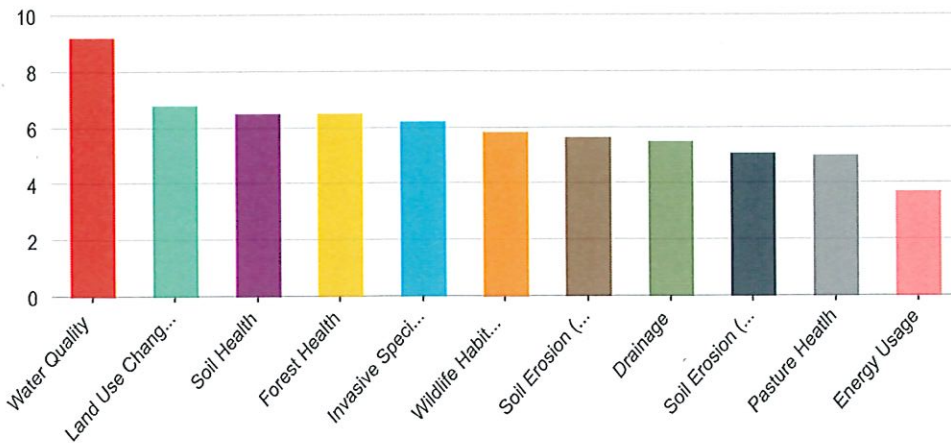


2026 Erie County Local Workgroup Survey

Help us identify the top natural resource challenges in our county by ranking the...

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Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	Average score
6	Wildlife Habitat	21.43%	7.14%	7.14%	7.14%	0%	7.14%	5.86
		3	1	1	1	0	1	
7	Soil Erosion (stream/shoreline)	0%	0%	0%	21.43%	7.14%	14.29%	5.64
		0	0	0	3	1	2	5
8	Drainage	7.14%	14.29%	0%	0%	21.43%	7.14%	5.50
		1	2	0	0	3	1	
9	Soil Erosion (in-field)	0%	0%	14.29%	14.29%	7.14%	14.29%	5.07
		0	0	2	2	1	2	1
10	Pasture Health	0%	0%	21.43%	7.14%	14.29%	0%	5.00
		0	0	3	1	2	0	
11	Energy Usage	7.14%	0%	7.14%	7.14%	7.14%	0%	4.71
		1	0	1	1	1	0	0

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Based on your top ranked resource concerns, which conservation practices do you feel should ...

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Response

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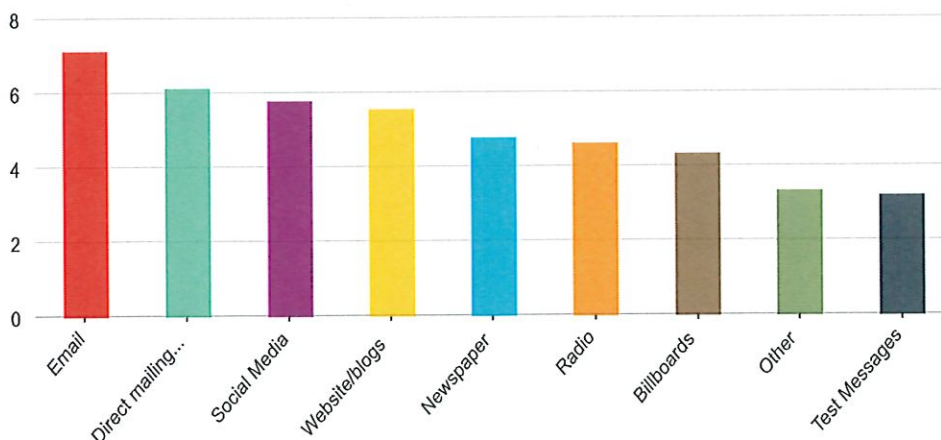
The application would not allow ranking of the lists. Only choice 1 was changed. Pollution control could be a good start. Then education and program funding. 1

Sustainable community planning that accounts for future development, applies best stormwater management practices, balances the needs of the community and the need for coastal habitat preservation and restoration. 1

Surface runoff, and soil, erosion into water course drainage	1
No till farming, cover crops, land drainage,	1
Maintain or expand current forests and wetlands for wildlife. Northern Ohio is a critical stopover for exhausted, hungry migratory birds. In Erie county, the rate at which properties are being encroached upon for housing and commercial build is alarming. Instead of repurposing existing, empty buildings, more forest, pastures, and shoreline are destroyed for new construction. All of this also impacts water and soil quality.	1
Keeping an eye on data centers. There seems to be a big rush now. And we have to much to lose with the lake. We don't know the future impact the runoff can have on water or people	1
Interagency cooperatives and partnerships for treatment of invasive plant species, on both private and public lands, need to be a top priority in the western Lake Erie basin. At the same level of importance, in my opinion, should be drainage buffer requirements to slow down erosion, slow down the water rushing off of the fields and into the tributaries, and focus on reducing sediment translocation through the watershed.	1
I'd like to see better buffer strips along waterways and streams. Make a mandatory 50 yards of grass to prevent erosion. Then, these buffer strips shouldn't be mowed during crucial times for wildlife reproduction. It will help with erosion and those edges typically don't yield well. Maybe just better education on programs such as CREP to show landowners that the payments would be worth it instead of farming edge to edge. The enhancements if farming tech, allows producers to farm the best and conserve the rest.	1
I have no idea which challenges there are in our county, so since I had to rank these, I left them as they were. This is not a survey for a small homeowner.	1
Grass buffers and/or riparian buffers, grassed waterways where warranted, wildlife habitat	1
Ban data centers. H2Ohio has been successful, no way should we go back to intentional water pollution.	1

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Rank the following outreach tools you feel are most effective at reaching our... *



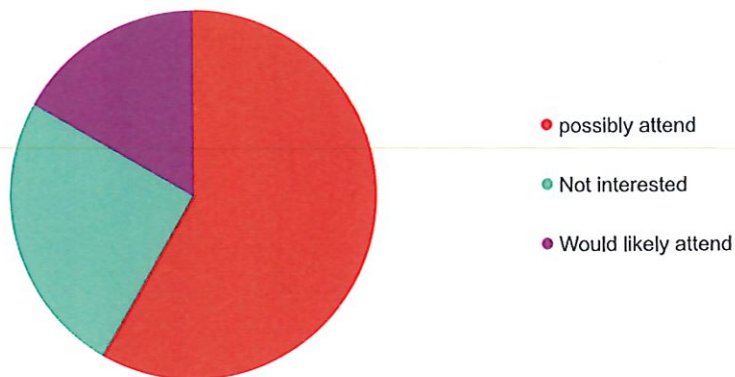
Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	Average score
1	Email	50% 7	14.29% 2	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	0% 0	7.14% 1	7.14% 7.14 1
2	Direct mailings (postcards/newsletters)	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	14.29% 2	0% 0	0% 0	14.29% 2	6.14

3	Social Media	14.29%	35.71%	7.14%	0%	0%	14.29%	7.14%	5.79
		2	5	1	0	0	2	1	
4	Website/blogs	7.14%	0%	14.29%	42.86%	14.29%	0%	2	5.57
		1	0	2	6	2	0	3	
5	Newspaper	0%	14.29%	7.14%	14.29%	14.29%	14.29%	28.57%	4.79
		0	2	1	2	2	2	1	
6	Radio	0%	0%	14.29%	7.14%	21.43%	42.86%	1	4.64
		0	0	2	1	3	6	2	

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

Let us know which educational opportunities you are most likely to attend.

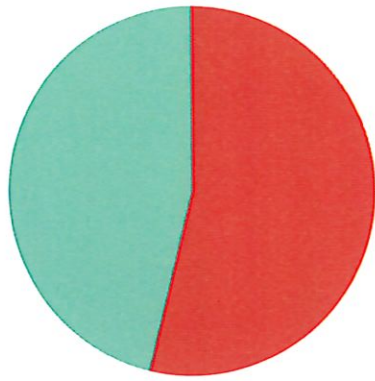
• Breakfast Meetings



Answers	Count	Percentage
possibly attend	7	50%
Not interested	3	21.43%
Would likely attend	2	14.29%

Answered: 12 Skipped: 2

• Lunch and Learns

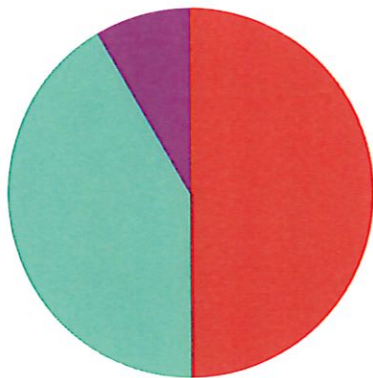


- possibly attend
- Would likely attend
- Not interested

Answers	Count	Percentage
possibly attend	7	50%
Would likely attend	6	42.86%
Not interested	0	0%

Answered: 13 Skipped: 1

● Full Field Days

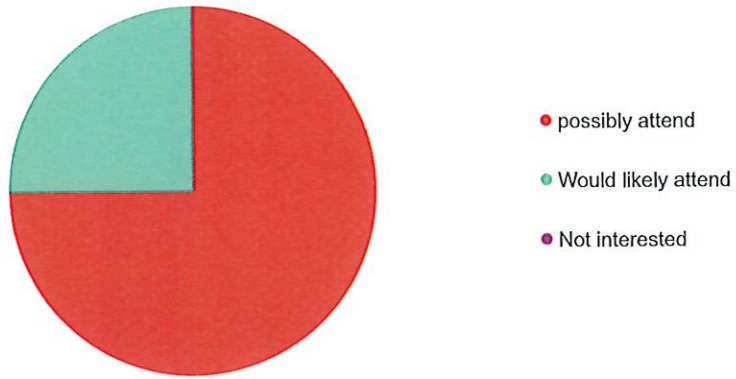


- possibly attend
- Would likely attend
- Not interested

Answers	Count	Percentage
possibly attend	6	42.86%
Would likely attend	5	35.71%
Not interested	1	7.14%

Answered: 12 Skipped: 2

● Evening Landowner Events

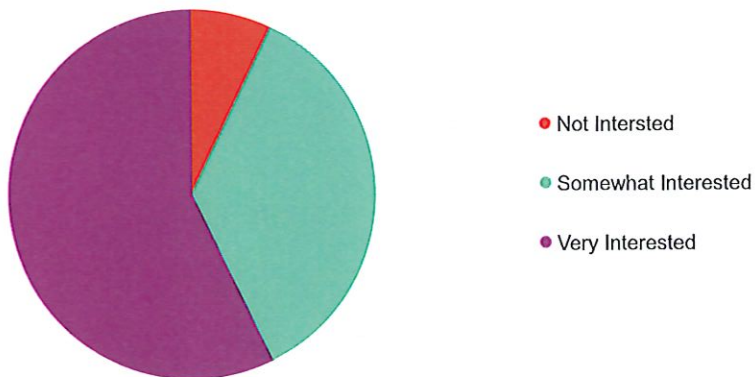


Answers	Count	Percentage
possibly attend	9	64.29%
Would likely attend	3	21.43%
Not interested	0	0%

Answered: 12 Skipped: 2

How interested are you in the following conservation topics?

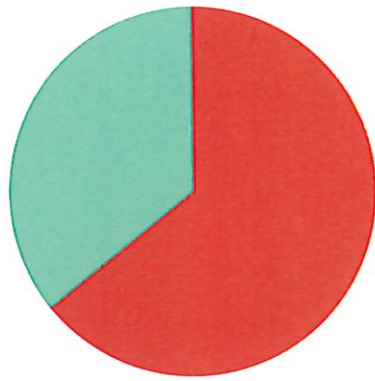
o Conservation Planning



Answers	Count	Percentage
Not Interested	1	7.14%
Somewhat Interested	5	35.71%
Very Interested	8	57.14%

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

o Soil Health Practices

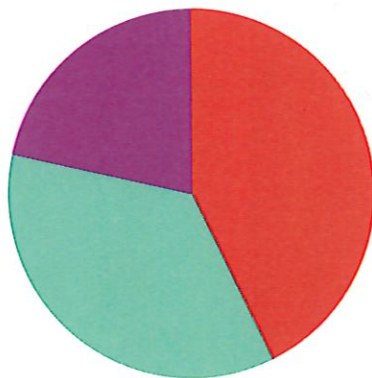


- Very Interested
- Somewhat Interested
- Not Interested

Answers	Count	Percentage
Very Interested	9	64.29%
Somewhat Interested	5	35.71%
Not Interested	0	0%

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

○ Prairie Establishment

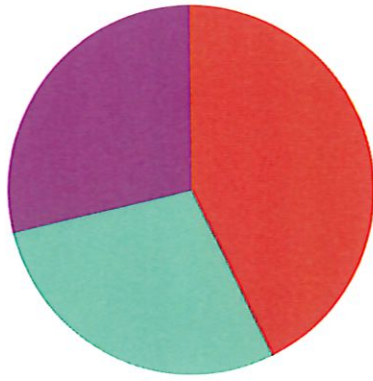


- Very Interested
- Not Interested
- Somewhat Interested

Answers	Count	Percentage
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○ Prairie Management

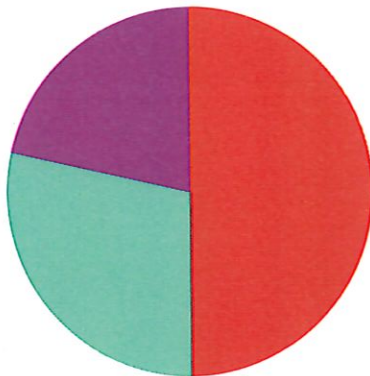


- Very Interested
- Not Interested
- Somewhat Interested

Answers	Count	Percentage
Very Interested	6	42.86%
Not Interested	4	28.57%
Somewhat Interested	4	28.57%

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

● Forest Management

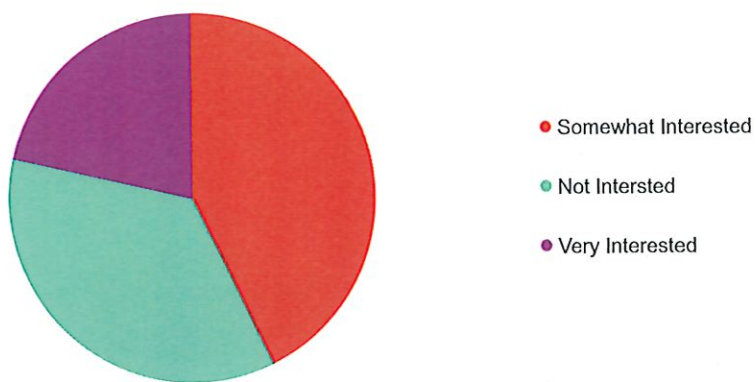


- Very Interested
- Somewhat Interested
- Not Interested

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Somewhat Interested	4	28.57%
Not Interested	3	21.43%

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● Pond Management

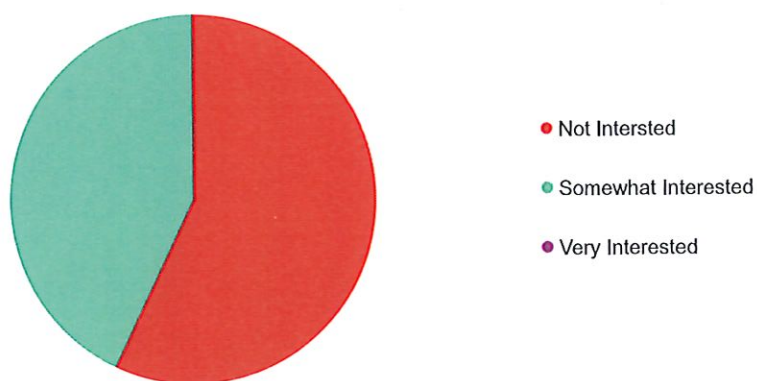


Answers	Count	Percentage
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Somewhat Interested	6	42.86%
Not Interested	5	35.71%
Very Interested	3	21.43%

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o Pasture Management

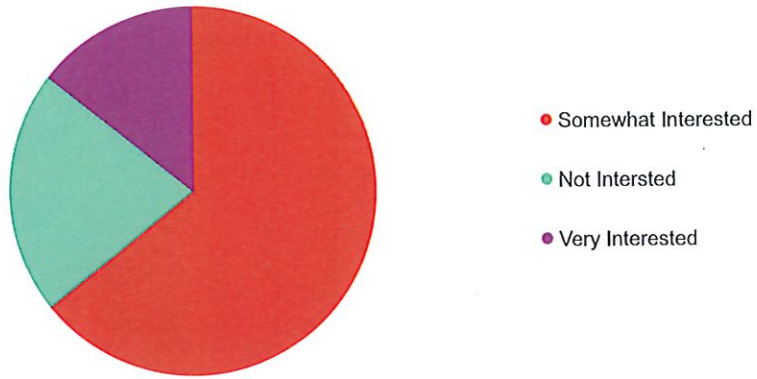


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Not Interested	8	57.14%
Somewhat Interested	6	42.86%
Very Interested	0	0%

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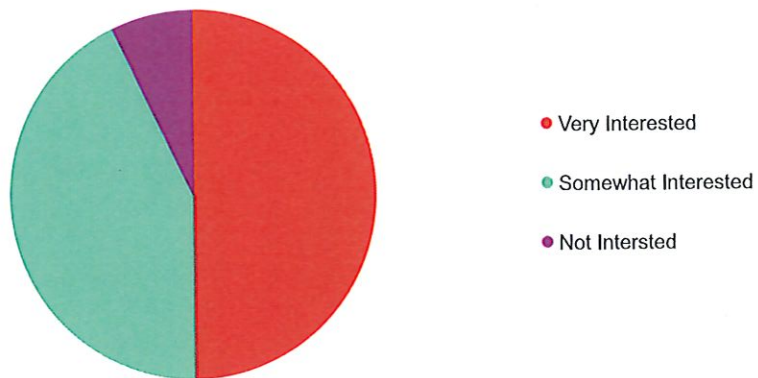
o Ditch Management



Answers	Count	Percentage
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Not Interested	3	21.43%
Very Interested	2	14.29%

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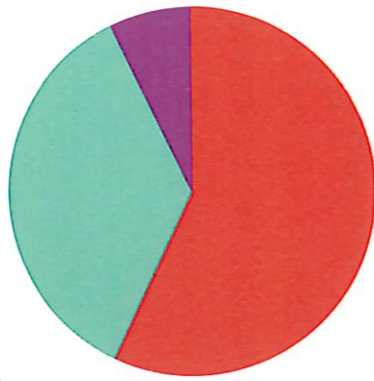
• Invasive Species ID/Management



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Somewhat Interested	6	42.86%
Not Interested	1	7.14%

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• Noxious Weed Management

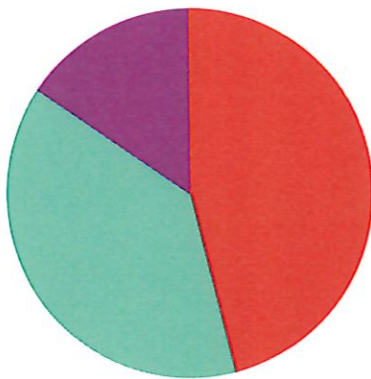


- Somewhat Interested
- Very Interested
- Not Interested

Answers	Count	Percentage
Somewhat Interested	8	57.14%
Very Interested	5	35.71%
Not Interested	1	7.14%

Answered: 14 Skipped: 0

● Wetland Regulations and Management



- Very Interested
- Somewhat Interested
- Not Interested

Answers	Count	Percentage
Very Interested	6	42.86%
Somewhat Interested	5	35.71%
Not Interested	2	14.29%

Answered: 13 Skipped: 1

Is there anything else you would like to add to help our District better serve our rural community?

The word cloud requires at least 20 answers to show.

Response**Count**

Stream cleanups potentially on private land. Specifically, assistance with cleaning up historical dump sites. 1
Assistance with failing septic systems.

Meetings just for the sake of holding another meeting would probably not accomplish much more than it 1
already does. However a few more intentional gatherings with more involvement/communication
with/derived from farmers and other land use decision makers, could possibly better identify/outline natural
resource issues, which in turn could better direct future actions that deliver effective and sustainable
solutions.

Keep up the good work! 1

Getting just one farmer to start being more cognizant of conservation practices could build momentum. 1
Maybe it needs to be more lucrative to set ground aside. But farmers will listen to their peers more than any
outreach program or brochure. I truly believe it just takes a few small changes to make big lasting impacts
over time.

convey how our daily choices impact the big picture. How person's change effects down the line. Thanks 1

Bring back PSAs! People are incredibly detached from nature and blissfully ignorant of the damage we 1
inflict on the environment and wildlife.

answers based on my expertise-- apologize for not being as present in county over past few weeks-- just 1
moved!

Answered: 7 Skipped: 7