### Pennypack Watershed Municipalities



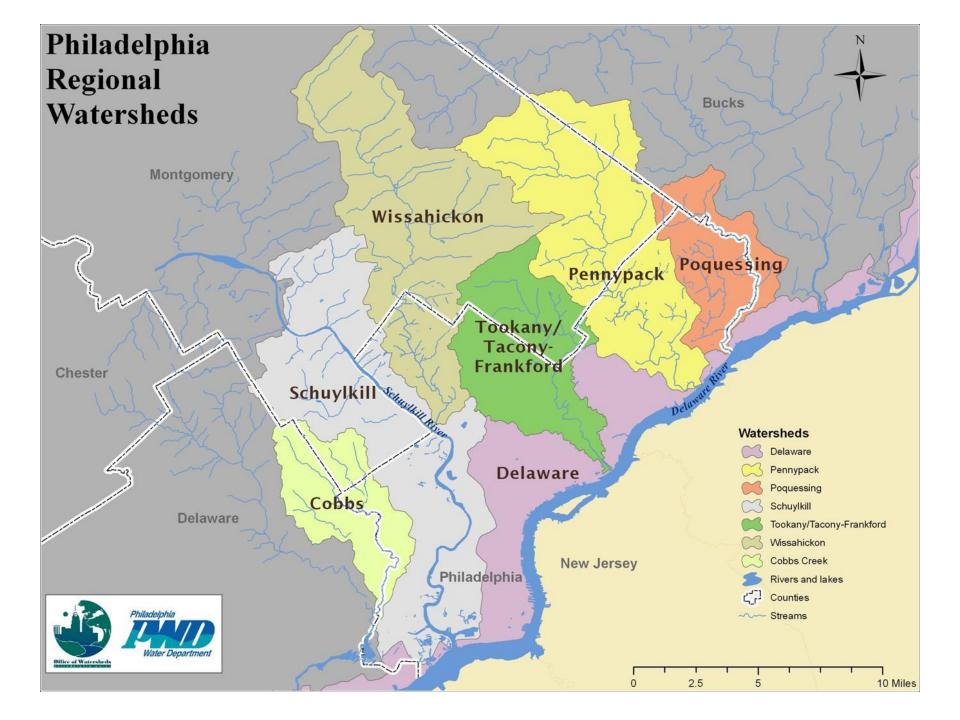


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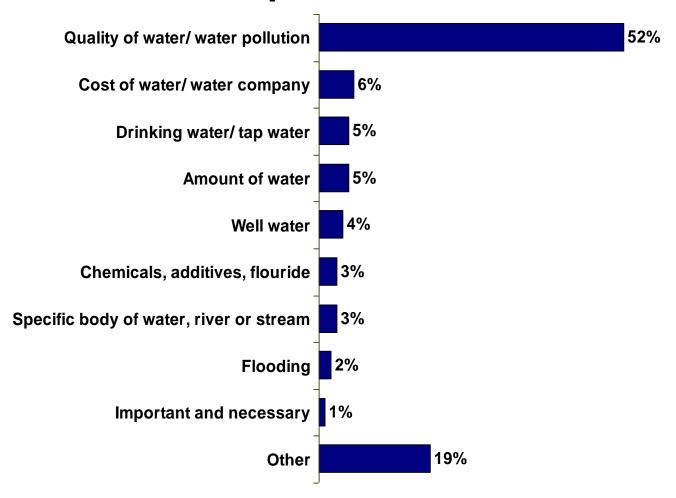
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### Residents' Top of Mind About Water



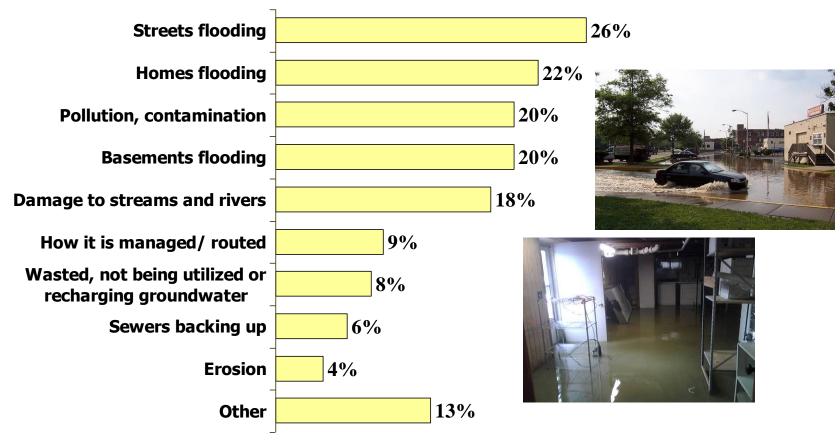
Base= 800 respondents



Q1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think about water in your community?



## Top of Mind Concerns Include Flooding and Pollution





Q6a. Do you have any concerns about storm water in your community? What are they?

Base= 240 respondents expressed concern without being aided

### Multiple Organizations are Responsible for Managing Storm Water

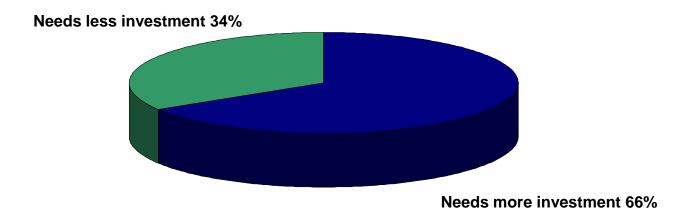
No single organization should be the most responsible

	Yes, have responsibility	Have MOST responsibility
Counties	96%	14%
Municipalities (townships or boroughs)	96%	28%
Developers	94%	15%
The State of Pennsylvania	92%	19%
Land Owners	85%	6%
Everyone who gets a water bill	76%	6%
The Federal Government	69%	12%

Base= 800 respondents



### Support for Storm Water Investment is Strong



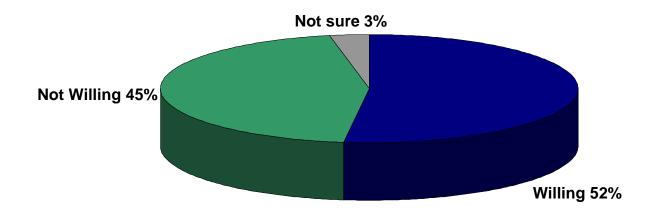
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Q14. Generally, do you believe your area needs more or less investment in managing storm water so that no one has too much water that causes flooding or too little water so that streams dry up?

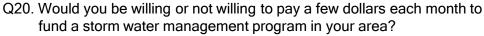


### Over Half Willing to Pay for Storm Water Programs



**Base= 800 respondents** 







# Why does this matter to municipalities?

- Operations and management (water infrastructure, roads, land)
- Regulatory compliance (MS4)
- Emergency response/flooding
- Quality of life
- Planning
- Costs

# What does the Watershed Partnership

- do for you? Municipal compliance with regulations
- Comprehensive watershed planning
- Securing funding
- Educating the community
- Sharing resources and ideas
- Precedent setting, cutting edge initiative
- Strength in numbers don't do it alone!





# What does a watershed partnership DO?

- Watershed plan
  - Goal setting process
  - ID problems
  - ID solutions
  - Cost/benefits
  - Plan Implementation (technical, policy and financial support)



# What does a watershed partnership DO?

- Collect watershed wide data that defines baseline conditions, identifies problem areas & possible solutions:
  - Chemical, physical and biological data
  - Infrastructure (bridges, outfalls, culverts, etc)
  - Channel structures (fluvial geomorphology)
  - Thermal imagery to detect illegal discharges
  - Stormwater BMPs (basins)



# What does a watershed partnership DO?

- Public Education and Outreach
  - Rain barrel and rain garden workshops
  - SW basin retrofits
  - Stream walks and tours
  - Stream clean ups
  - Plantings
  - Brochures that identify watershed features, problems, and solutions





### **Topics**

- Overview of New Act 167 Stormwater
  Management Plan and Stormwater Ordinance
  - Richard Nalbandian, Temple University's Center for Sustainable Communities
- Stormwater Best Management Project
  Opportunities and PennVest/Other Funding
  - Richard Nalbandian, Temple
  - Mindy Lemoine, Pennsylvania Environmental Council
- Discussion about Next Steps