



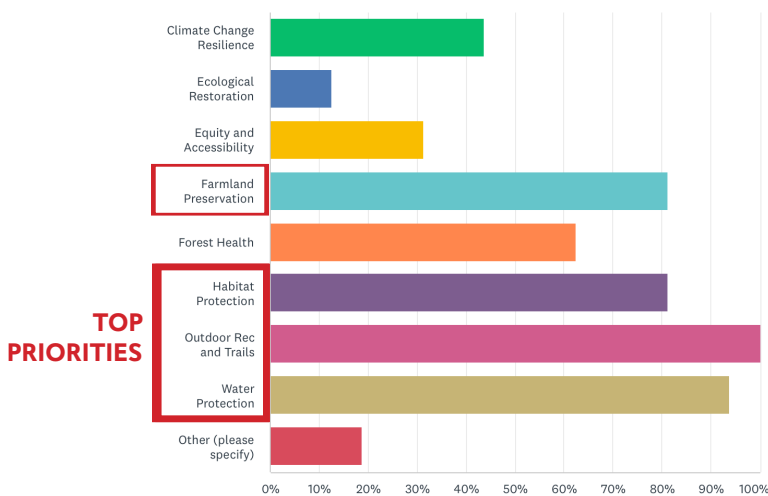
SUMMARY OF RESULTS

2023 Regional Conservation Plan Conservation Commission Survey

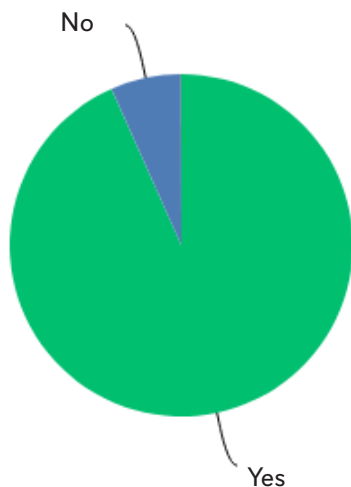
As part of the 2023 Five Rivers' Regional Conservation planning process, a survey was distributed to municipalities within the Five Rivers service area to learn more about conservation priorities at the local scale. Findings from this process informed the development of the Regional Conservation Plan and help us better understand potential partnership opportunities and how best to serve and work with our partner communities.

WHICH CONSERVATION GOALS AND PRIORITIES ARE MOST IMPORTANT IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

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13 out of 14 responding communities are currently using their Master Plan/ Open Space Plan/ Natural Resource Inventory to guide conservation initiatives.



All 14 responding communities have worked with Five Rivers in the past, with towns reporting varying levels of involvement. Some expressed having working relationships with our organization while others say they physically feel part of the region.

RESPONDING TOWNS INCLUDED:

- Belmont
- Boscawen
- Bow
- Canterbury
- Chichester
- Concord
- Dunbarton
- Henniker
- Hillsborough
- Hopkinton
- Loudon
- Northfield
- Pembroke
- Warner

CONSERVATION INITIATIVES UNDERWAY:

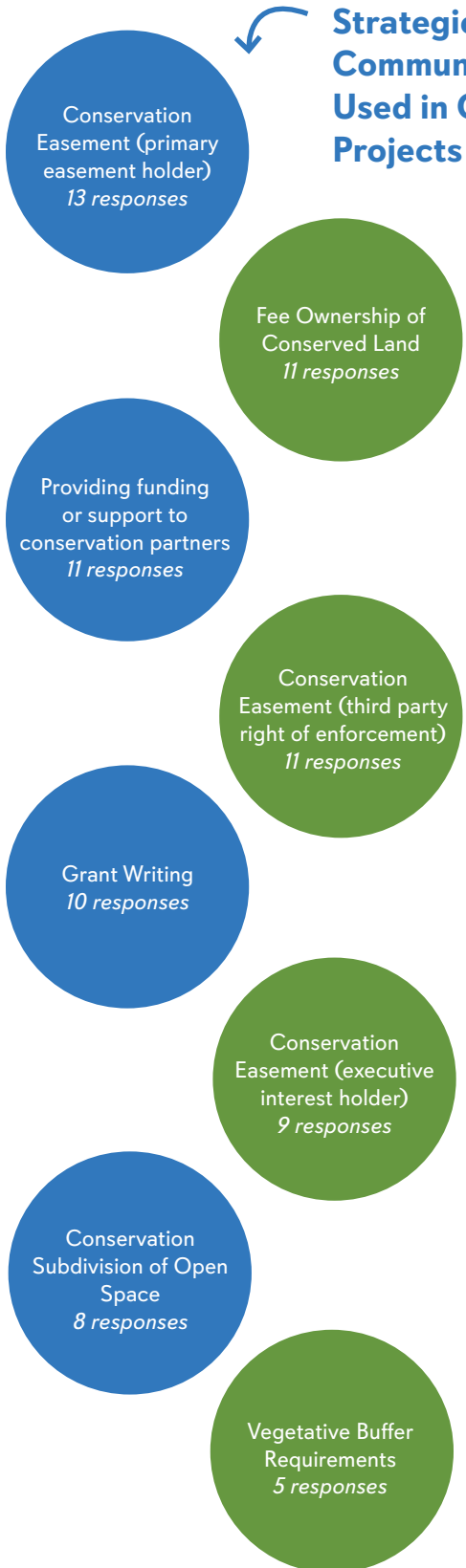
- Pursuing land acquisitions
- Securing conservation easements
- Trail maintenance, construction, and improvements
- Forest management and stewardship planning
- Improving land use ordinances
- Conducting landowner outreach



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Strategies Responding Communities Have Used in Conservation Projects



100% of responding communities are interested in partnering with Five Rivers Conservation Trust on projects in the future.

MUNICIPAL LAND CONSERVATION NEEDS

- Top needs identified by responding communities
 - **Landowner outreach and education**
 - **Additional volunteer capacity**
 - **Access to funding**
- Access to resources (best practices, guidance materials, etc) and additional staff capacity were also identified as needs to lesser degrees.

ACCESS TO OPEN SPACE

- Responding communities identified the **following issues** related to accessibility of open spaces:
 - Some towns feel like they lack open space and trails for community members to enjoy, in general. Others feel they have many offerings for the general population.
 - Some communities were unsure whether certain residents are underserved or face barriers when it comes to enjoying access to open space.
 - Individuals with physical disabilities have a hard time accessing many open spaces across communities.
 - Access to open space information was also identified as a barrier to getting people outside.