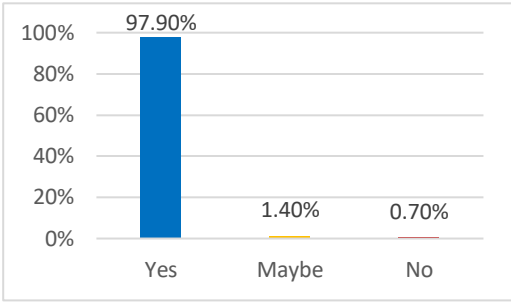
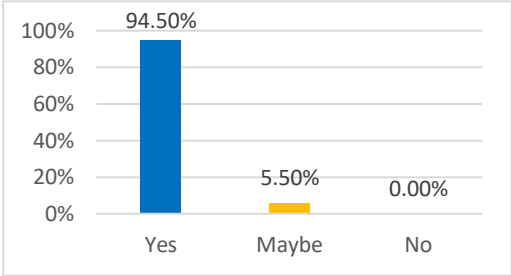
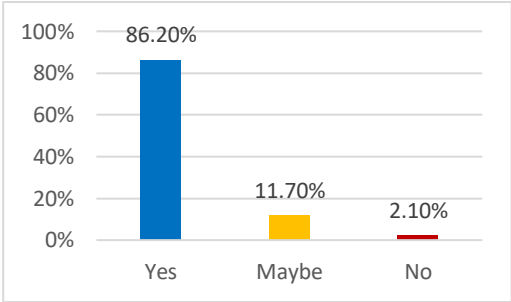


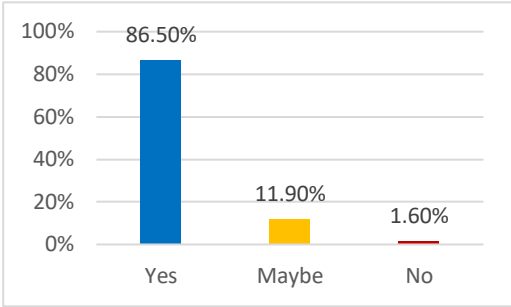
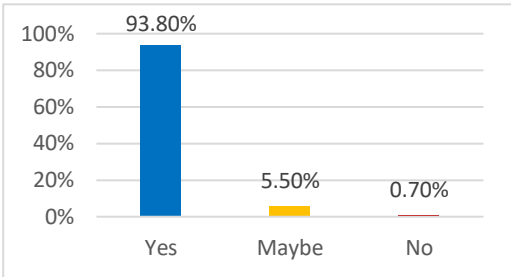
Draft Municipal Charter for Watershed Security Gets Overwhelming Support

November 5, 2024

We thank the 150 people who participated in the survey on the draft Municipal Charter for Watershed Security, providing overwhelming support of this effort. We provide the results, followed by next steps, below.

Results

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Next Steps

1. Updated text for the Charter will be released shortly.
2. We completely under-estimated the support for and the resources needed to develop the Charter, and have developed a phased approach to move it forward.
3. Silly us. Having kept the survey confidential meant that we could not track the 93% of you who indicated that your municipality could benefit from the Charter. **Please reach out by return e-mail if you'd like to work with us to bring the Charter to the attention of your municipality in the next phase of this initiative.**

As we continue to develop the Charter, we will also soon be launching a companion effort on other aspects of watershed security. Please stay tuned for more information.

For the water,

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**Water is Life.
 Let's act like it.**