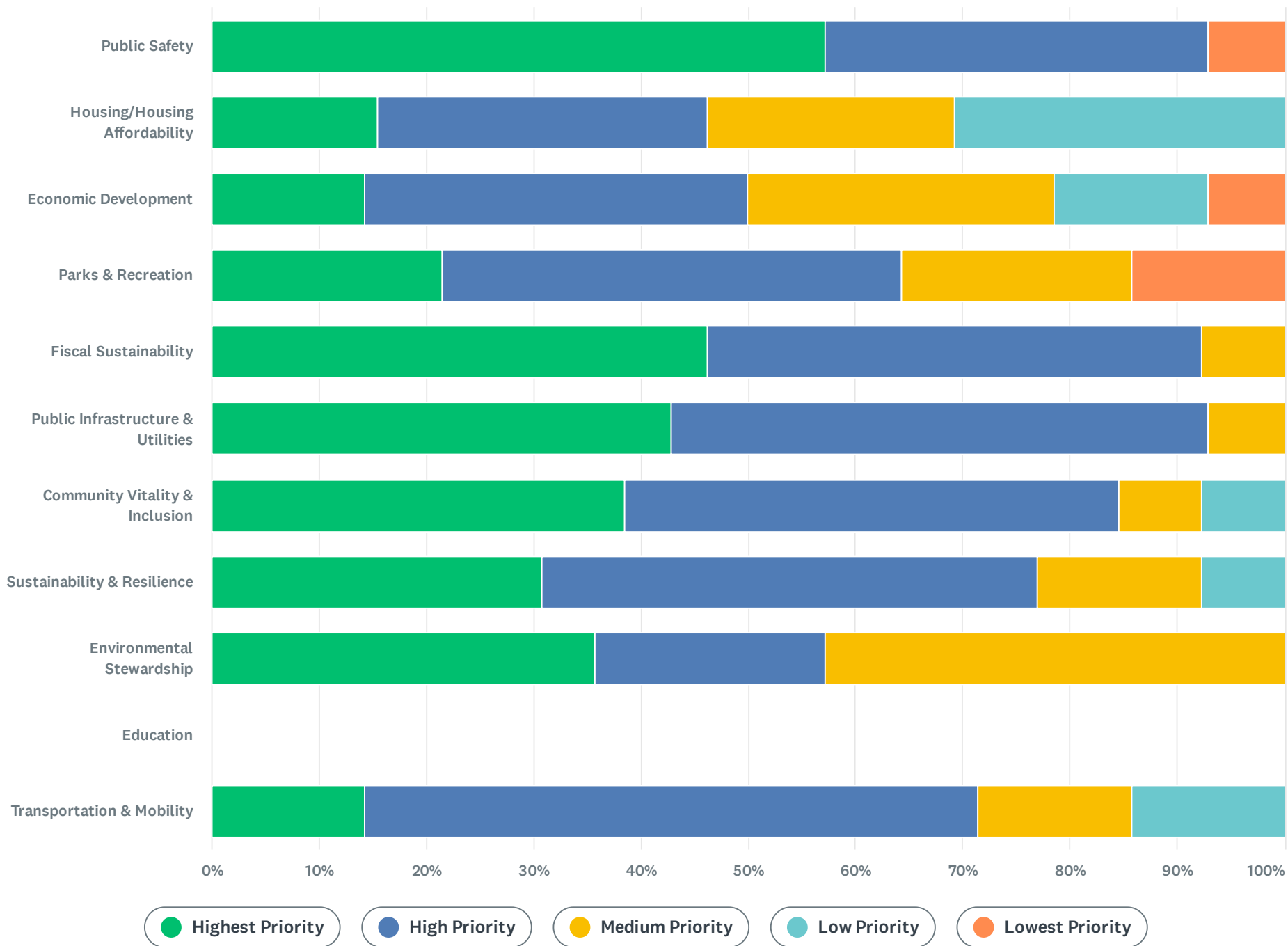
Because the first two steps are primarily technical, MCWD is working with the TAC to advise on the modeling approach and review results. The PAC will help inform the policy and strategic questions that follow, including priorities, tradeoffs, management approaches, and institutional roles.

At the September 29, 2026, PAC meeting, MCWD will provide an overview of this work and seek PAC input on two questions:

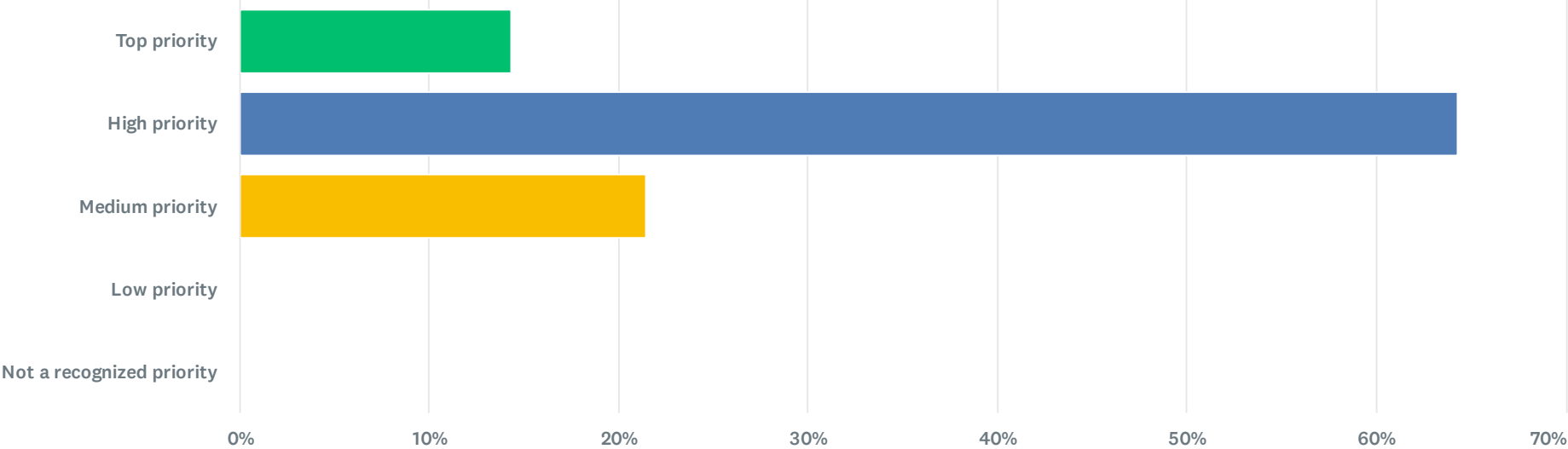
- What flood risk management questions should this process help answer?
- What criteria should MCWD and its partners consider when evaluating management strategies and tradeoffs?

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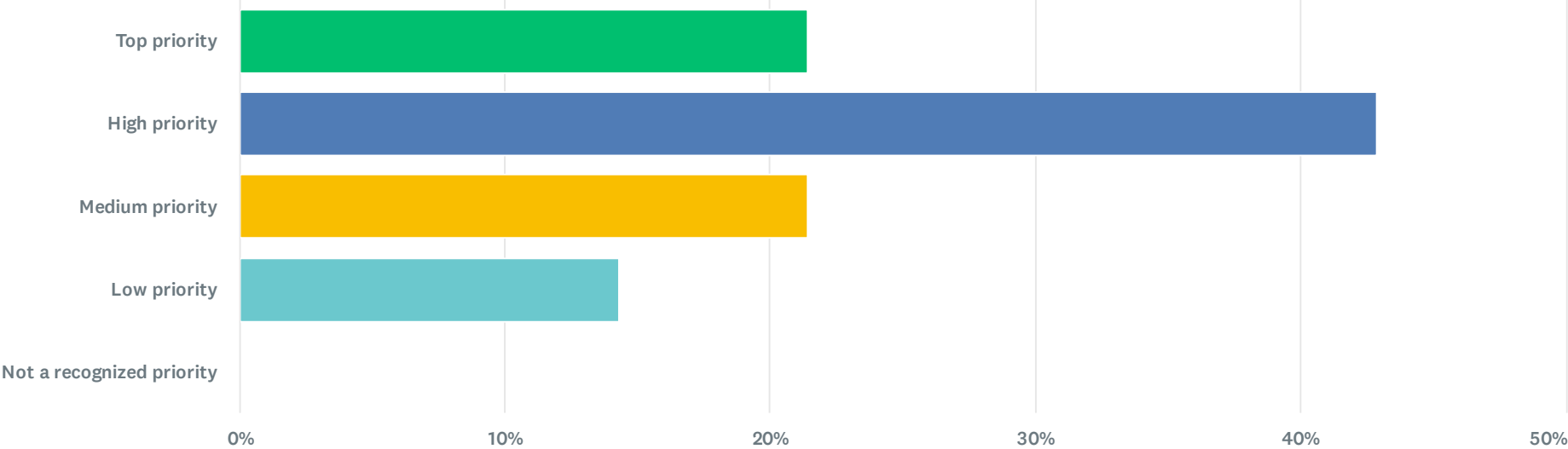
Please rate the level of priority your organization prescribes for the following planning and implementation areas.



Where does surface water quality rank among your organization's priorities?

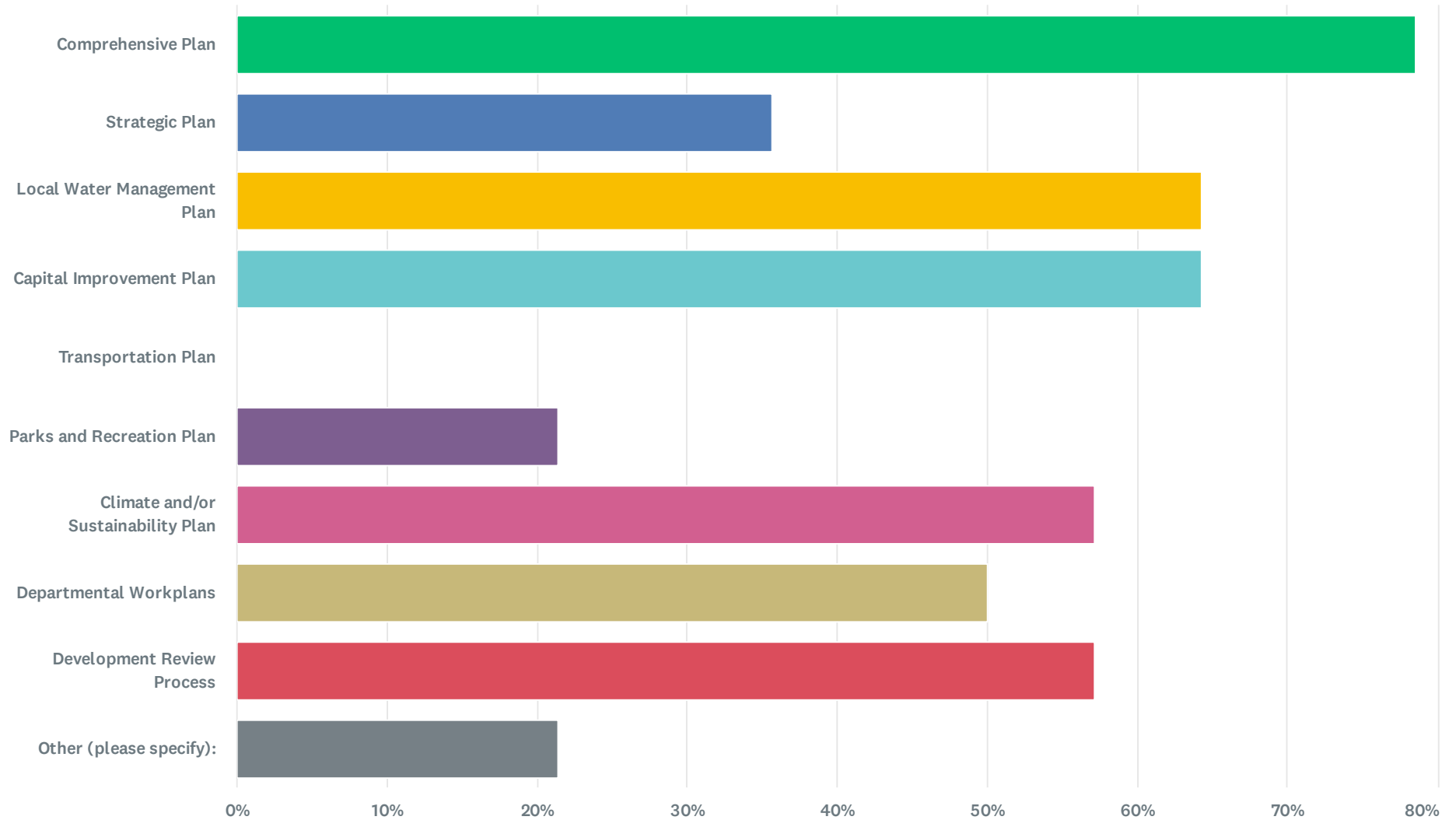


Where does flood risk reduction rank among your organization's priorities?

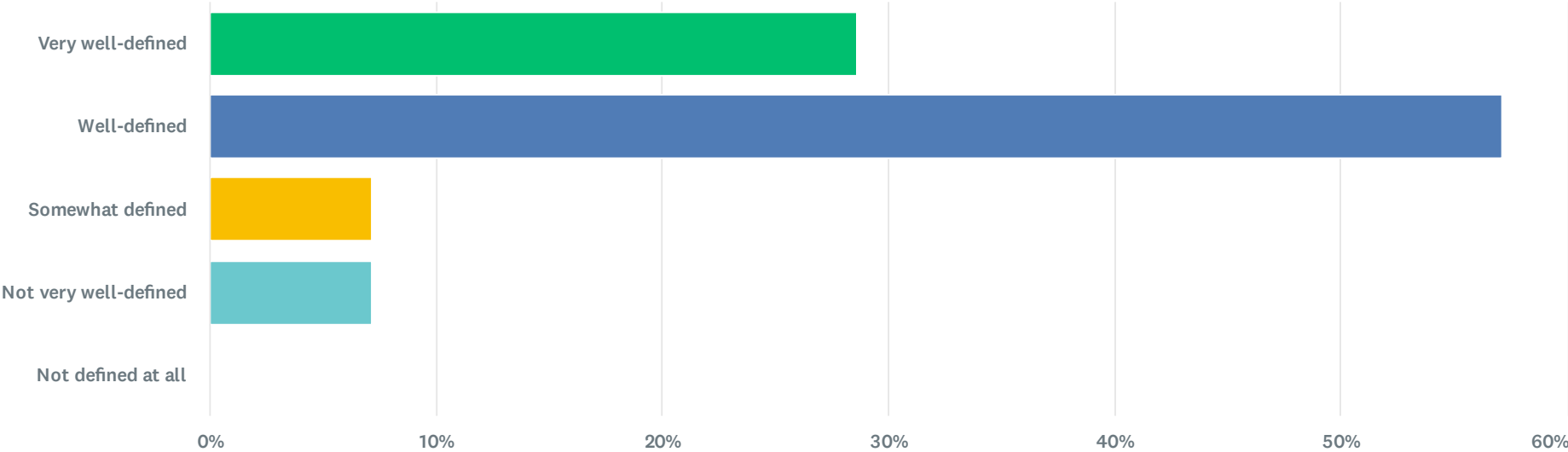


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Where are your organization's water resource goals and priorities memorialized today? Select all that apply.

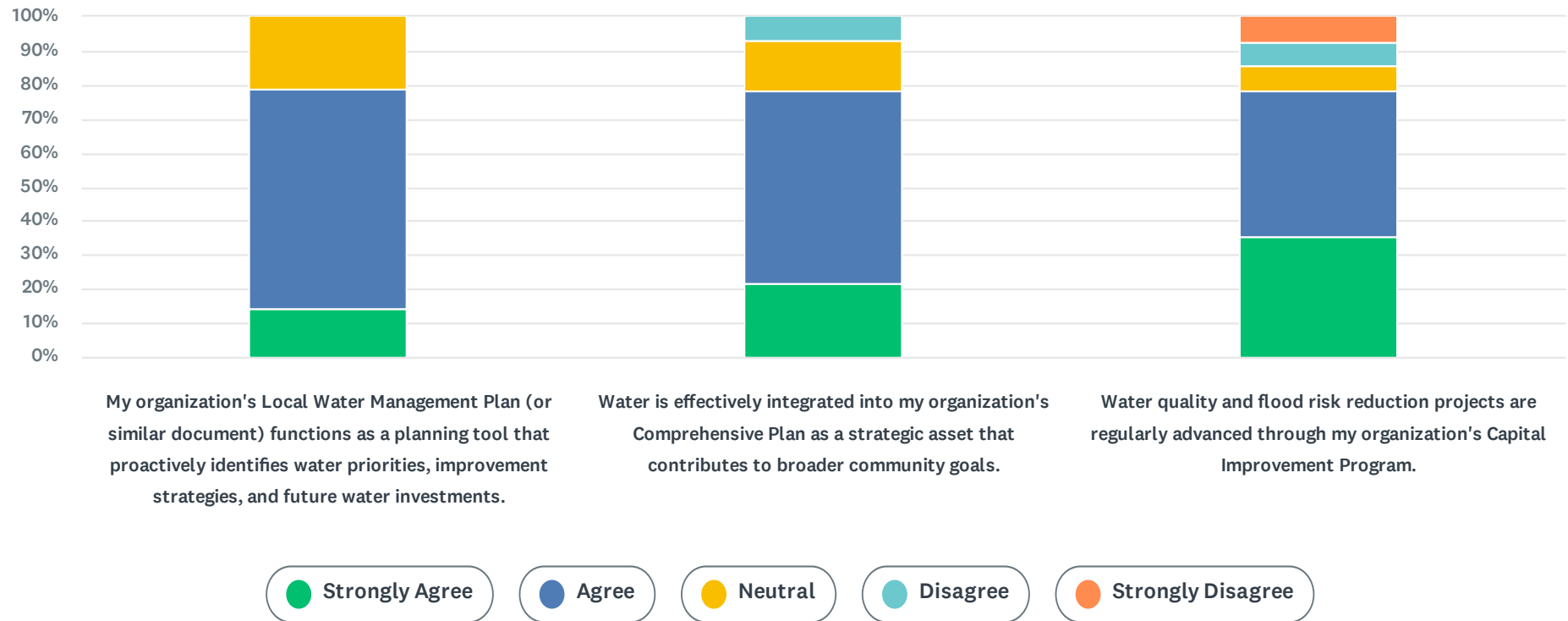


How defined are your organization's water resource goals and priorities?

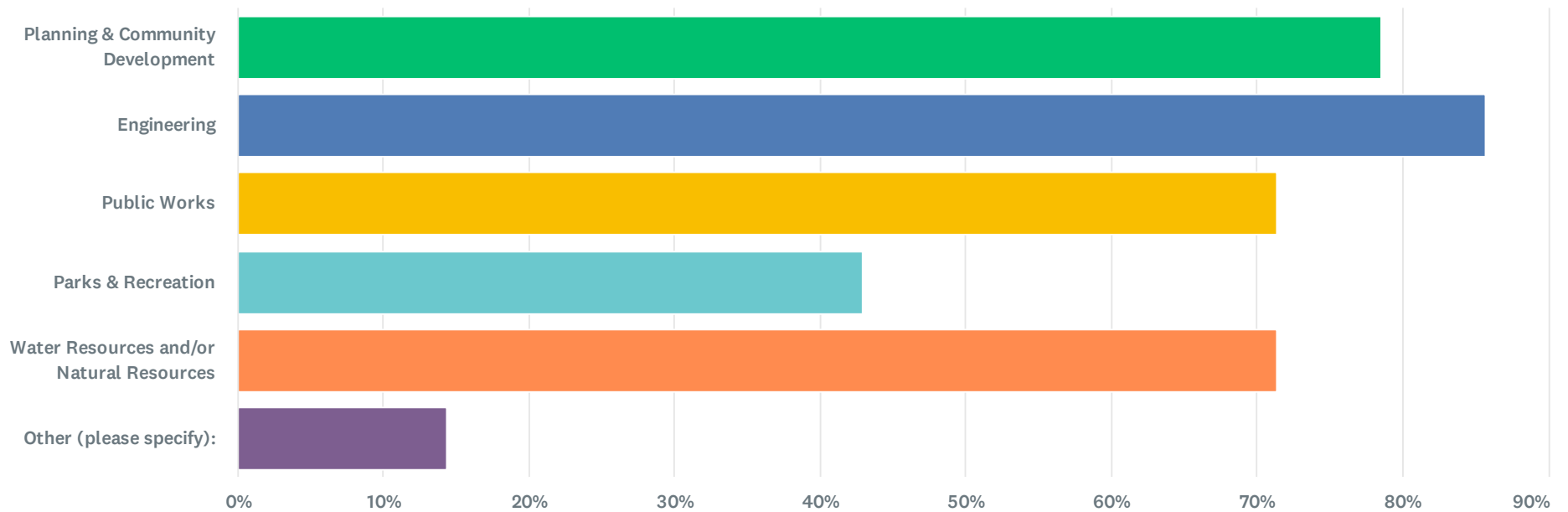


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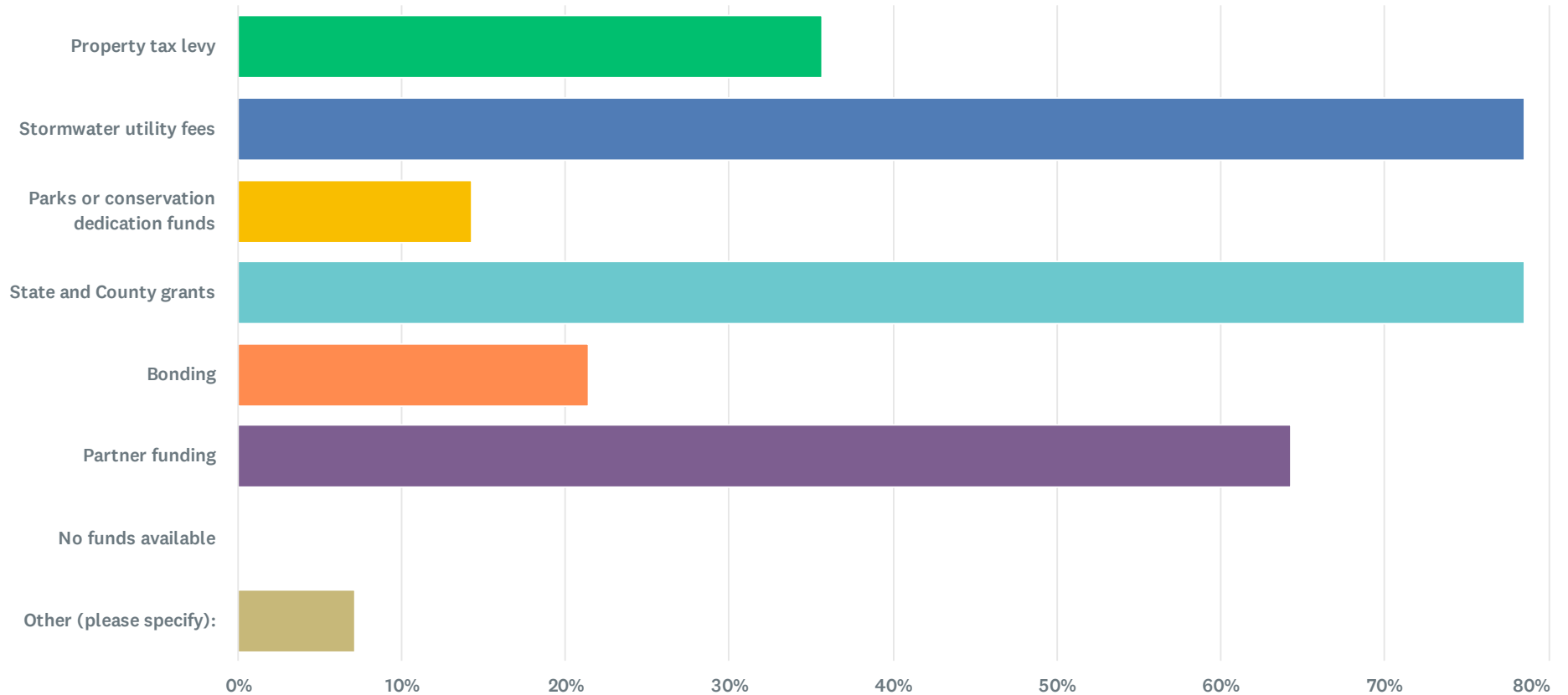


Which programs or departments are involved in water resource activities and programming in your organization?

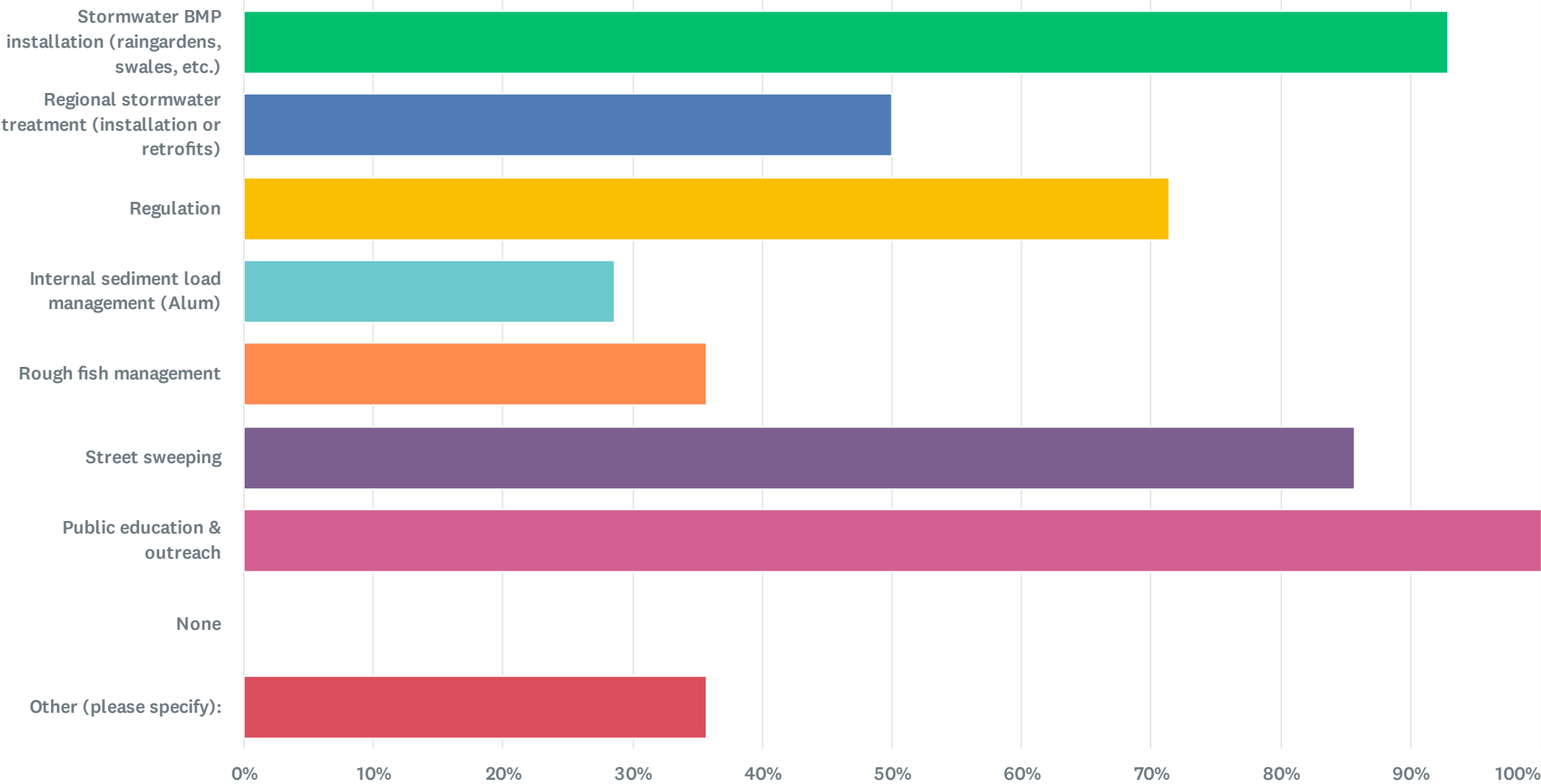


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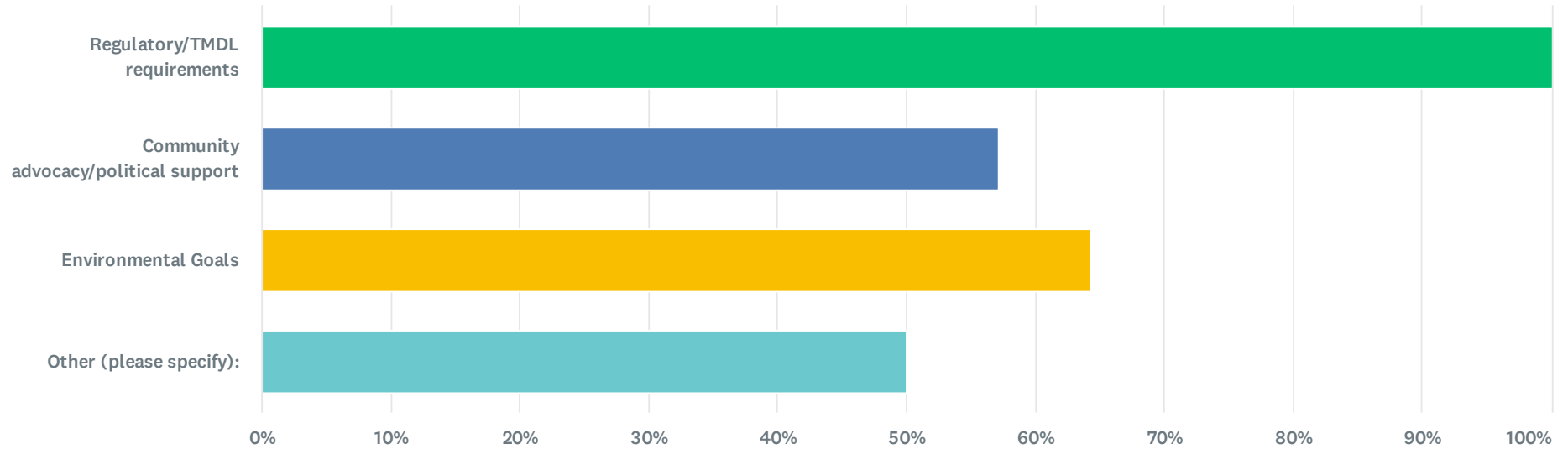
How are water resource projects and activities funded for your organization? Select all that apply.



What actions are being taken by your organization to make progress toward its water quality goals?

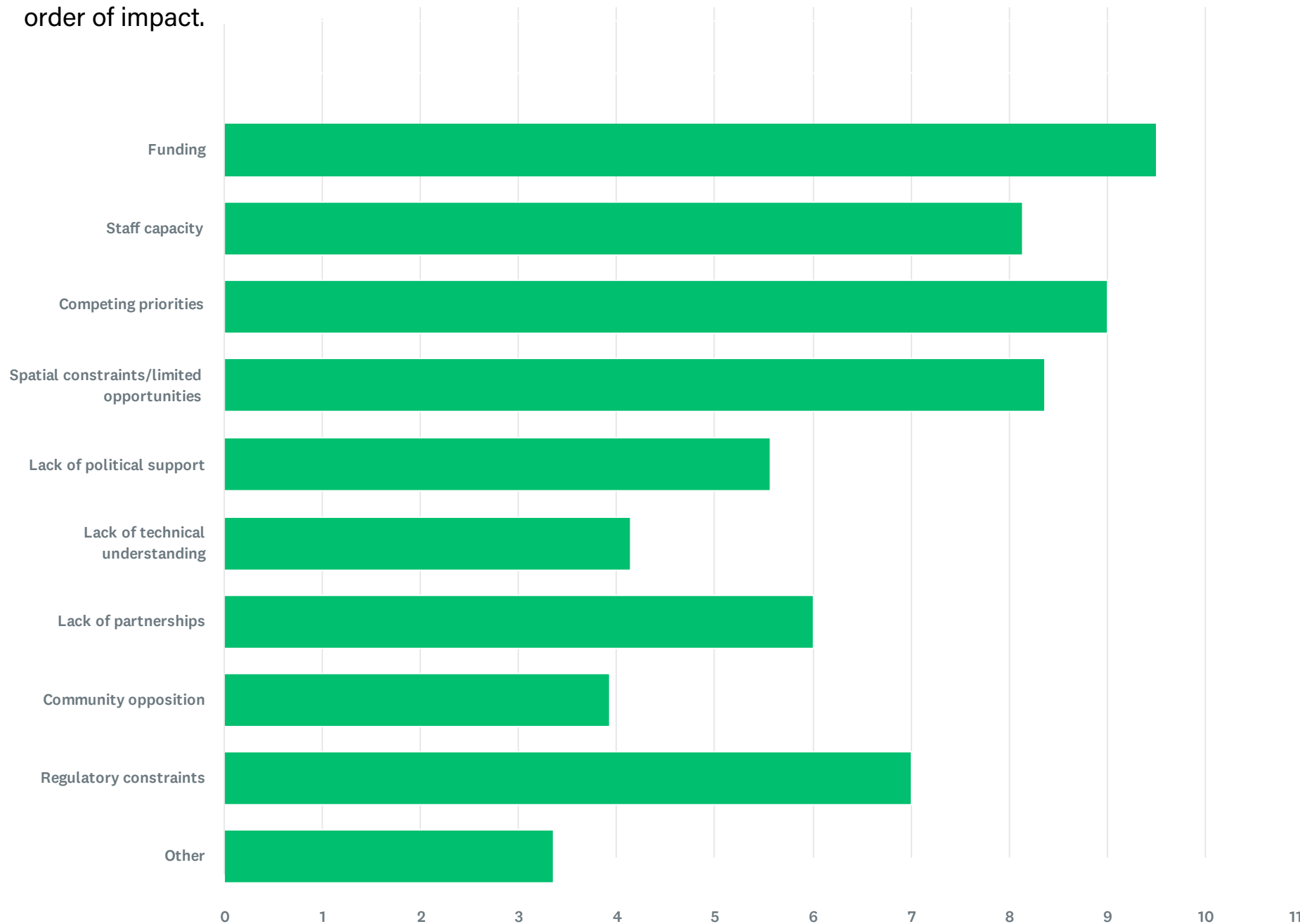


When water quality projects are implemented, what typically drives them?

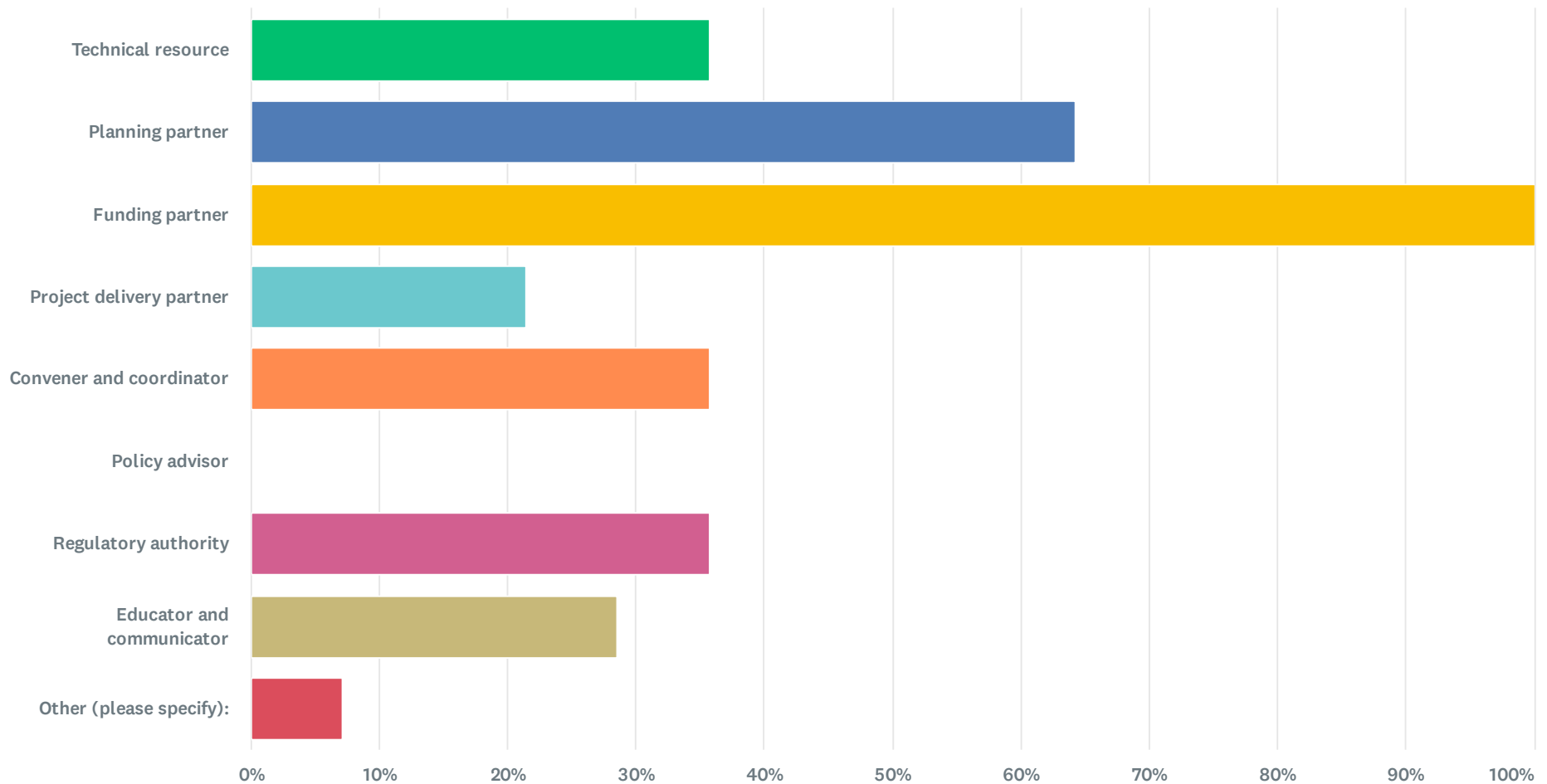


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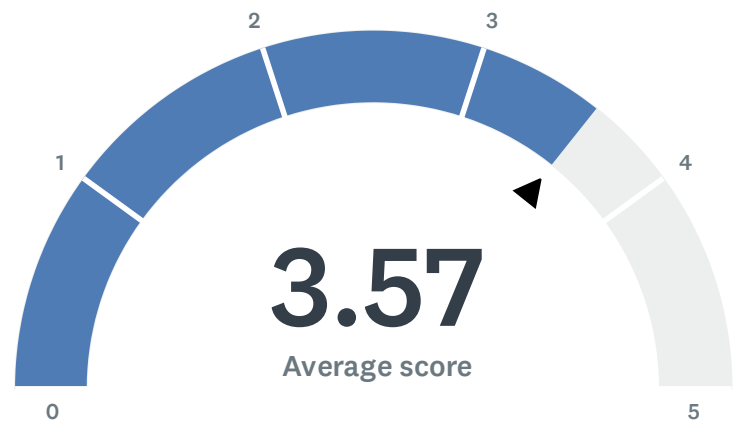
What challenges or limitations constrain your organization's water quality improvement actions? Rank them in order of impact.



What role should MCWD play to add the most value in supporting your organization in reaching its water quality goals? Please select up to three top roles for MCWD.

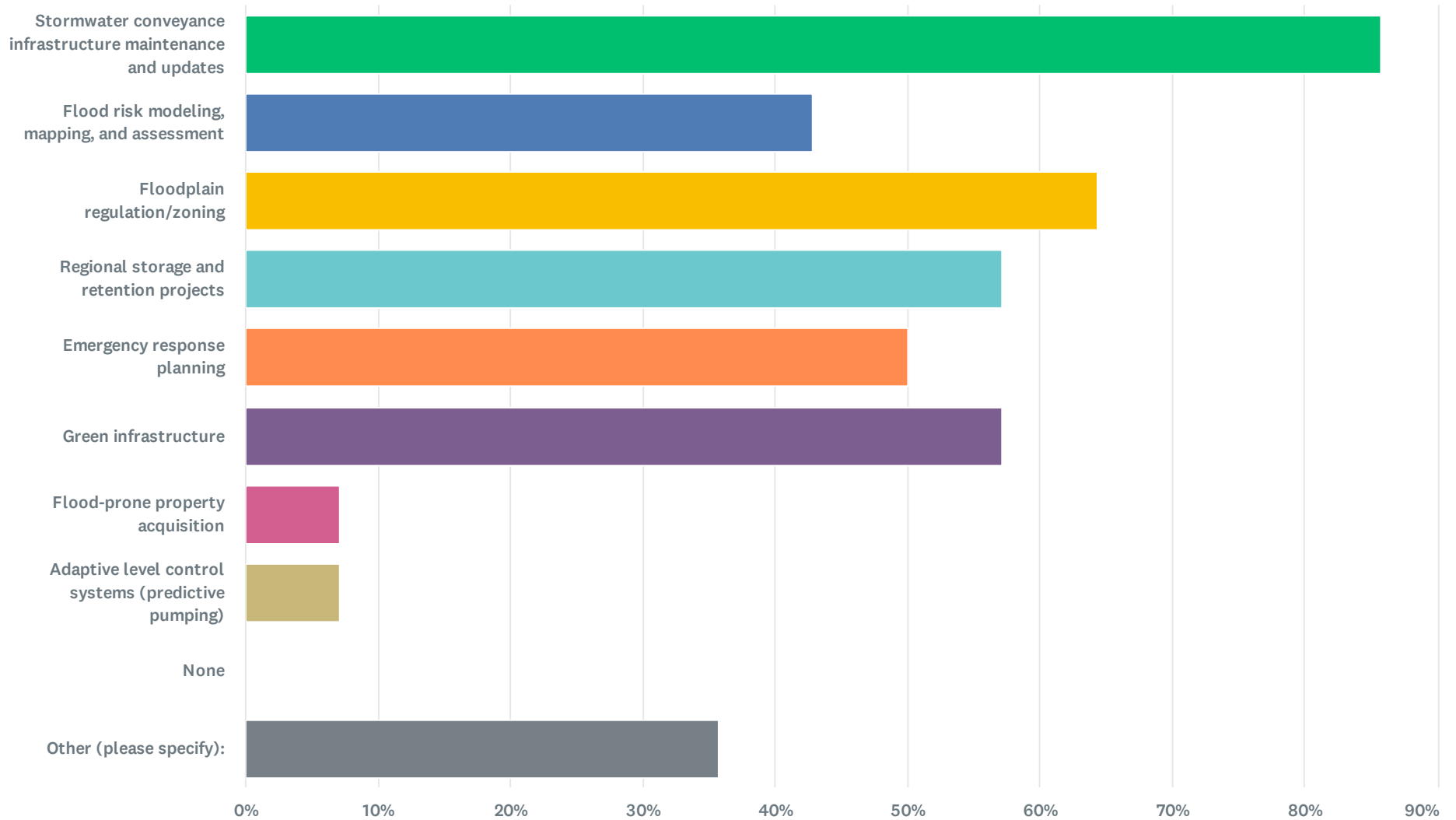


On the scale below, rank your organization's level of concern related to current and future flood risk?

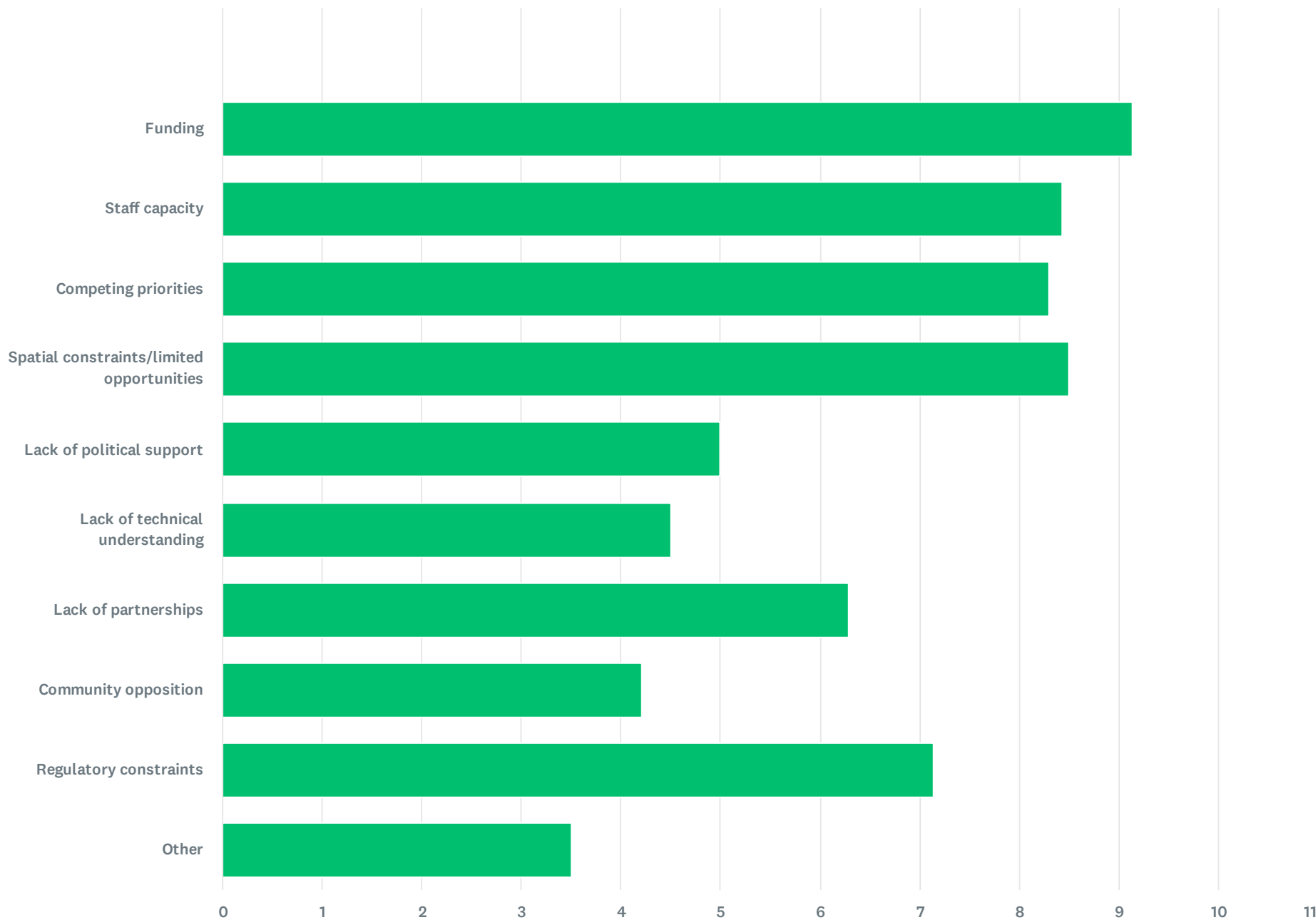


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Minimum	Maximum	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation
1.00	5.00	4.00	3.57	1.12

What actions are being taken by your organization to make progress toward its flood risk reduction goals?



What challenges or limitations constrain your organization's actions on flood risk reduction goals? Rank them in order of impact.



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