

MEETING MINUTES

Date:	24 th June 2025
Time:	4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Location:	Microsoft Teams
Meeting Topic:	MONTHLY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ATTENDEES

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Darnell Haywood	DH	Bank on Buffalo	
Dr. Cortasia Solomon	CS	City of Buffalo	
Carl Skompinski	CS	Fillmore Forward	

AGENDA

1.	Introduction of New Stakeholder Committee Member	Art Hall
2.	Overview of Final Council District Meetings	Art Hall
3.	Interactive Website Engagement	Katie Segarra
4.	Queen Cities Clean Waters Festival	ALL

BSA Capital Projects Program Management Team:

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MEETING NOTES

1. Introduction of new SAC member:

- Carl Skompinski – Board member Buffalo Central Terminal Restoration Corp.
- On the Board for Filmore Forward, which is located near the Sidney-Lark Project

2. Overview of Final Council District Meetings:

- Attendance was not as high as anticipated
- The engagement team expressed the intention to boost participation and engagement
- BSA distributes flyers in various languages throughout the districts and attains the presence of translators in Spanish, Arabic, Swahili, Burmese etc. However, the meeting attendance has not been reflective of the districts with diverse populations.
- CS provided a suggestion to host a meeting presentation at the Buffalo Muslim center on Filmore, to get more information out to the New American communities – Will provide contact.
- Saturday, July 12, 2025 – The PMT & BSA will host a virtual City-wide meeting.

3. Council District Takeaways

- Major concern (especially within the neighborhood surrounding Sidney lark) – Rodent Control
- Vibrations that may affect the homes in the community has been a consistent concern across districts
- Sandy Smith expressed increased coordination with other organizations – given the amount of work happening in the Scajaquada Corridor and the throughout the city, it is key for project teams to work together and maintain awareness.

4. Kate provided an update on the Interactive Website and some of the metrics received

Key takeaways from the survey:

- Providing consistent engagement and updates surrounding the projects
- Making technical information accessible and easy to understand
- Having interactive exhibits/demonstrations at public meetings

5. Queen City Clean Waters Festival

- Event date and location has been finalized and approved by DPW/Parks
- **August 29th, 2025 at Hoyt Lake**
- SAC suggested the PMT gather input from Council Districts on what they would like to see at this sort of festival.
- The idea surrounding a “festival” can be misleading to the public – stakeholders and attendees have suggested calling this a ‘fair’ instead of ‘festival’.
- SAC members questioned who the intended audience might be along with the goals BSA has for meeting the engagement criteria outlined by DEC.
 - Projects in all districts must be discussed
 - Information must be provided in a widely understood format
 - Community feedback must be received
- BSA would like to engage with groups of middle school aged children and their families.
- Creative ways to draw people, keep them engaged, while still focusing on the scope of public outreach and educating the public on the various projects within each district.

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- SAC suggested including a raffle – this will be considered in conjunction with the bookbag giveaway and the incentive to visit the council tables and vendor tables.
- Vendors cannot donate directly to the BSA. Partners can sign up to be a vendor table and give out donations directly to the community.
- BSA would like to ensure that any giveaways and demonstrations align with water-related industry.
- The run of show will be designed and regulated by the PMT so that the BSA and other vendors can effectively communicate during the event.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Date of Next Meeting: July 22, 2025

Time of Next Meeting: 4:00 PM

Location of next Meeting: Microsoft Teams

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Agenda

- 1 Overview of Final Council District Meetings and Takeaways
- 2 QCCW Interactive Website Engagement
- 3 “Queen City Clean Water Fest”

Overview of Final Council District Meetings

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- Delaware District - June 10th
- Niagara District - June 12th
- North District - June 17th

Virtual Overall City Meeting - **Saturday, July 12th at 10 AM**



Council District Meetings - Takeaways

Topics of Residential Concern:

- Timeline (How the order/schedule of projects was decided)
- Buffalo Sewer's disposal of sludge/waste
- Coordination with partner organizations (such as Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper)
- Storage capacity of Buffalo Sewer's system during significant storm events
- How the project is being funded (concerns over federal funding)



QCCW Interactive Website Engagement

May Engagement Activity

Total Views: **987**

Total Visits: **651**

Total Visitors: **419**

Total Contributions: **22**
(22 Survey Respondents & 1 Comment on
Share Your Insights)

Views - The number of times a Visitor views any page on a Site.

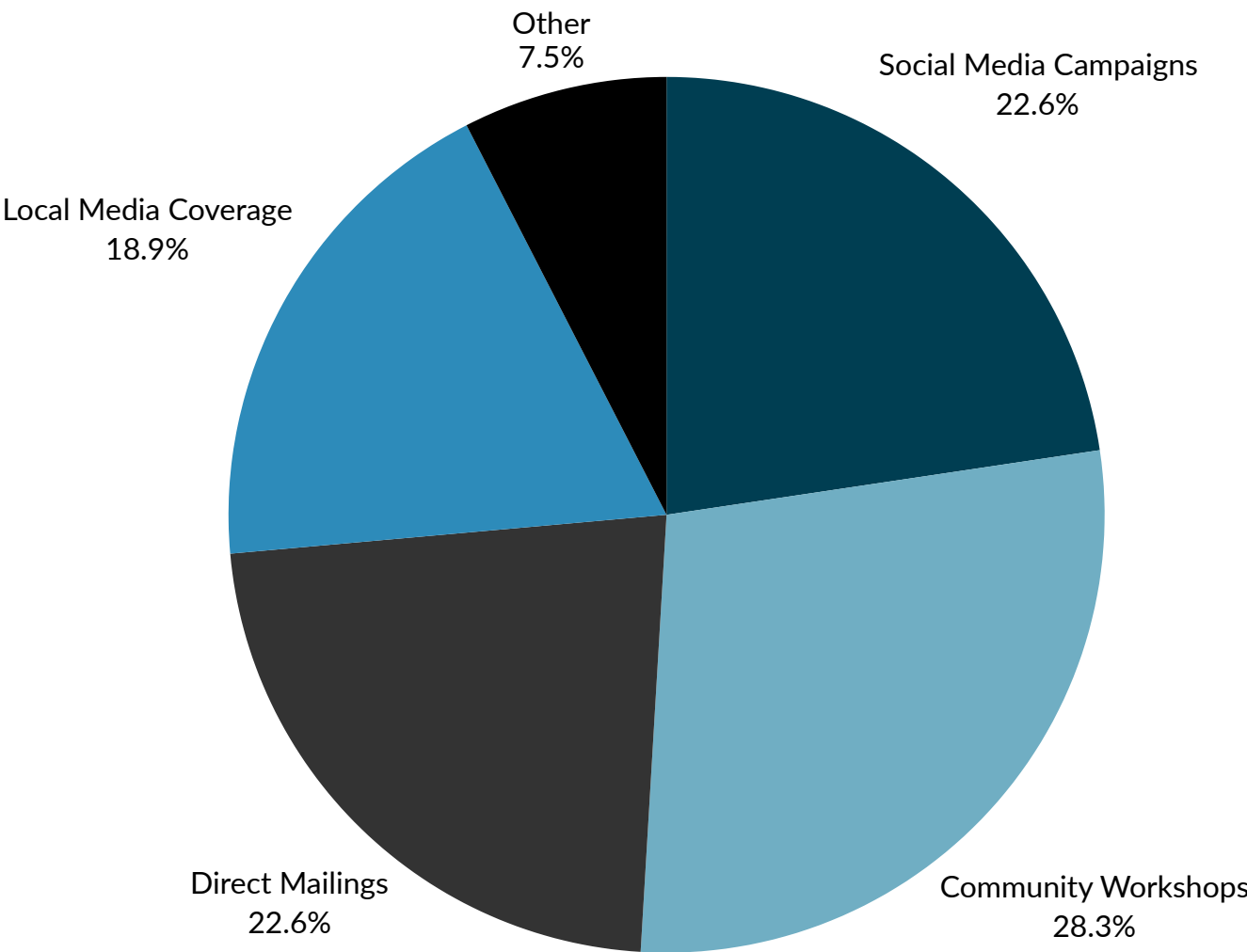
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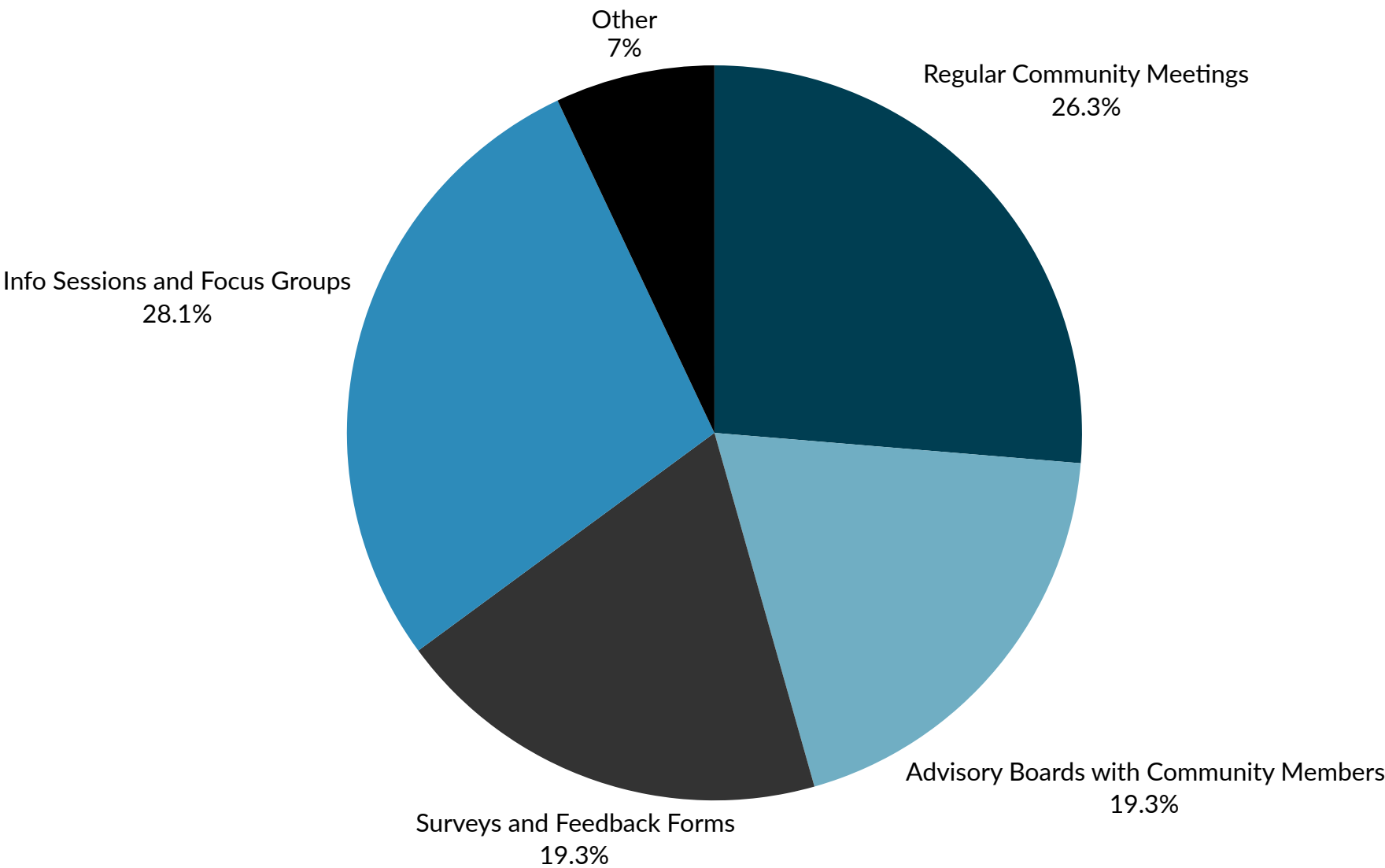
Contributions - The total number of responses or feedback collected through the participation tools.

Survey Results

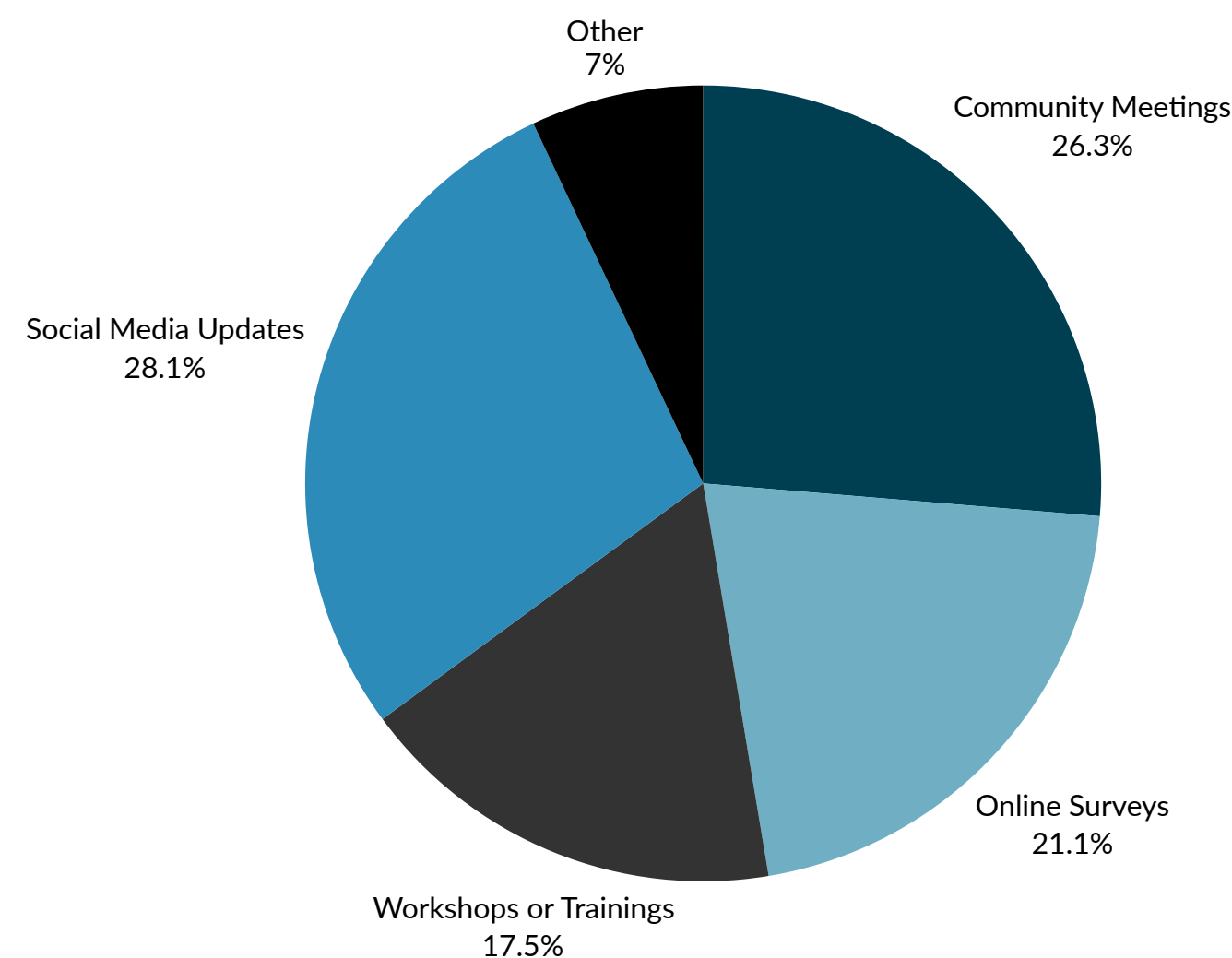
1. What are the best ways to reach and engage the Buffalo community in conversations about sewer infrastructure improvements?



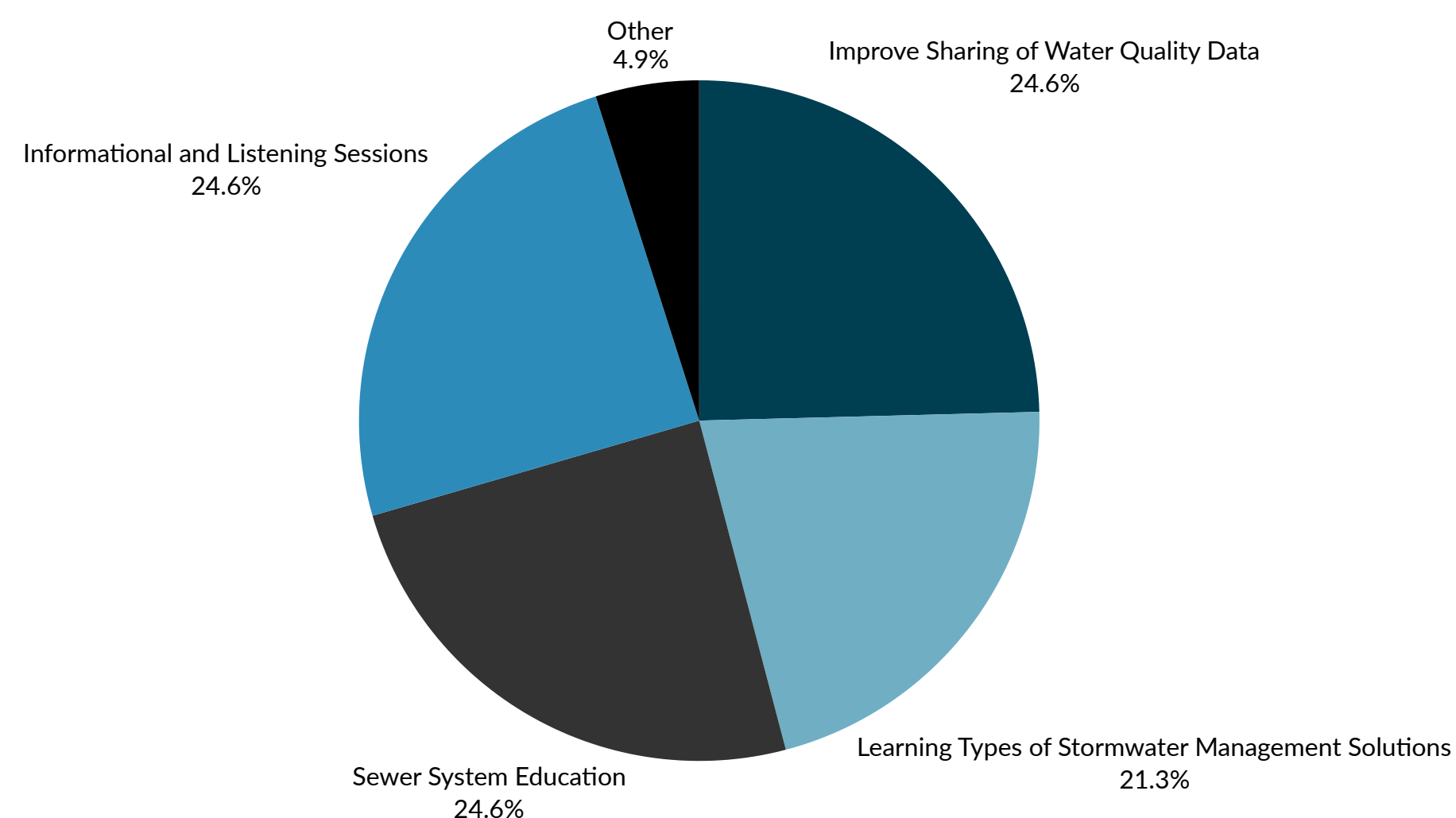
2. How can we ensure that community voices are genuinely represented and valued in the decision-making process?



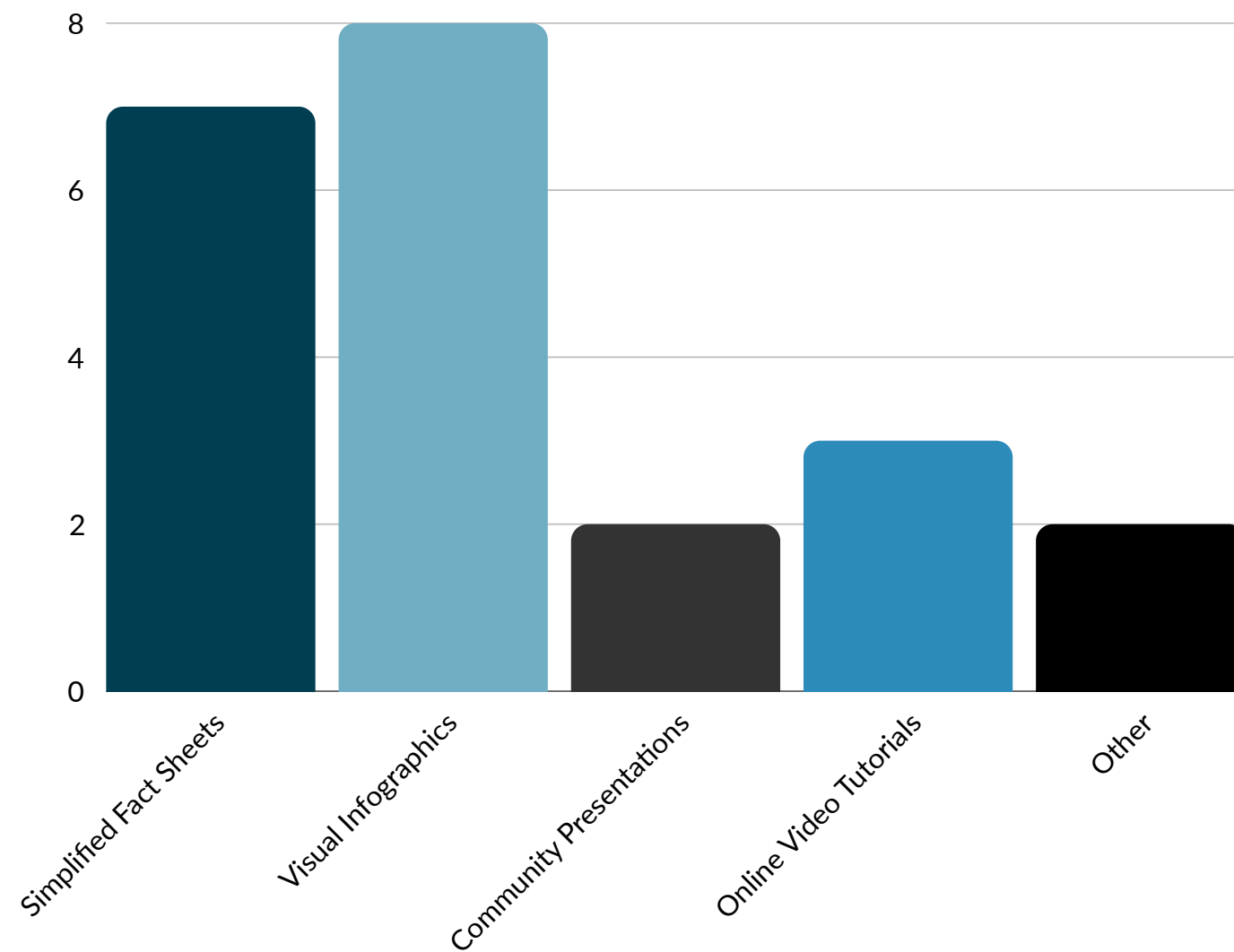
3. How would you prefer to be engaged in future discussions or decision making about sewer infrastructure improvements?



4. What additional resources or support would be most helpful to improve sewer infrastructure and waterways testing/improvements in your community (such as Niagara River and Scajaquada Creek)?



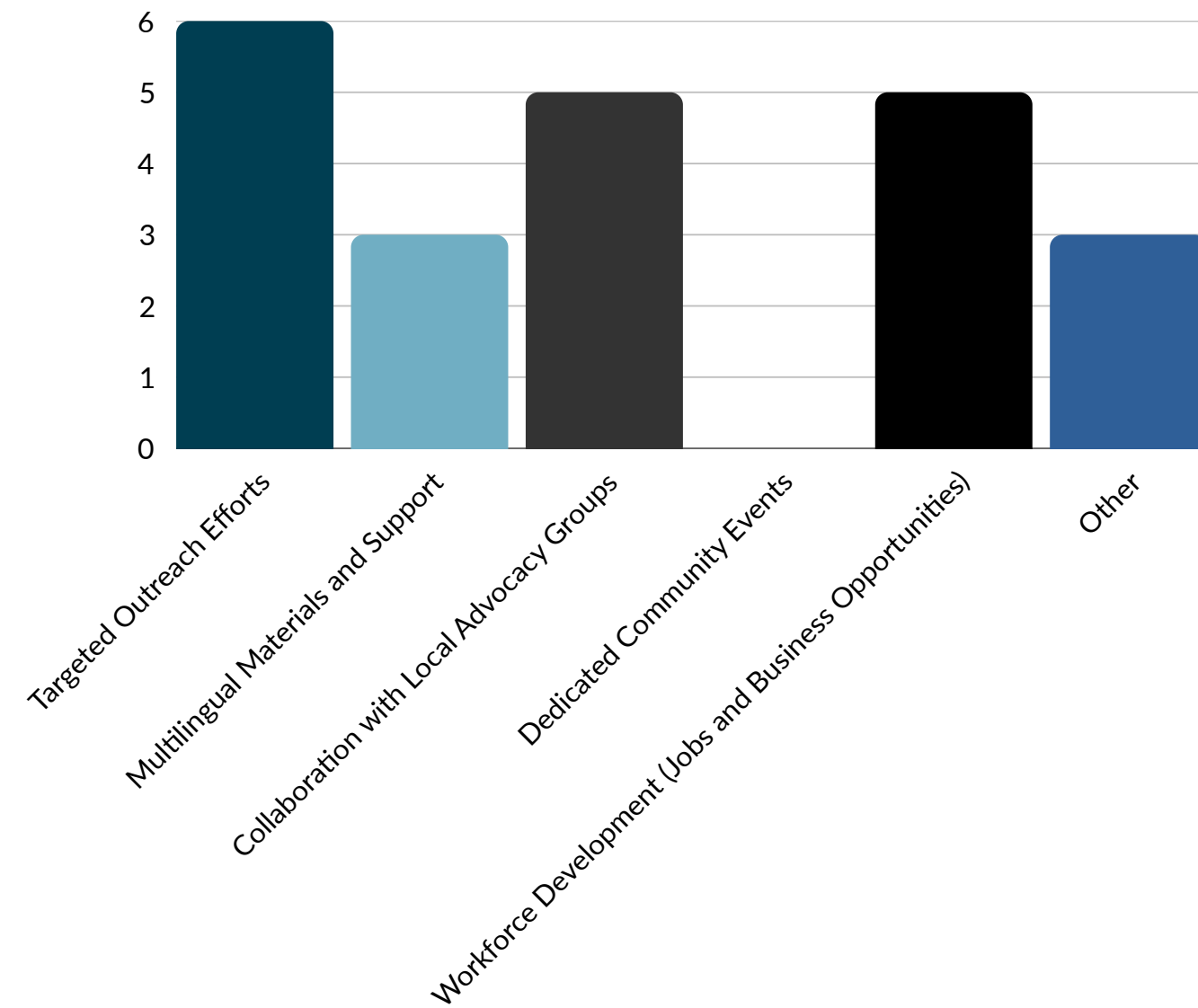
5. How can we make technical information about the Queen City Clean Waters Initiative accessible and easy to understand for everyone?



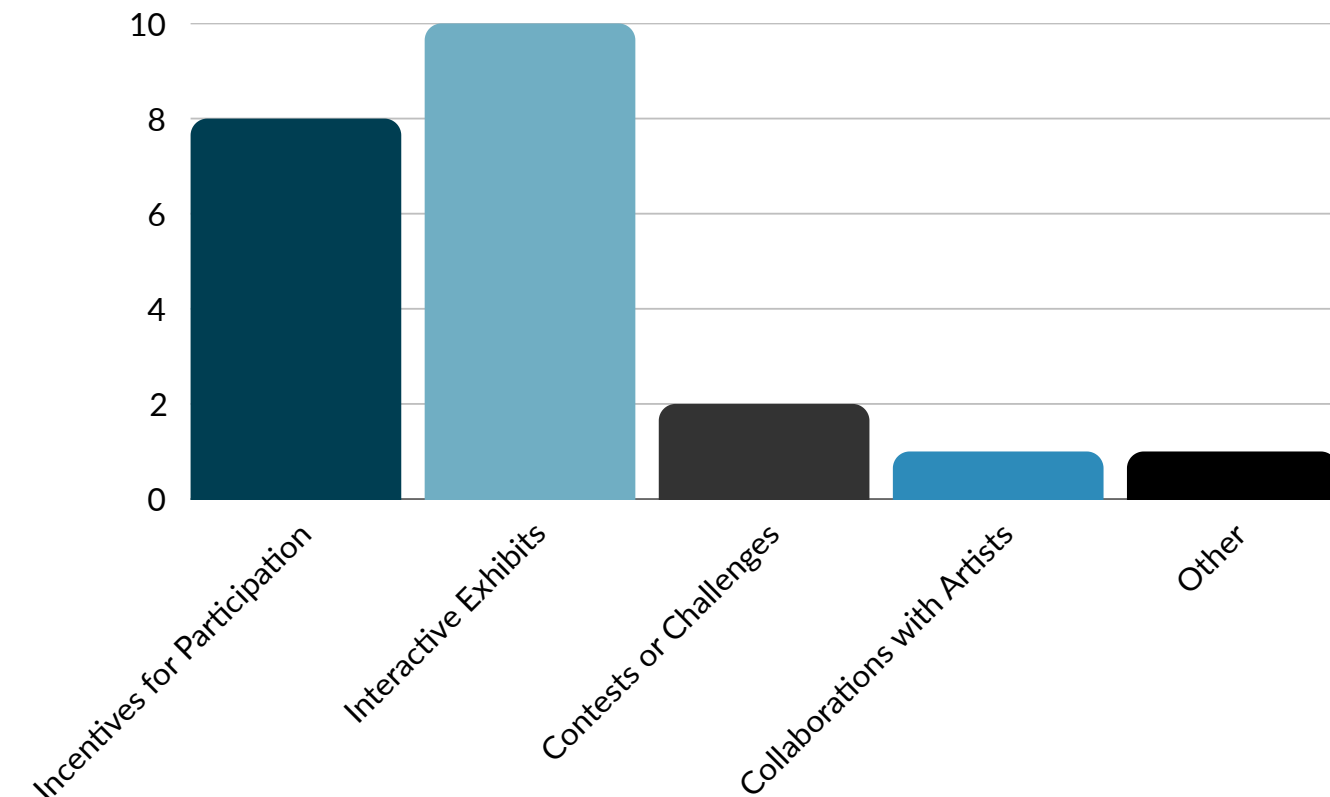
6. What partnerships could help us better connect with the community? (Rank in Order 1 = Least, 5 = Best)

1. **Buffalo Public Schools**
2. Nonprofit Organizations
3. Local Businesses
4. Community Leaders
5. Workforce Development

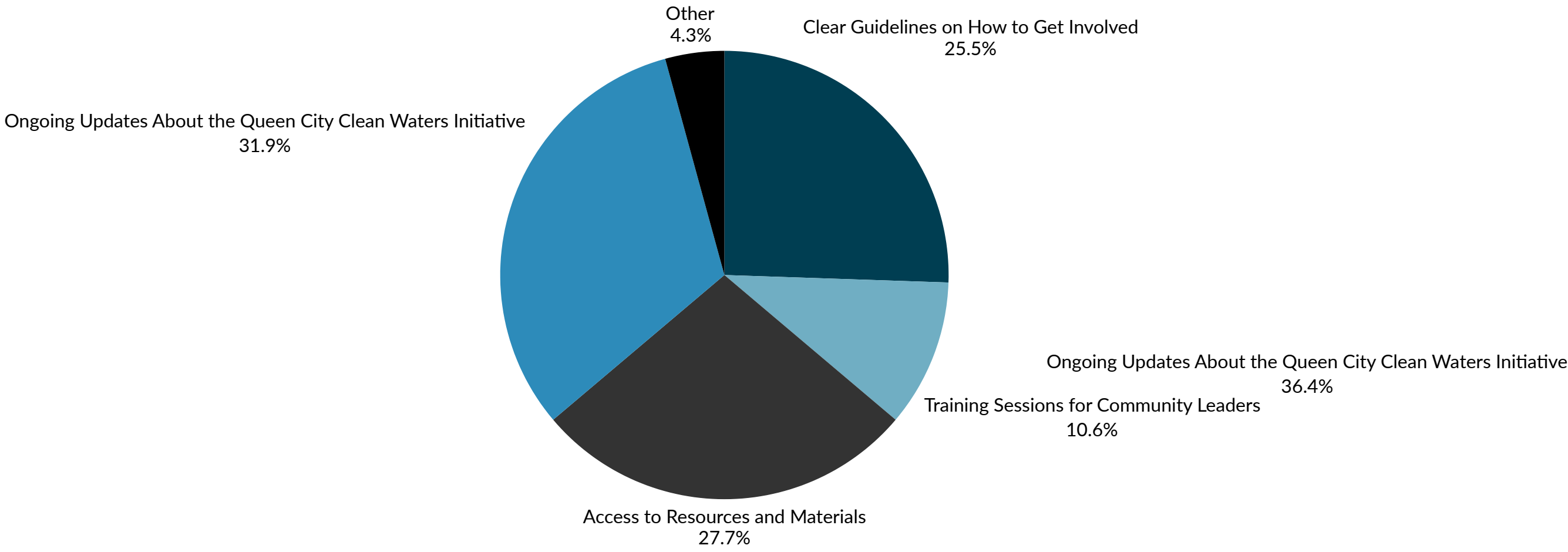
7. How can we engage underrepresented or historically marginalized communities in this process?



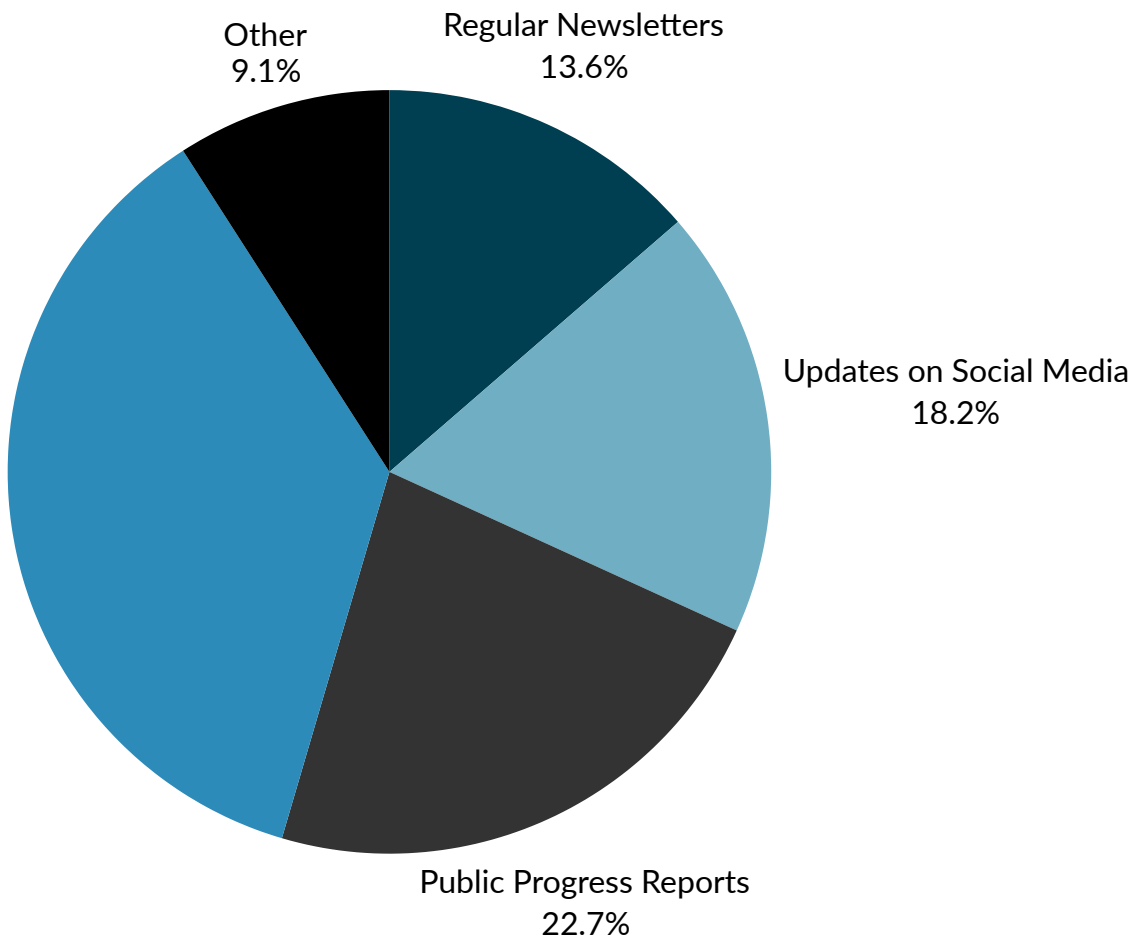
8. What is a creative idea for building public interest and participation in this Queen City Clean Waters Initiative?



9. What information or support would you need to feel empowered to participate in or promote the Queen City Clean Waters initiative?



10. How can we ensure ongoing communication and transparency with the community as the Queen City Clean Waters Initiative progresses?



11. Is there anything else you would like us to know about water quality, health concerns, or community benefits that should be included in the Queen City Clean Waters initiative?

- What is the meaning of "green infrastructure". How would the public schools be involved. Teachers are already swamped with pressures to do things outside of the regular curriculum. I realize clean water is a science issue; topic is not in all grade level.
- Community Benefit commitment/Ensure local business employment inclusion.
- What can be done about the scajaquada creek? Can it be unburied?
- An interactive map that allows city residents to identify things like a smelly man hole and then get a response that's also on the map. The map could include the entire system with the ability to zoom in on a project and get an animation short.
- Educate the public so we all can take responsibility.
- You need to be language inclusive. Many non-English speakers in the city.

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"Queen City Clean Waters Fest"



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Updates from SAC



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Questions?

