

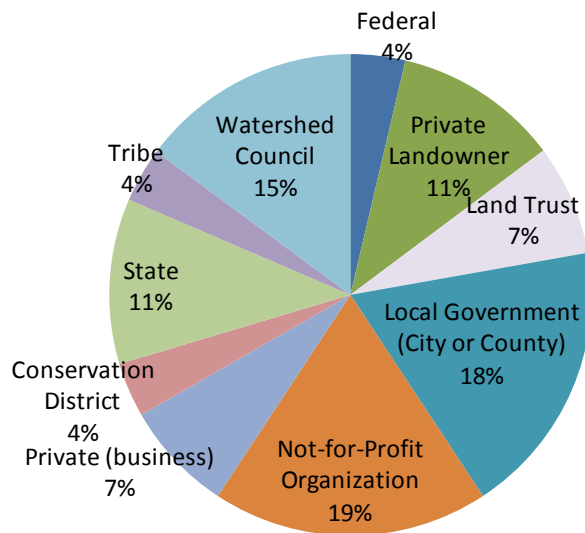
STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS

The **Willamette Mainstem Cooperative (WMC)** is a community-based partnership funded by Meyer Memorial Trust, and led by Benton Soil and Water Conservation District. The WMC consists of a group of landowners, organizations, and volunteers whose shared mission is to improve stewardship of natural resources across all landownerships along the mainstem of the Willamette River, centered on the Corvallis to Albany river reach. The WMC has a steering committee of partners who are integral to decision making and the planning of projects and other actions.

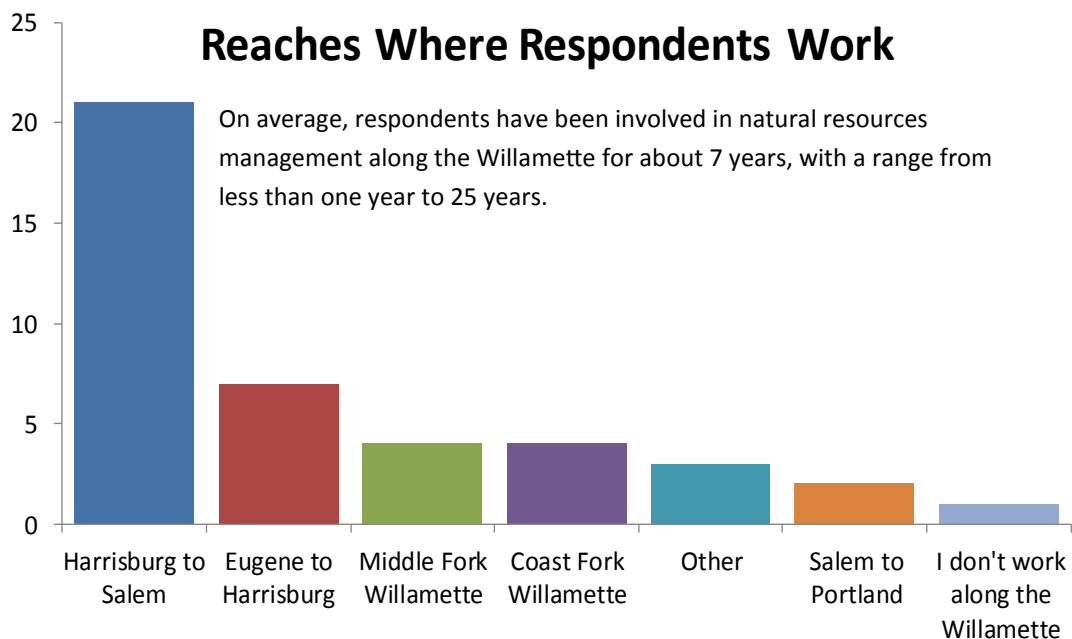
This survey was created to help us understand how stakeholders along the Willamette view the management of natural resources on the river. A total of 26 individuals representing federal, tribal, state, and local governments as well as nonprofit organizations and private owners completed the survey. The 9-question survey was developed using SurveyMonkey. The survey included a variety of question types, from open-ended responses to rating the importance of processes and priorities. The following are the results of this survey.

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. What type of group or agency do you represent?

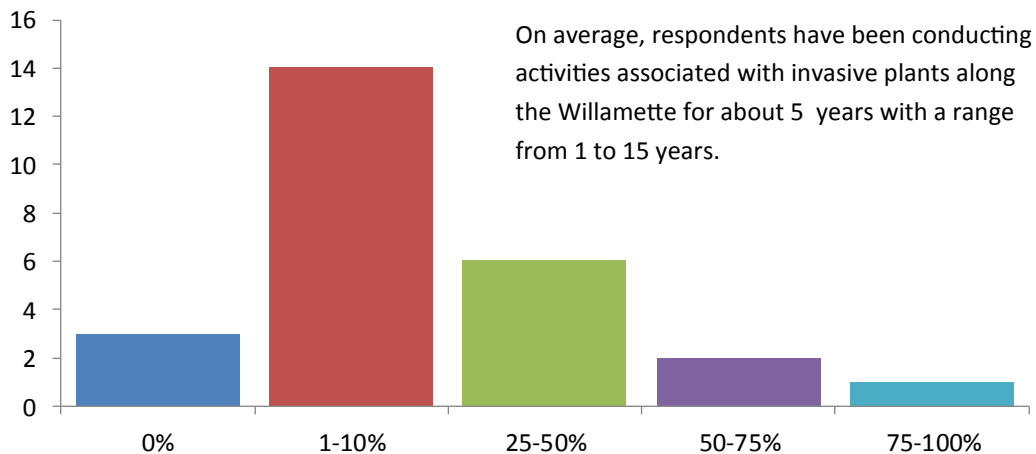


2. Along which section(s) of the Willamette River are you involved in the management of natural resources?



3. Approximately what percentage of your work is involved in education, outreach and/or management activities associated with invasive species?

% of Work with Invasive Species



4. Have you noticed the introduction of new invasive species or the expansion of existing invasives within the Willamette River system in the past decade?

Yes	16	Plants Noted: <i>Clematis vitalba</i> , knapweed, false brome, <i>Ludwigia</i> , ivy, knotweed, garlic mustard, reed canarygrass, yellow flag iris, yellow floating heart,
No	4	

5. Please list, in ranked order, five invasive plants that you consider priority for management on the Willamette River.
(#1 = highest priority, #8 = lowest, etc)

Species	Total # of Votes Across Ranks
Knotweed	16
Blackberry	11
Ivy	11
Reed Canarygrass	9
Yellow Flag Iris	8
<i>Ludwigia</i> (water prim-rose)	8
<i>Clematis</i>	6

Rank	Species	# of Votes for Each Rank
1	<i>Ludwigia</i> (water prim-rose)	6
2	Blackberry	5
3	<i>Clematis</i>	4
4	Knotweed	5
5	Ivy	3
5	Yellow Flag Iris	3

6. Rank the following criteria for invasive species management in the order of importance when considering areas to focus control efforts. (1 is highest priority, 8 is lowest priority)

Criteria with Rank (Average)

- 1 (1.59) Influence on the natural functioning of the riparian corridor.
- 2 (2.86) Efficacy of invasive species treatment options.
- 3 (3.36) Prevalence of the invasive species on the landscape.
- 4 (3.59) Information available on invasive species distribution and likelihood to expand.
- 5 (3.64) Threat to my project area/property.
- 6 (4.23) Access to invasive species populations.
- 7 (4.5) Information available on invasive species ecology.
- 8 (5.1) Listing of species on the ODA A list or other lists (regional, county, etc).

Other Considerations Mentioned with Rank

- 1-2 Patch size in context to surrounding conditions and plan for area (treat outward from high value areas)
- 3-4 Ability to maintain until eradicated
- 1 Potential for spread and rapid distribution
- 2 Investments being made in nearby/adjacent areas - i.e. have continuity of efforts in landscape
- 3 Potential for economic impact (agriculture, recreation, fishing...)
- Influence on water quality (similar to "natural functioning of the riparian corridor")

7. Describe what criteria you used to create your list of invasive plants for question 5. (Refer to criteria in question 6).

Twenty respondents answered question 7. Responses fell into these four broad categories (# of responses):

- 1.EDRR/Population Expansion/Aggressiveness (15)
- 2.Impact on Riparian Habitat/ Ecological Functions (13)
- 3.Resources Available/ Investments (4)
- 4.Personal/survey experience and "what directly affects my property" (4)

8. Please provide examples of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges you believe exist relative to collaborative management efforts along the Willamette River.

Existing Strengths

Existing partnerships
Landowner/ag/farmer willingness
Funders are interested/invested
Survey work is establishing baseline data

Potential Opportunities

Increase/improve coordination and collaboration
“There's treasure everywhere” Calvin and Hobbs
Market based pressures/incentives for producers to incorporate restoration into their operation.
Serve as an example for other river systems

Existing Weaknesses

Lack of comprehensive plan/ how to define success
Coordination and communication among all the players
Gaps in coverage along the Willamette
How to bring in partners from outside the conservation community?
Not enough funding
Reliance on herbicides
Struggle with implementation of management work especially when manual labor is needed

Potential Challenges

Analysis paralysis; challenges in moving forward with on-the-ground work
Funding constraints/competition
Development trends & potential for water shortages
Getting landowner buy-in
Dynamic nature of the system
Challenges coordinating with diverse partners with different objectives
Challenging to effectively manage invasive plant populations long term and system wide