

# SAG Workshop 1

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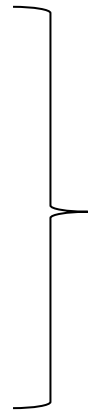
# Project Overview

- Funding: NOAA through The National Sea Grant Office
- Project timeline: January 2022 – December 2024
- Primary objective:  
*optimize the deployment of innovative GI/LID techniques to mitigate runoff and pollution impacts on freshwater systems and eventually protecting the coastal ecosystems in the U.S.*
- Specific aims:
  - Identify key knowledge gaps
  - Prioritize research needs and roles of the Sea Grant Network
  - Administer a competitive research grant program
  - Develop a strategic document to serve as a roadmap for the Sea Grant Network

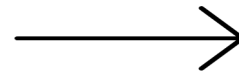


# Scoping study (6 months)

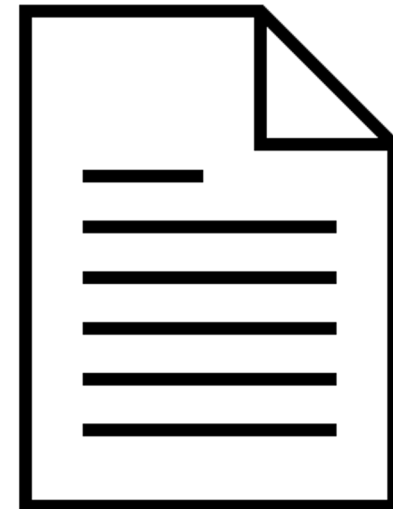
- Literature review
- Interviews
- Stakeholder survey
- SAG workshops



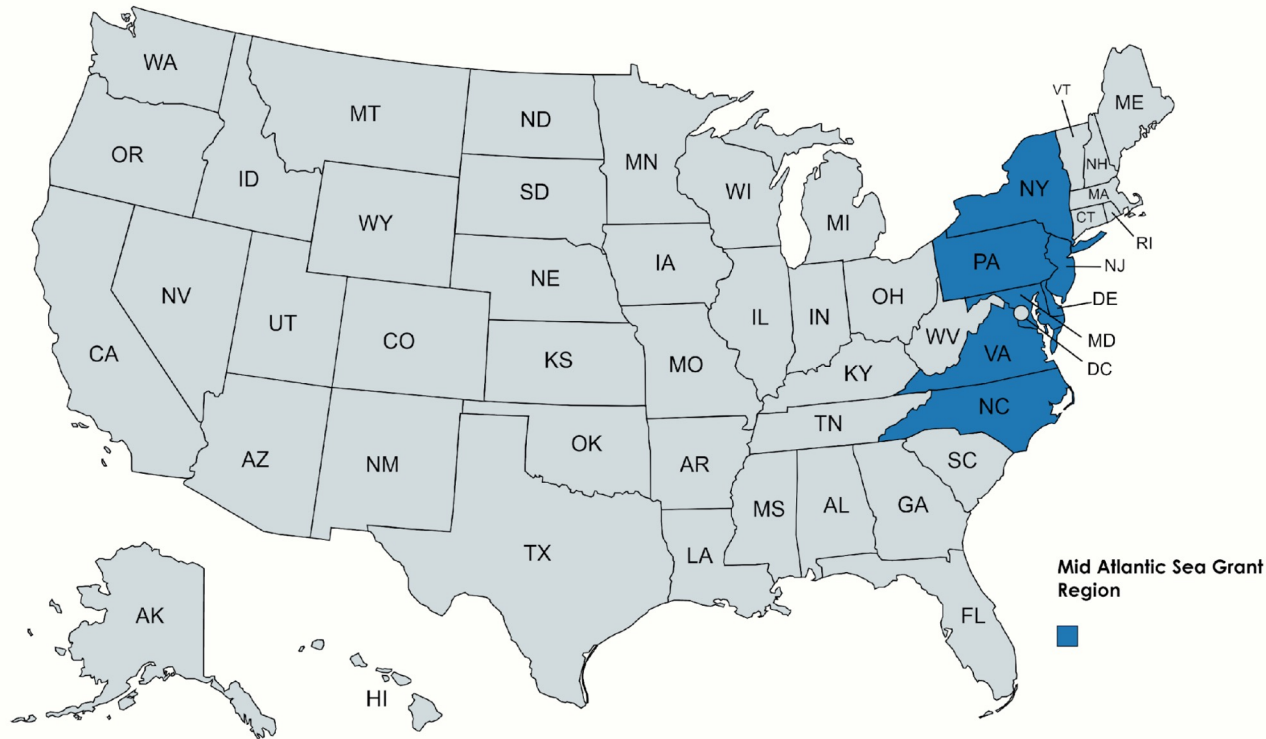
- Prioritized research areas
- Sea Grant roles and activities



Strategic Document



# Competitive Research Program (30 months)

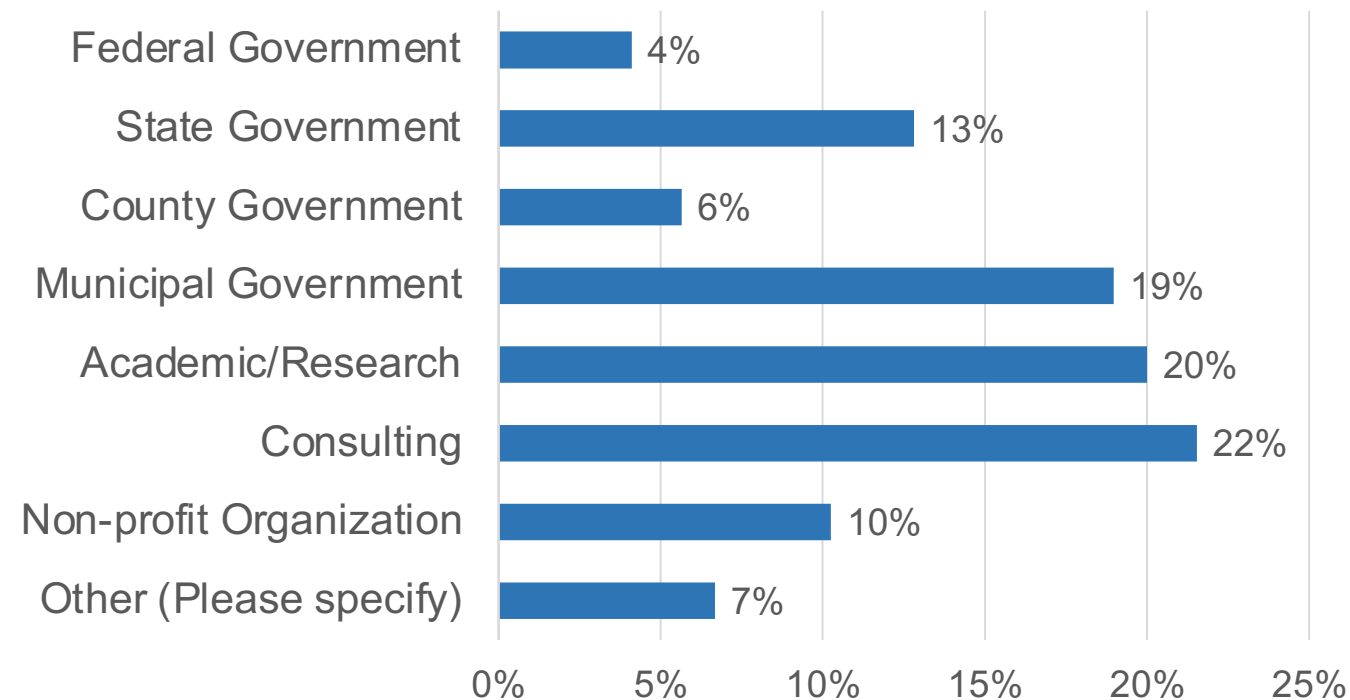


- Fund up to three competitive research projects (NY-NJ-DE-PA-MD-VA-NC)
- Address knowledge gaps and research needs identified in the scoping study
- Update the strategic document

# Agenda

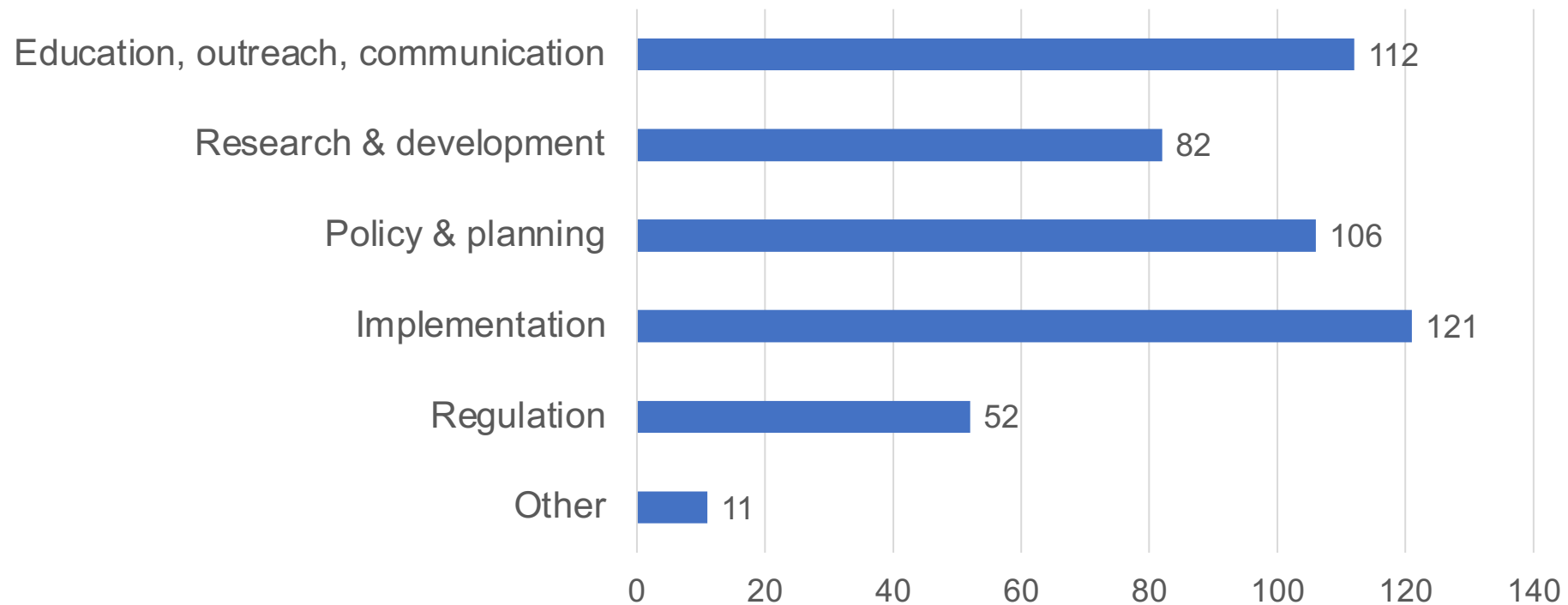
Time	Activity
9:05 – 9:10	Welcome
9:10 – 9:15	Project Overview
9:15 – 9:20	Poll
9:20 – 9:50	Key Challenges (break out session)
9:50 – 10:00	Group Report-Outs
10:00 – 10:05	Poll
10:05 – 10:35	Information Gaps (break out session)
10:35 – 10:45	Group Report-Outs
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:05	Poll
11:05 – 11:35	Prioritized Research Areas and Activities (break out session)
11:35 – 11:45	Group Report-Outs
11:45 – 11:55	Survey Results
11:55 – 12:00	Closing Remarks

# Online survey ~200 respondents

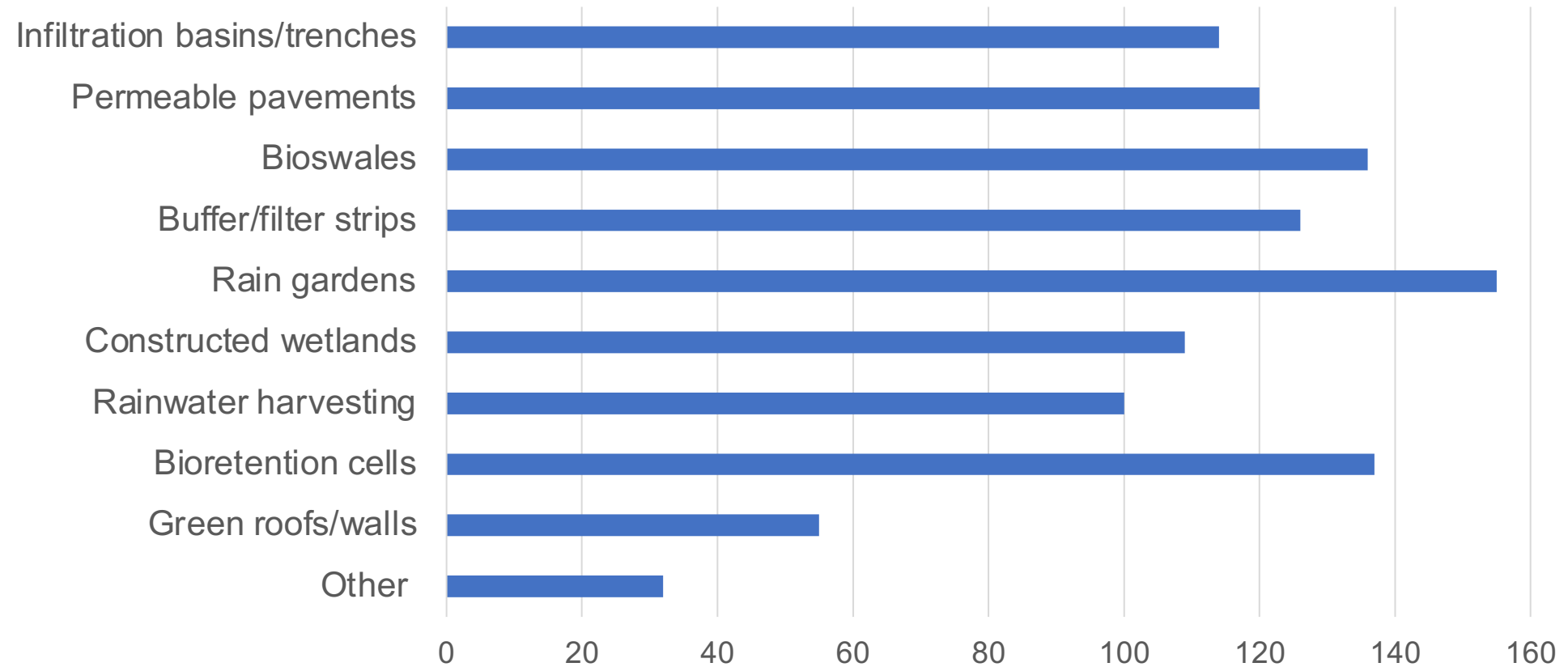




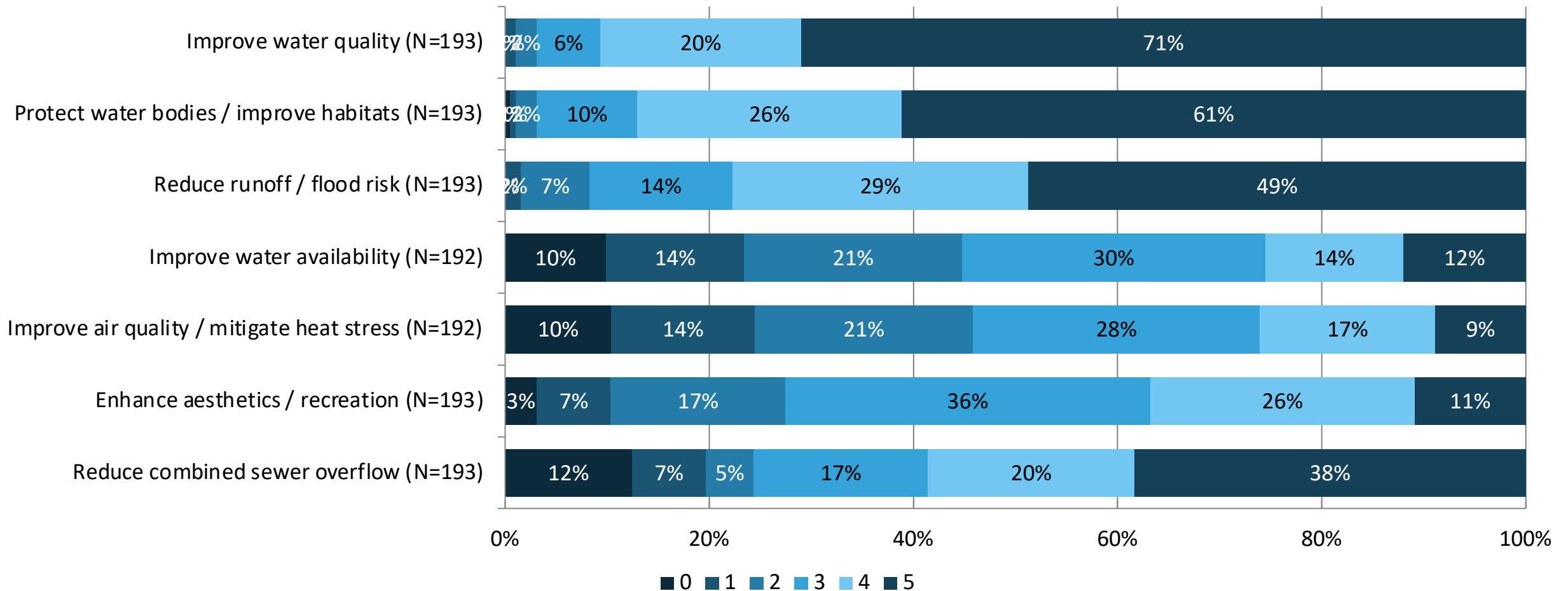
# Type of GI/LID experience



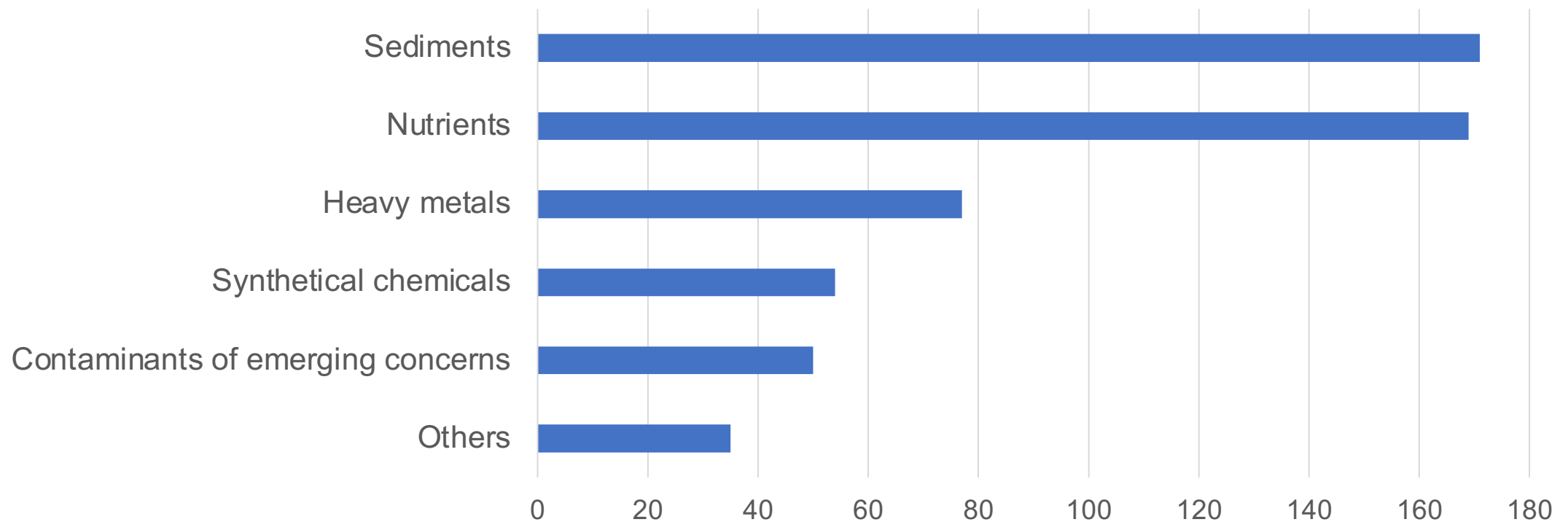
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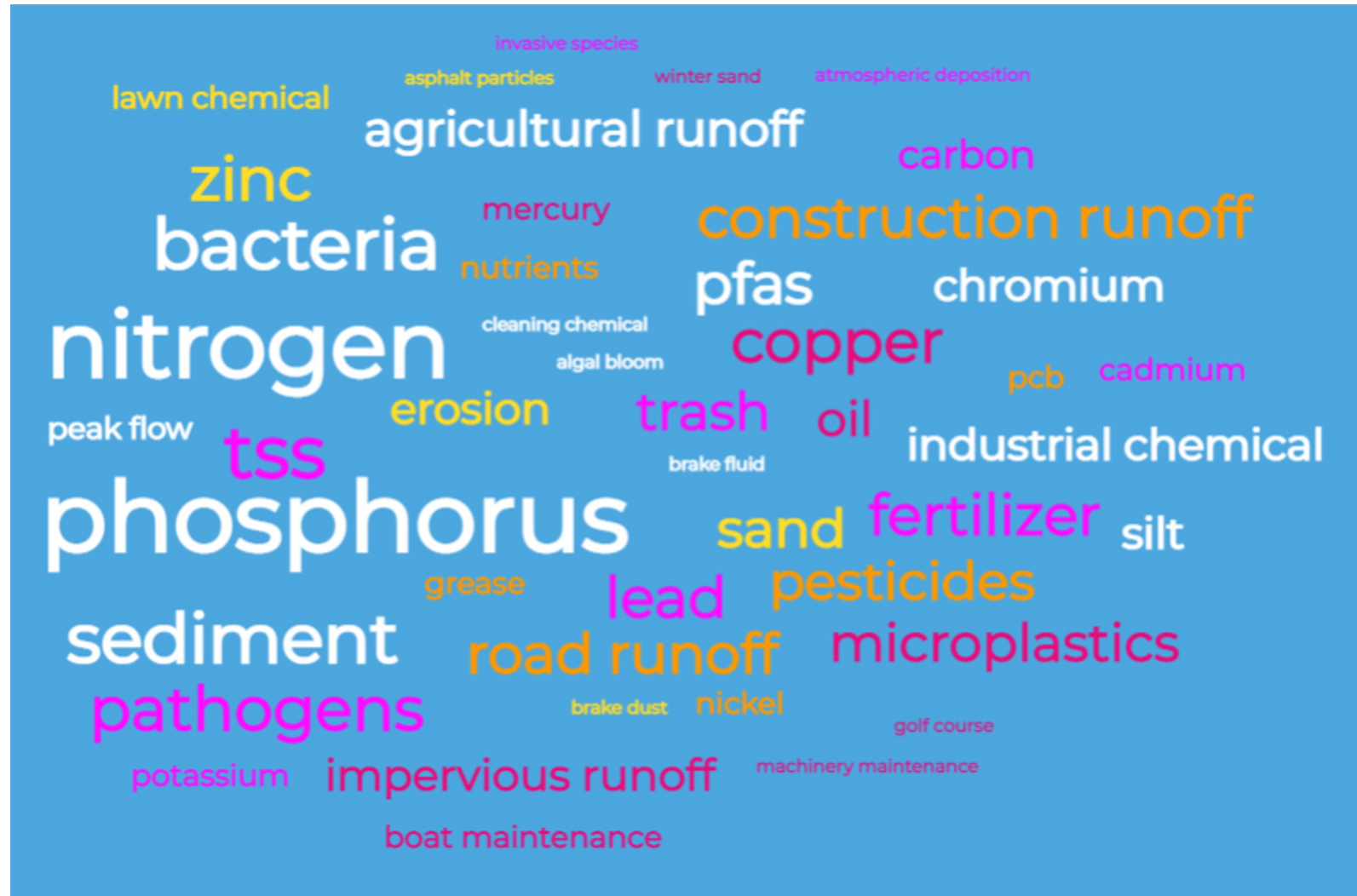
# Importance of GI/LID benefits



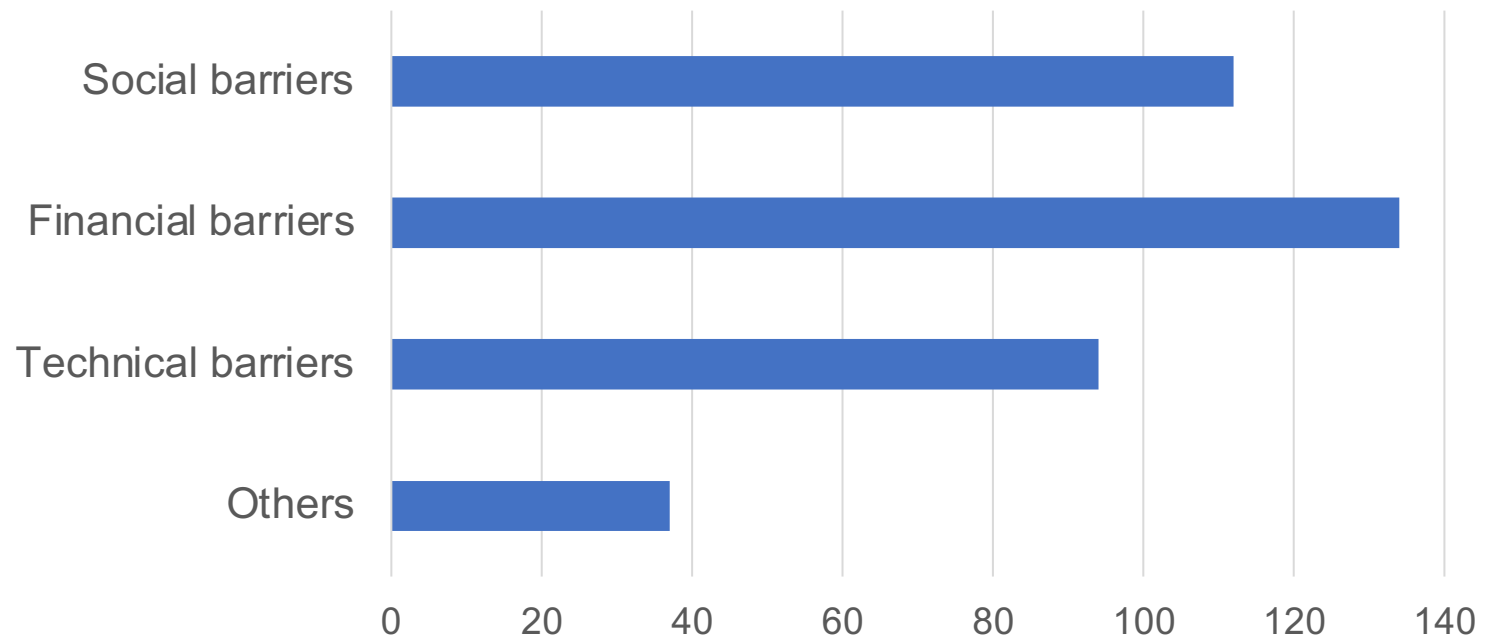
# Pollutants of concern



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# Barriers



# Social barriers

residential acceptance    gentrification  
misunderstanding  
residential understanding  
wildlife closeness    local authority    information access    unpopular techniques  
benefits understanding    siting  
landowner transfer    urban nature  
community support    aesthetic  
mosquito concerns    landowner resistance    planning capacity  
health    risk aversion    residential engagement    safety    habitat aversion  
perceived risk    change resistance  
stormwater awareness    new methods    effective communications  
development speed  
limited knowledge    residential concerns    land use  
professional trespass    maintenance    trust    nimbyism  
behavior change    limited understanding    multiple agency    space priority    multiple stakeholders  
native plant    gray preferences    outreach effort  
community engagement    language barriers    reduced parking    developer reluctance  
adoption    homeless community

# Knowledge gaps & Research needs

