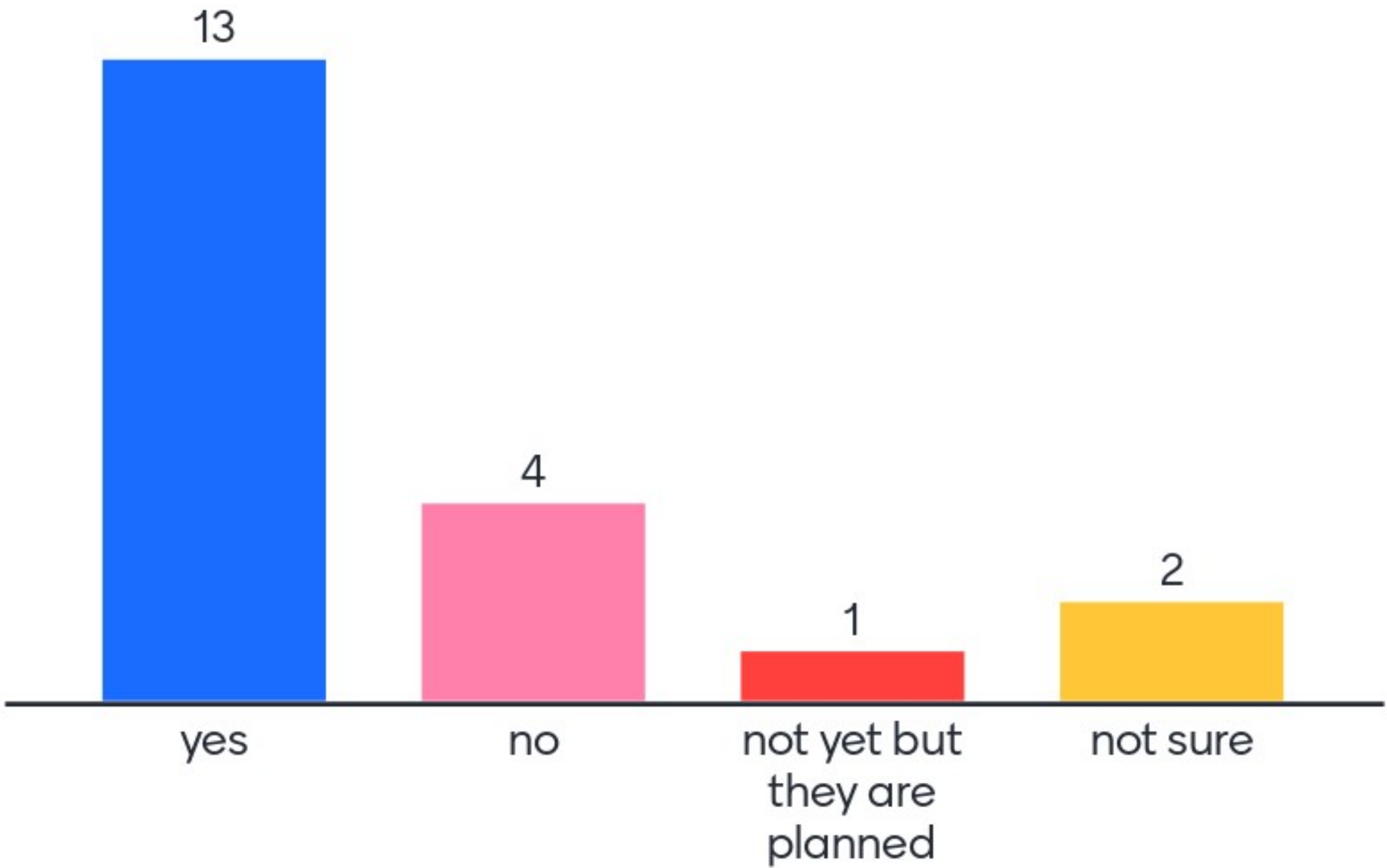


Has internal conversations taken place within your municipality on changes to wetland protection and its implications to the municipality?



If conversations have occurred what topics have been the focus of the discussion (please add name of municipality if willing)

11 Answers

wetland identification and improved mapping, process/framework for identifying significant wetlands via new OWES, possible policy direction

we've done an analysis to look at what PSWs could potentially be lost on the landscape b/c they are on private lands and isolated, but part of a complex.

Hamilton, looking for loopholes and ways to continue to work the the HCA to preserve wetlands beyond just erosion. Wondered if HCA staff can be 'seconded' to work with the city?

Staff resources. Planning Act timelines. Offsetting. Mapping.

City of Ottawa. Contined role of the CAs in Planning Act applications. Mechanisms for protecting wetlands in context of weakened PPS/OWE protections.

plan review responsibilities w/ local CA

OWES responsibilities; EIS reviews (Ajax)

The impacts on protecting wetlands through the development process.

Caledon - What policies could our OP include that would strengthen protection.

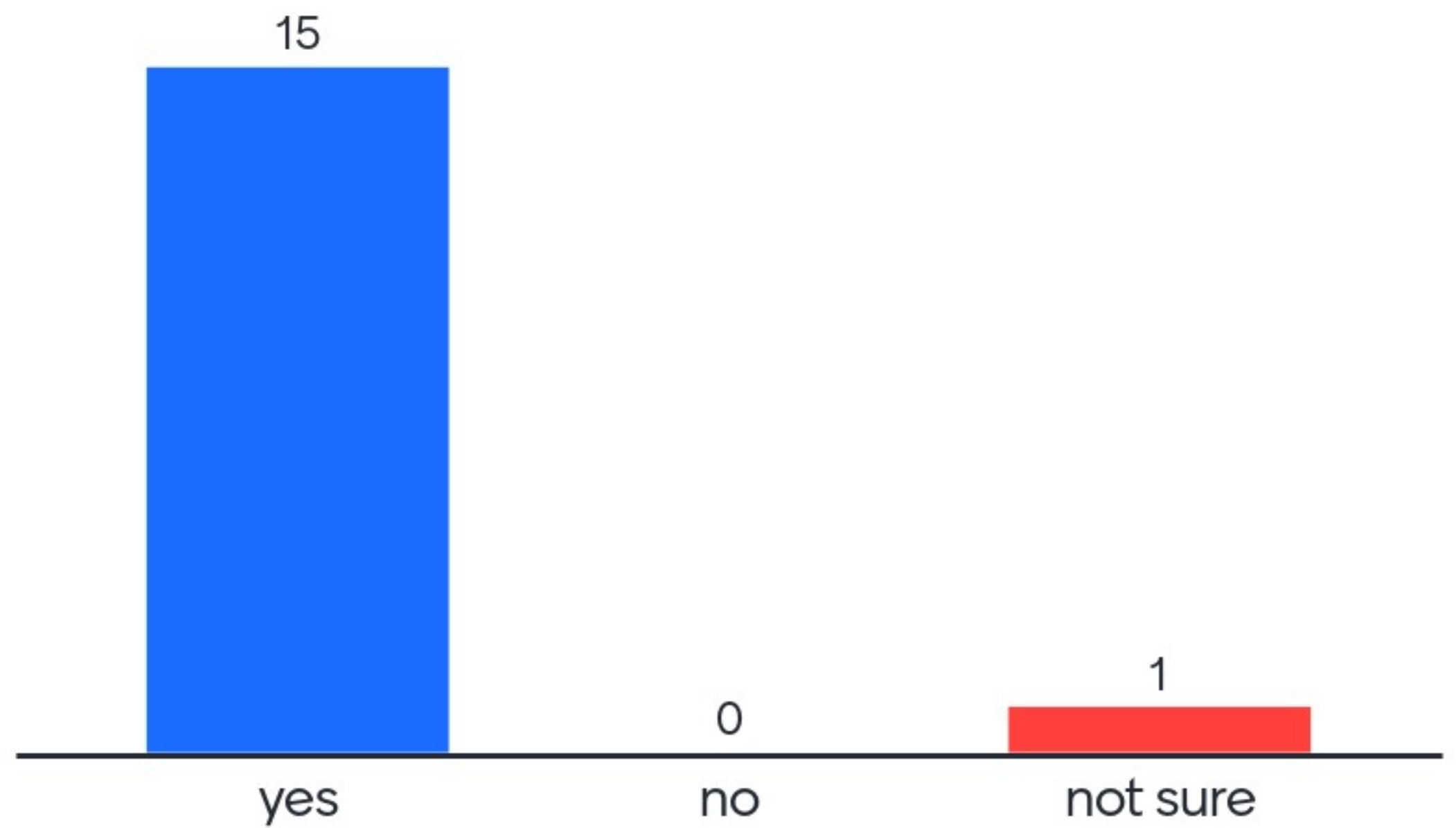
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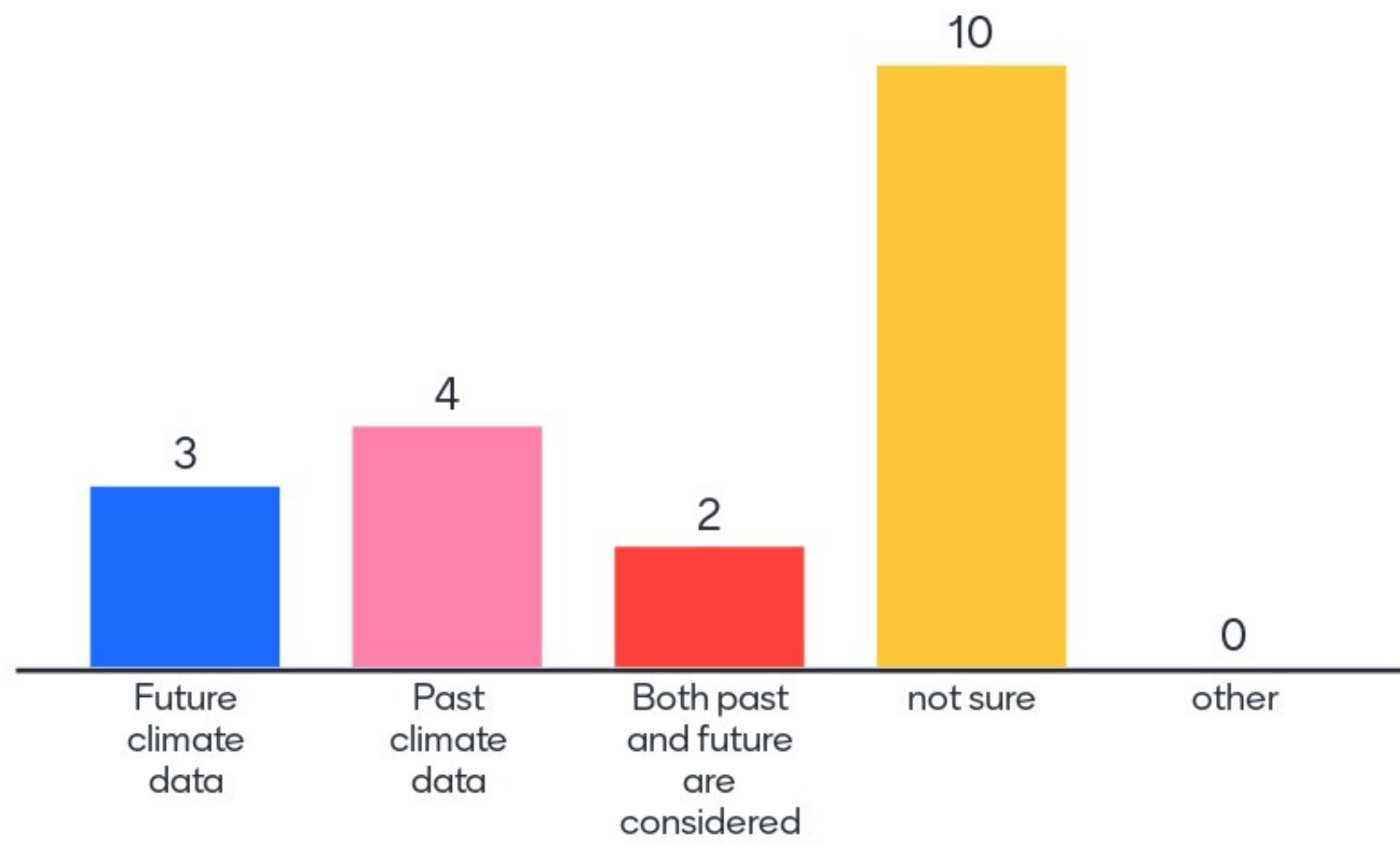
breach of the Countryside Line at Big Springs.development application for wetlands at Erbsville and Conservation Dr.protection of groundwater and water recharge areas

Evaluation of OP policies to ensure the level of protection for wetland complexes that are currently PSWs are maintained (Toronto)

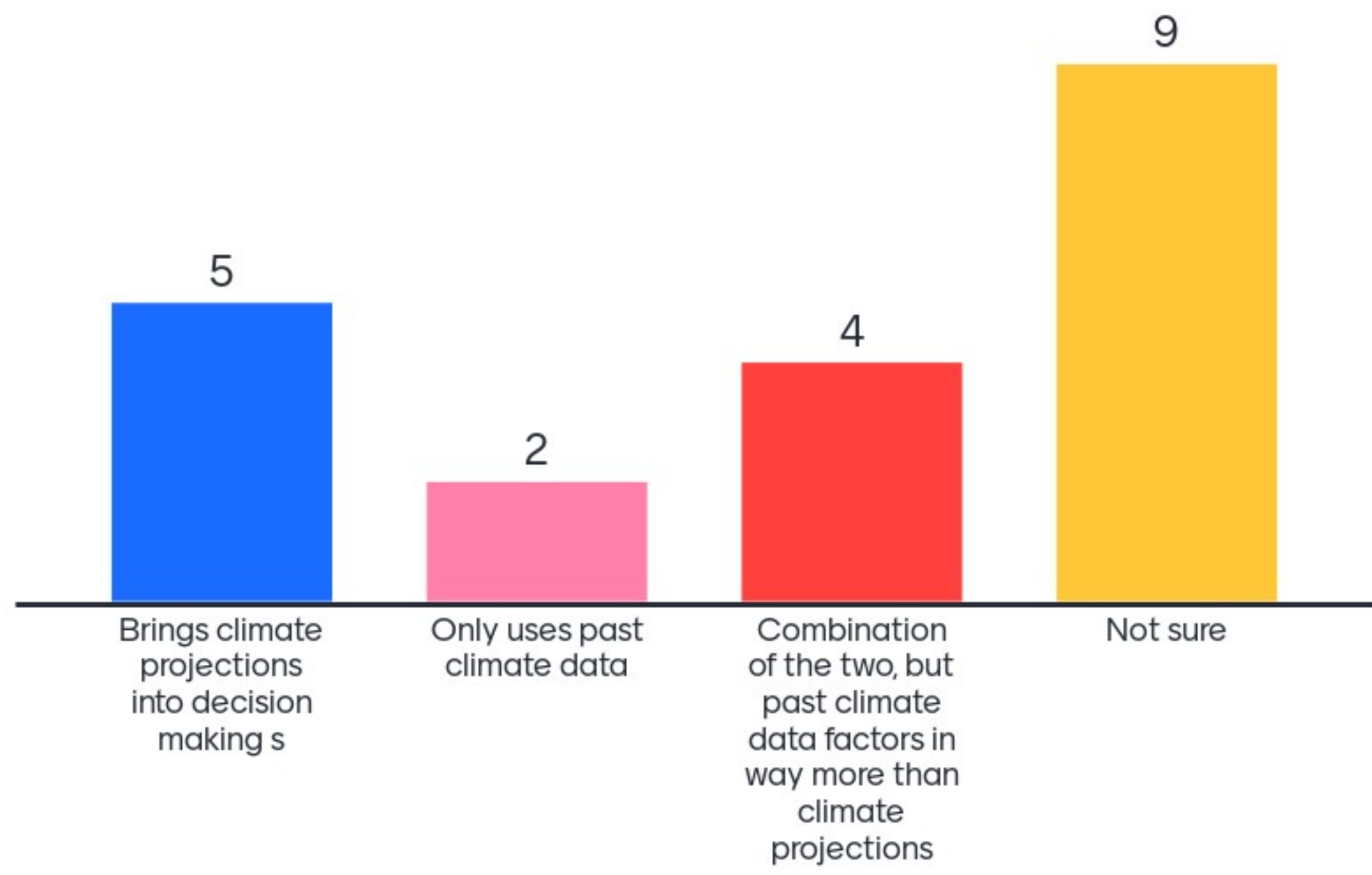
Does your municipality have a map of provincially significant wetlands (as they were previously identified) in your natural heritage/stormwater plan?



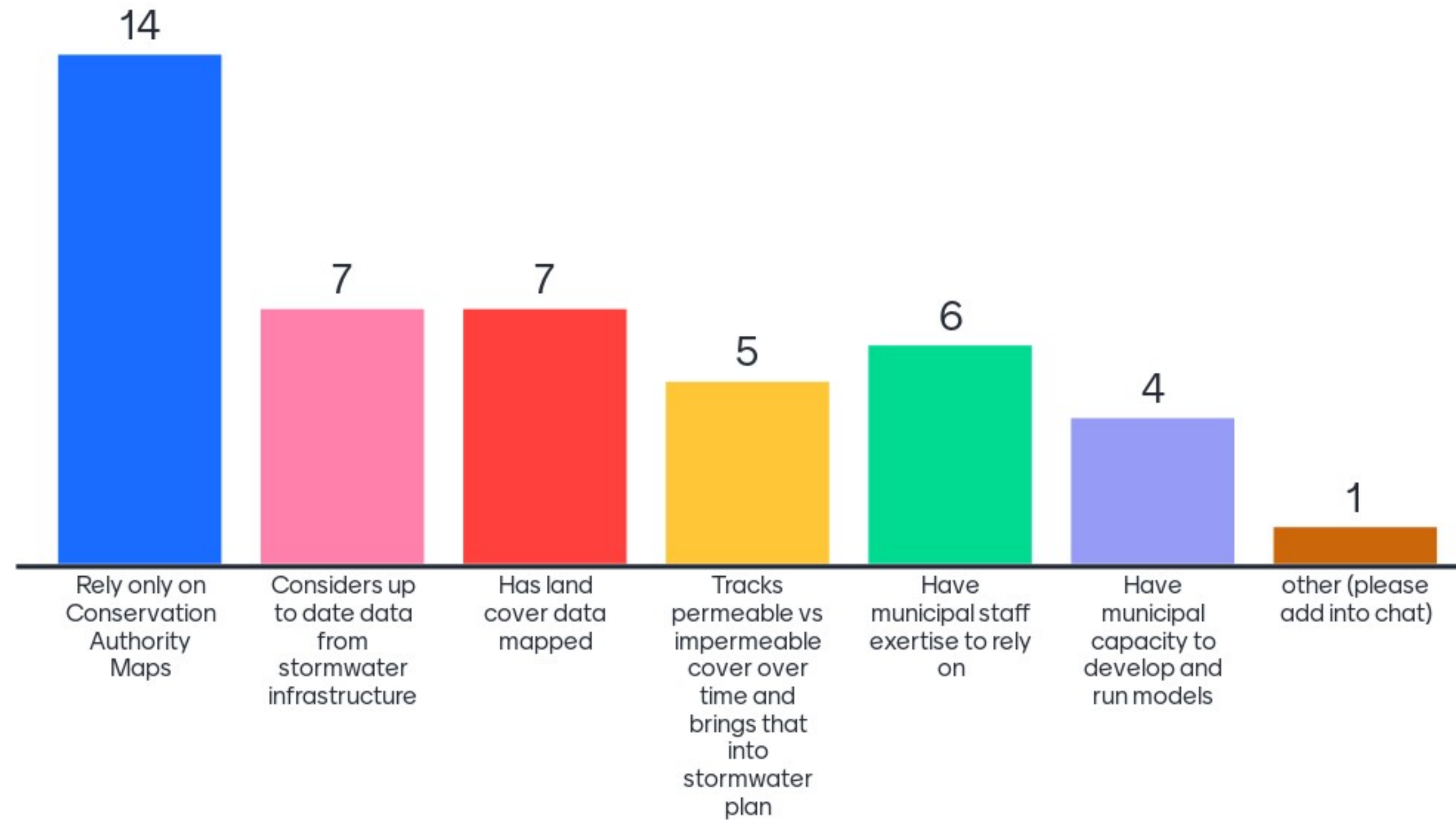
When updating stormwater plans has your municipality used future climate projections or does it still rely on historical data



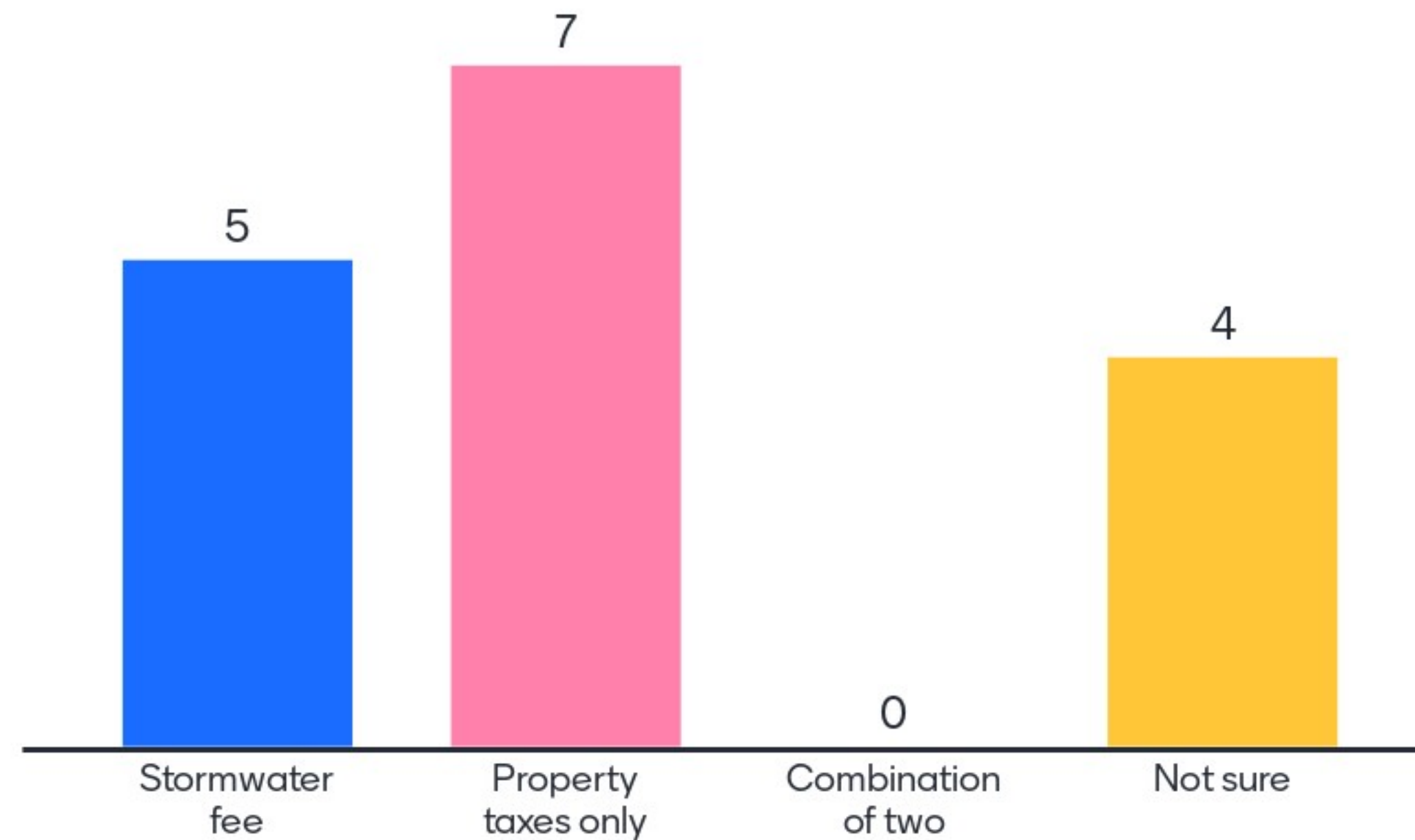
When designing or updating stormwater infrastructure does your municipality bring in climate projections into decision making?



How does your municipality map/consider flood risk? select all that apply



Does your municipality have a stormwater charge in place or if stormwater funded off the property tax base?



If your municipality has a stormwater fee in place please write your municipality's name below.

8 Answers



Hamilton is FINALLY bringing one in

Ottawa

no

Richmond Hill has a Stormwater Management Rate

windsor: Currently on water bill but will be moving to stormwater fees in 2024

Town of Ajax has a brand new Stormwater Fee:
<https://imo.ajax.ca/stormwater-fee-implementation>

Toronto is currently consulting on Stormwater Charge:
<https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/get-involved/public-consultations/infrastructure-projects/stormwater-water-service-charges-consultation/>

Ottawa's stormwater rates: <https://ottawa.ca/en/living-ottawa/water-utility-bills/rates-and-fees#section-b2c1d583-def5-4737-b7c2-08b858df8cc5>. Some discussions underway on value of a credit system fo

Does your municipality require wetland evaluations as part of a complete development application (please just name your municipality and the process)

16 Answers

Caledon - Yes

Hamilton - not to my knowledge

City of Ottawa. It depends on the application.

Yes. Pickering

No (require NHIS required which may evaluate wetland is applicable) -- Toronto

Burlington - Yes as part of EIS (where applicable)

It depends but if wetland habitat could potentially be impacted then yes - Ajax

Hamilton no

Ottawa. Extent of potential impacts on the wetland and the potential of the wetland to be significant.

Does your municipality require wetland evaluations as part of a complete development application (please just name your municipality and the process)

16 Answers

RH - not sure, depends on site, and have existing PSW mapping. NHE's/EISs are required for sites with natural areas.

I am wondering what municipalities are planning to do with a development proposal where a wetland was previously deemed a PSW, and a new evaluation shows it is no longer a PSW. Is there any plan

Ottawa: uses CA riverine flood risk mapping including for a 350 year event (and OP policies linked to these). In house Flood Risk Tool to assess urban flood risks and guide risk mitigation

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District Municipality of Muskoka has recently developed a hydrological model and extensive flood plain mapping to support flood risk. We don't have a Conservation Authority in this area.

Is there any plan to do a municipal evaluation?

City of Burlington in partnership with Conservation Halton has begun the process of land cover/permeability SWM modeling within MTSA planning processes

Has your municipality had discussions re an offsetting policy? yes, no, what discussions have occurred, name of municipality, rationale, etc)

7 Answers

Hamilton - yes and it was rejected via a big public campaign by a local advocacy group

Ottawa. Yes. We have policies in our new OP supporting offsetting for loss of non-significant wetlands. PSWs are still no touch.

Ajax follows TRCA's Compensation Guidelines

Yes -- submitted input on ERO posting. No internal implementation discussions to date. (Toronto)

Burlington - very preliminary as part of Urban Forest Master Plan but would be required for wetlands eventually

RH has used TRCA's policy, and site specific settlements through OLT.

How are municipalities handling the review that a CA would normally provide (do they have internal expertise already, hiring consultants?)

What priority topics are slated for municipal discussions re wetlands/flood risk considerations re changes to wetland evaluation and flood risk

8 Answers

Replacing CA expertise in review of 'conservation of land' related to new development (Toronto)

Jurisdictional issues - i.e. whose policies apply? Conservation Authority, Regional, Local.

Identifying consultants for third-party review to replace CA responsibilities

Ottawa. Mechanisms for protection of wetlands in context of changes to the OWES and future changes to the PPS. How to use the Natural Heritage System policies in the PPS (2.1.2 and 2.1.3).

Muskoka - developing remote sensing process for completing OWES evaluation process for all wetlands. Goal is to establish list of candidate wetlands requiring onsite review. Contrib to Nat. Her. Sys.

Integrating stormwater management and green infrastructure into our OP and development standards

Ottawa. A lot of discussion about how to continue work with the three CAs in our area.

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What are possible next steps you will aim to take within your municipality? What next steps would you like to see happen for the collective?

