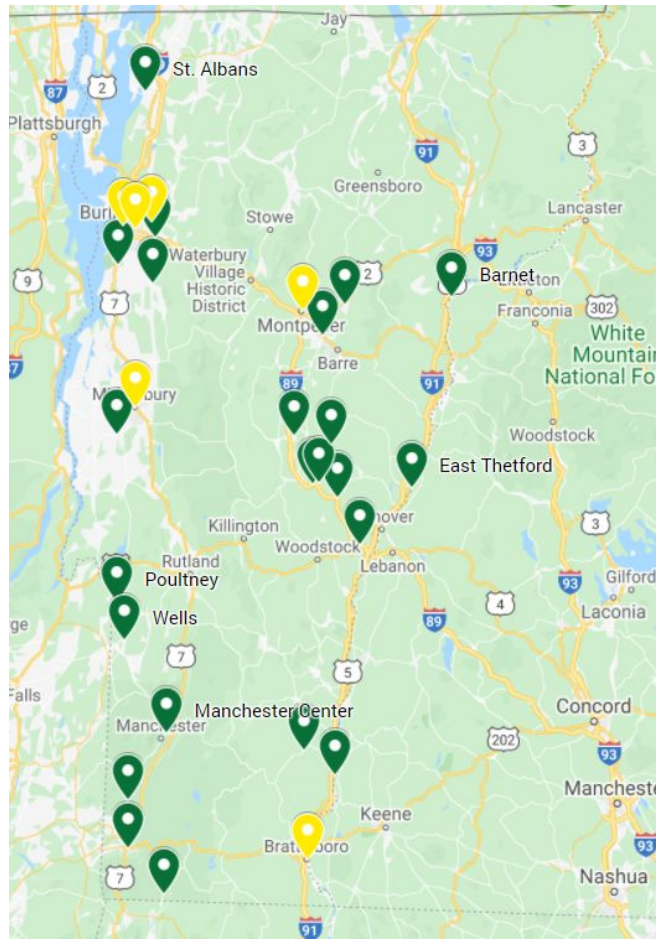






VHSC Survey Results 2020

Where do VHSC Members Live?



- 1 Member ⋮
- ▼  Uniform style
-  All items (23)

- Multiple Members ⋮
- ▼  Uniform style
-  All items (6)

VHSC Member Affiliated Organizations

- 350 Brattleboro (2)
- 350VT (2)
- a nut tree-growing group in the Upper Valley that as yet has no name.
- ACORN-VT
- Addison County Hunger Council
- (BALE) Building A Local Economy
- Burlington Cohousing
- Cedar Circle Farm
- CEL
- Center for Grassroots Organizing (2)
- Champlain Valley Farmer Coalition, Inc., emphasis on water quality/climate improvement
- Community Supported Enlightenment
- Composting Association of Vermont
- Earth Matters (350vt)
- East Hill Tree Farm
- ECF
- Edible Brattleboro
- EJLS
- Essex Junction West Street Community Garden
- Farm to Plate Food Cycle Coalition
- First UU Society of Burlington
- Got Weeds?
- Grow More Waste Less (2)
- Institute for Social Ecology (2)
- Intervale Center (3)
- Kids Gardening
- Living Earth Action Group (LEAG)
- Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op
- Montpelier Tree Board
- NLG
- NOFA-VT/VOF
- Northeast Queer Farmers Alliance
- (NRCS) Natural Resources Conservation Service
- PACEM School
- Real Organic Project
- Regeneration Corps
- Resilient Hartford town commission
- Restoring Our Watershed
- Rich Earth Institute
- Ruach haMaquom synagogue
- Rural Vermont
- Singularity Botanicals
- Soil Carbon Coalition
- Stamford VT Seed Savers
- Sunrise Montpelier
- TerraRenew
- Transition Town Manchester
- University of New Hampshire Food Systems Lab
- Upper Valley Apple Corps (2)
- Upper Valley Seed Savers
- UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture
- UVM Extension
- UVM Extension Master Gardeners
- VAWQP
- Vermont Land Trust
- Vermont Law School / Yale
- VTLFF
- WFVR/GreenZine

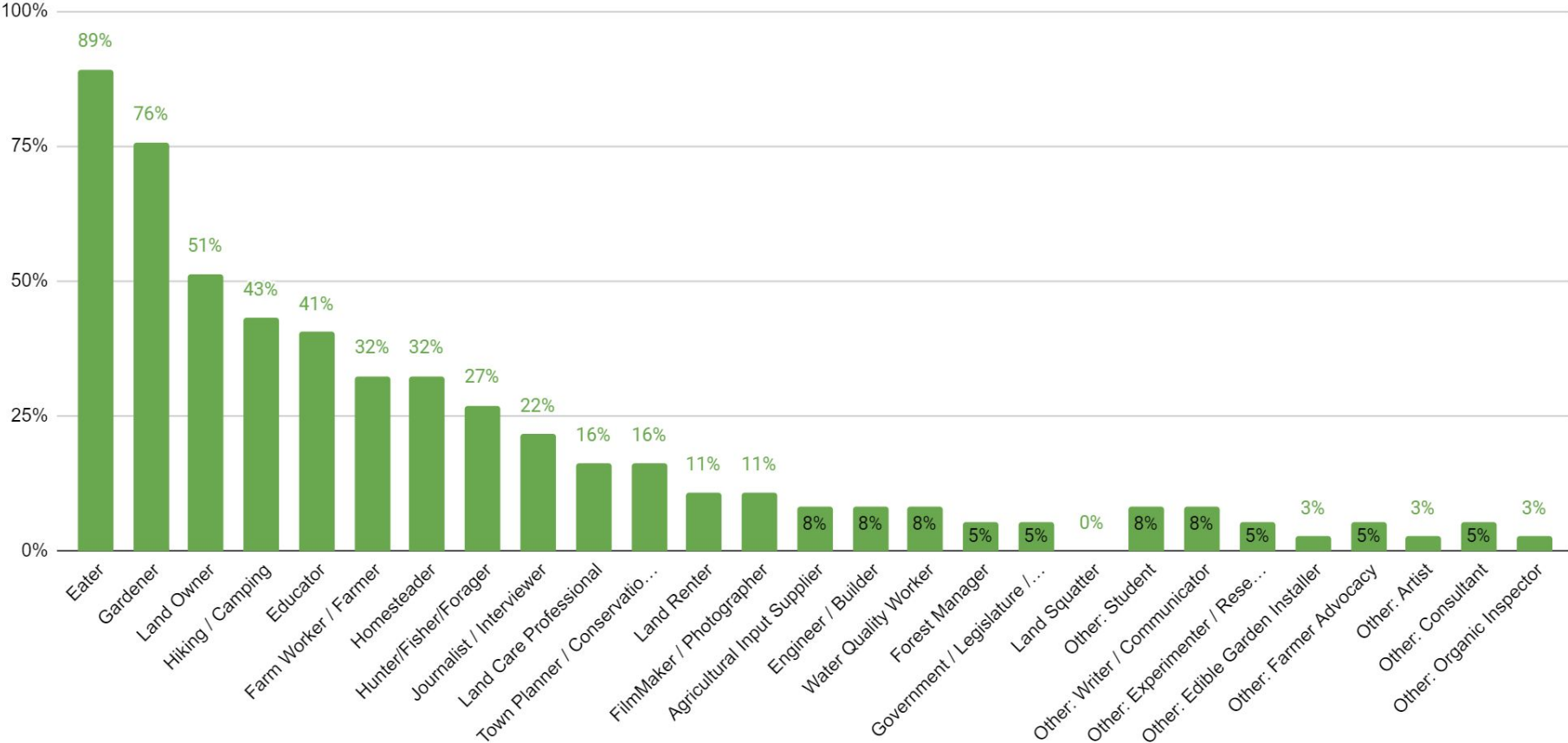
Who VHSC Members are: Skills + Experiences

We have **centuries** of combined knowledge, experience, and land management.

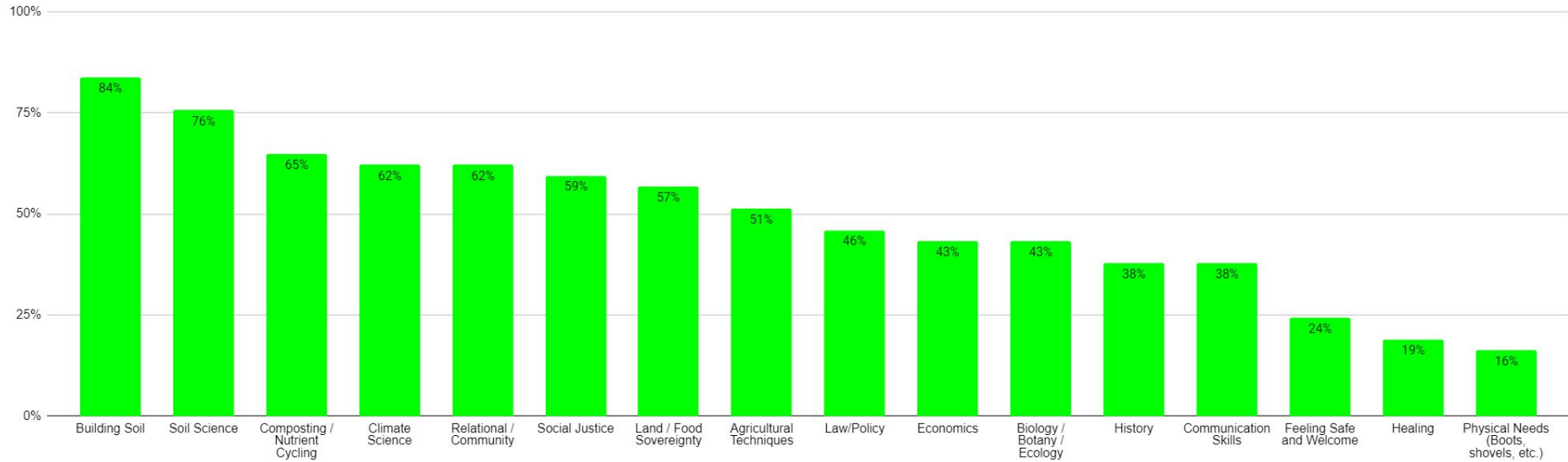
We describe ourselves as:

Writers/Authors, Farmers, Humanure Composters, Presenters, Soil Health Experts, Researchers, Students, Educators, Curriculum Developers, PhDs, Grazing Managers, Agronomist Engineers, Energy Experts, Ecological Economics Experts, Community Builders and Organizers, Animal Husbandrists, Cross-sector Collaborators, Regenerative technique educators, Organic Gardeners, Dairy Farmers, VT Agency of Ag staff, Executive Directors, Fertilization Experts, Off-Grid homesteaders, Water Quality Specialists, Non-profit Members, Food Commerce Experts, Parents, Orchardists, Tree Growers, Livestock Growers, Indigenous Farming Researchers, MBAs, Compost Experts, Engineers, and more!

Please identify your current relationship(s) with the land and ecosystems where you live (please check all that apply)

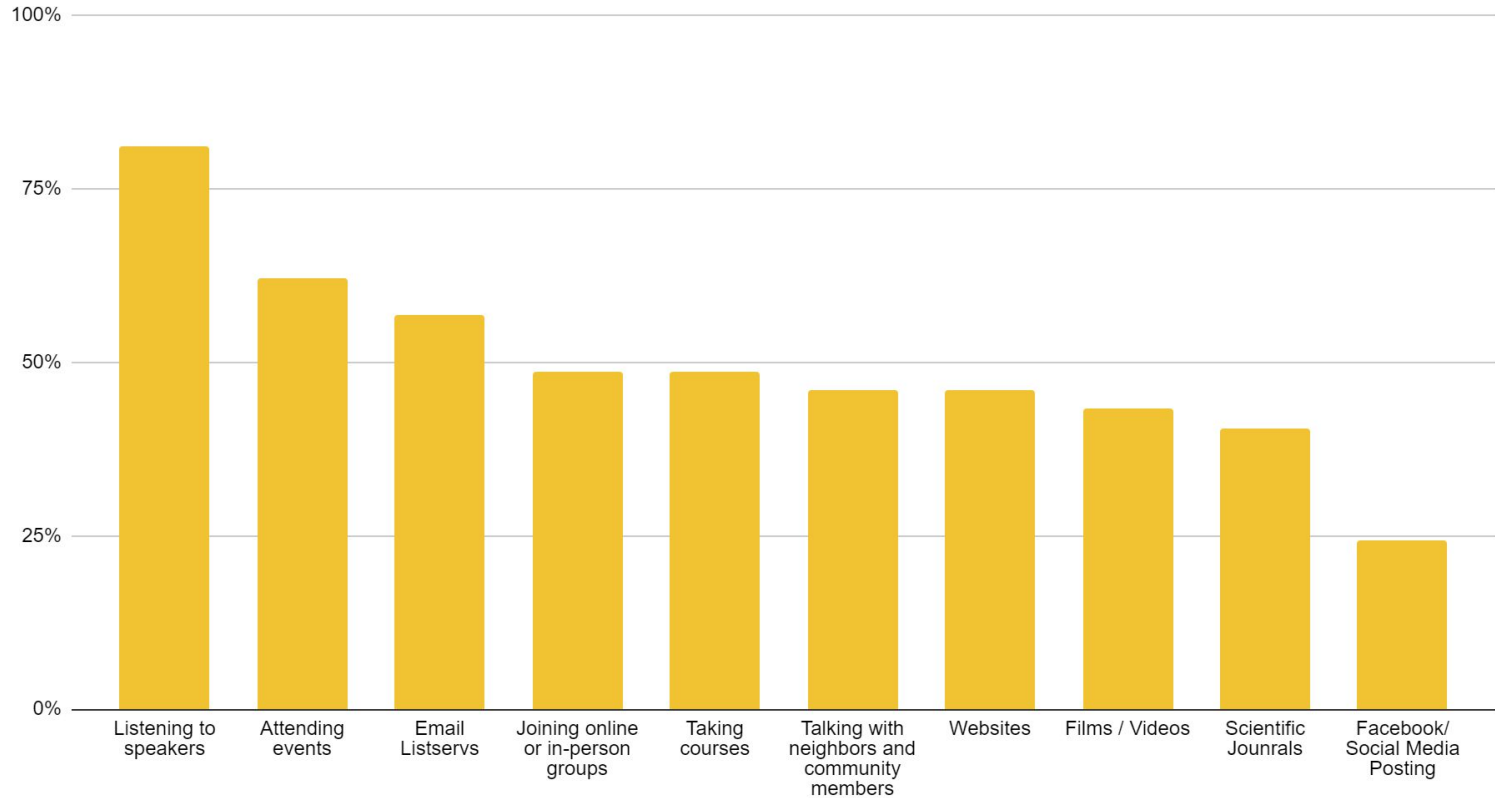


What resources / information / or conditions do you need access to in order to expand or improve the way you engage with the land, ecosystems, and people around you?



Other: Funding, Music, Art, Regenerative farm marketing, Regenerative Organic Certification, Soil Carbon Credits, Better Politicians, Equipment, Leasing / locating Land, Community Input, Commitment to Citizen Science, Celebration, Spiritual Evolution, cooling infor for dispersal, forestry management for cooling, patching the loss of VT dairy with soil building... transition... a think tank...governmental role?...privat role.. paying for environmental services, Need the narrative to become critical of the carbon-monoelemental approach. Policy trending in that direction will not yield holistic regenerative results. Please, center indigenous voices and work on reframing the environmental movement within colonial history, Landscape scale change; how to make this work scalable is still challenging. There's small scale techniques and BIG picture policy discussion but how to be a mid-scale practitioner in the world of soil building is unclear to me.

What are the most important resources or activities that have contributed to your current understand of healthy soils, ecosystems, and climate justice? (please elaborate in the space below this multiple choice question)

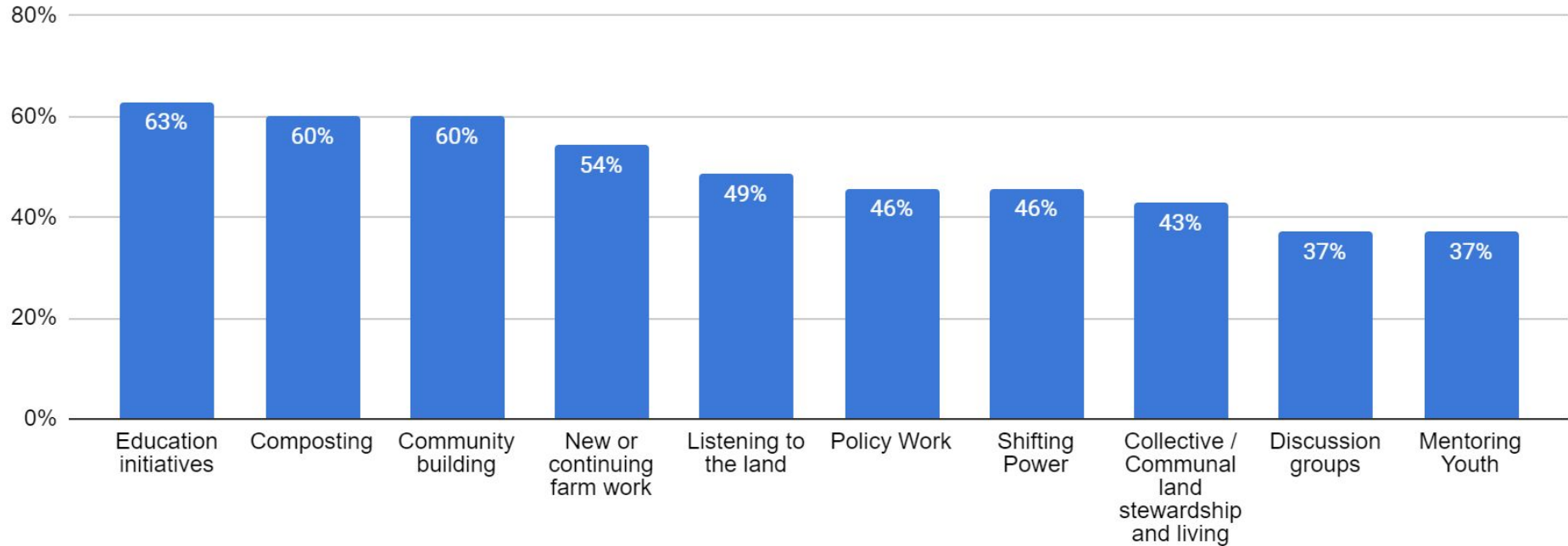


Other: hands on in the soils, Land Listening with the Soil Carbon Coalition; building relationships with farmers and ranchers across the globe, Direct experience & observations, teaching others, Meeting and interacting with others on a quest to improve. Living with indigenous communities.

Sources of Information

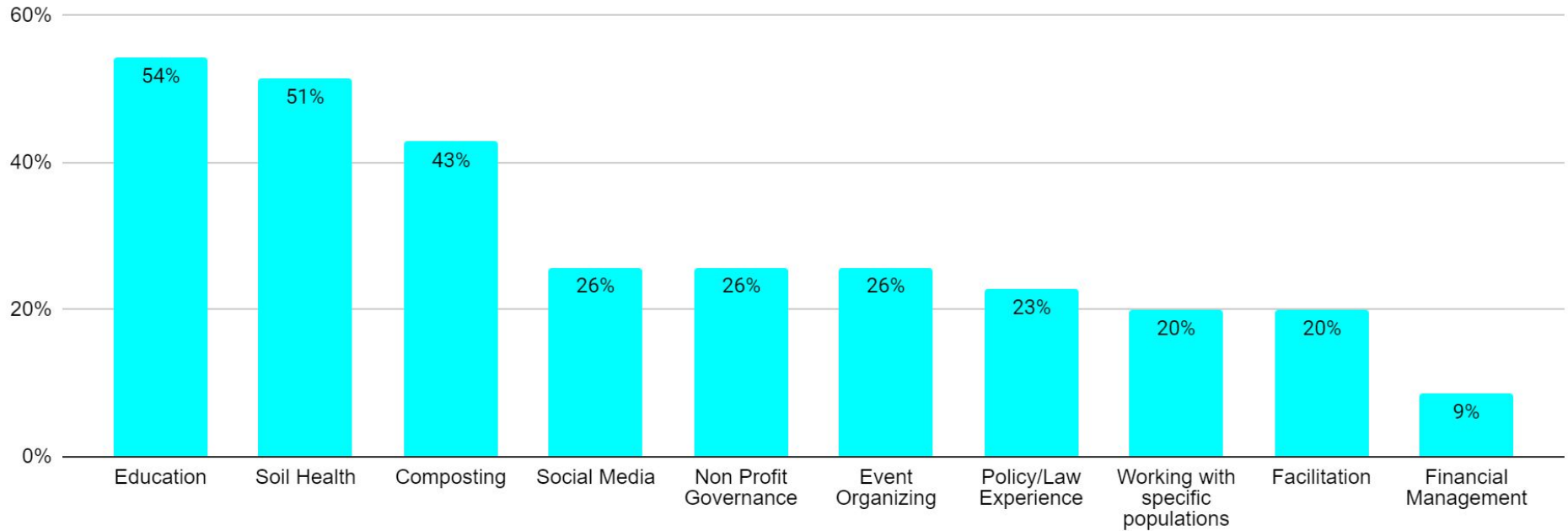
- 350VT
- Academic Articles
- Acres USA (2)
- Ancient Civilizations Course (including Gilgamesh reading)
- Anne Bikle and David Montgomery's Hidden Half of Nature
- Apple Corps
- Ben Falk
- Connor Steadman and Ethan Roland - month-long carbon farming course
- Beyond Pesticides
- Biggest Little Farm film
- Bill McKibben
- Biodynamics
- Bionutrient Food Association Soil & Nutrition Conference
- Cat Buxton
- Cat Buxton's Soil Series
- Cornell Website
- Didi Pershouse workshop on measuring water retention and soil capacity
- DOA Grant from NRCS
- Dr. Christine Jones
- EcoFarm Conference
- Elaine Ingham's 4-part online course
- Eric Toensmeier
- Wild Roots Farm
- Farmer Footprint
- Gabe Brown
- Gabe Brown's Dirt to Soil
- Garden Based Learning course from Cornell for teaching agriculture to middle schoolers
- Gather film
- Green American
- Important to have informal discussion networks along with formal publications
- John Kempf
- Kiss the Ground film
- Leah Penniman's Farming While Black
- Merit or myth on FB
- Michael Phillips
- Monica White (Freedom Farmers)
- Natural Farmer
- NEGEF
- Nicole Masters
- NOFA
- NOFA - MA (2)
- NOFA - VT (2)
- NOFA Gatherings and workshops
- Permaculture Books
- Permaculture Websites
- Podcasts about permaculture, Korean natural farming
- Ray Archuleta
- Real Organic celebrations
- Real Organic Movement
- Real Organic Project conference, webinars, and digital communications
- Regeneration Vermont Facebook + Email
- Regenerative agriculture information
- Ronnie Cummins Grassroots Rising
- Rural Vermont events and digital communications
- Scholarly Articles
- Seed Savers
- Seth Holzer
- Sierra Club Foundation for Food
- Soil Series
- Soil4Climate
- Soil4Climate Facebook
- Sustainable Living Course with Stephen Green
- The Stewardship Network
- US and foreign farm magazines
- UVM Extension
- UVM Extension
- Vandana Shiva lecture at MCLA
- VCGN
- Vermicompost conference
- VHSC
- VHSC
- VHSC Listserv and Facebook
- Walter Jehne
- Walter Jehne
- Walter Jehne 3-day workshop
- Webinars from Vermont groups
- Youtube talks, especially by regenerative ag leaders

What activities or initiatives related to healthy soils, ecosystems, climate justice, or any other related topics that you would be interested in engaging with.



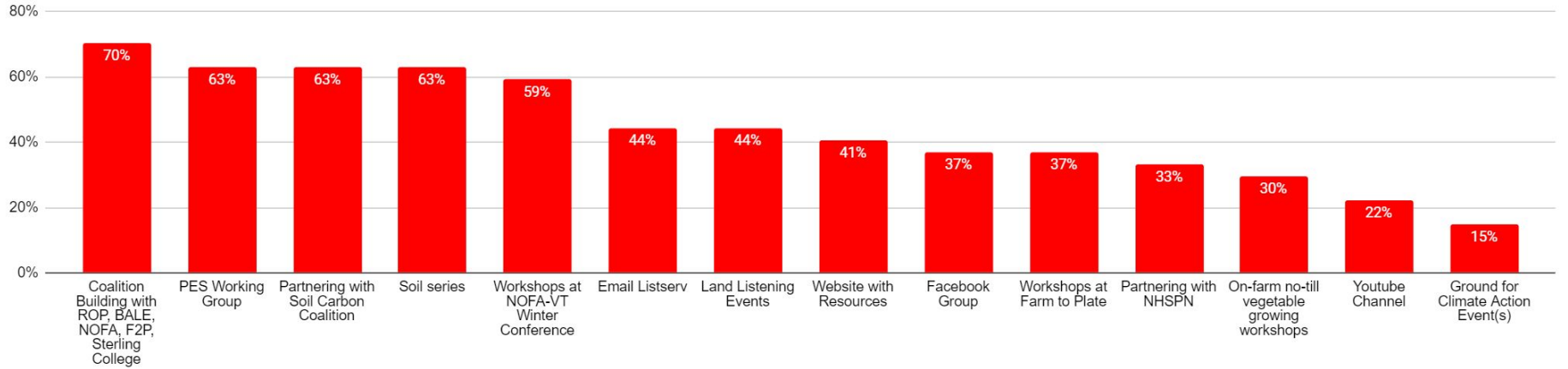
Other: Artistic expression / outings / experiences / exhibits, Writing, speaking, organizing, helping produce video content, I want to come together with others to build better soil over big acreages. That will be necessary to reverse warming. Expanding community awareness of need for self-reliance and food security. I am trying to find a place at UVM to pursue my work on climate havens. Would love to find other collaborators. Demonstrating scalable techniques that are viable on 5-50 acre veg farms. How do we manage fertility without chicken manure and soy meal? Training the next generation in regenerative techniques :)

What knowledge, experience, skills or abilities could you contribute to such activities or initiatives?

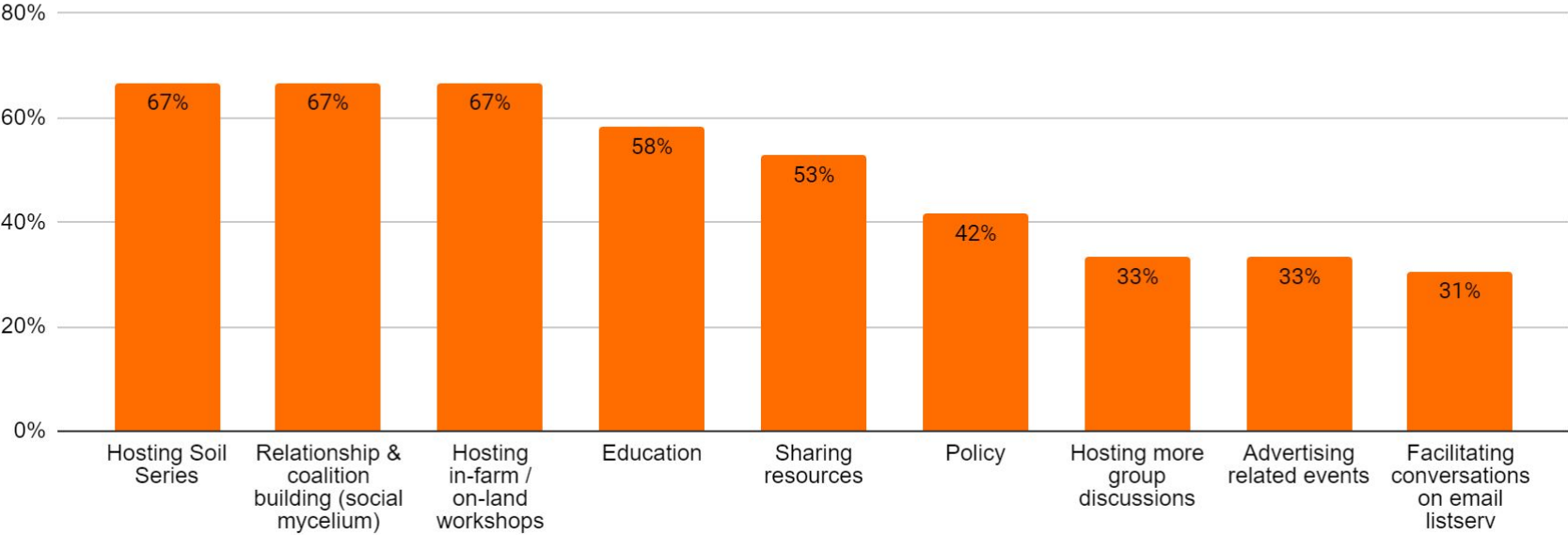


Other: Grazing expertise and knowledge of some of the forward leaning thinkers, Site assessments, Worker safety, Permaculture, Citizen Science Initiatives, Event Support Roles, Writing

Please indicate which Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition activities or resources you are aware of or have participated in



What priorities would you like to see the Vermont Healthy Soils Coalition emphasize in the next 5 years? Where do you see opportunities that VHSC could fill?



Other: Education for members of community gardens

Pesticide Contamination Testing

Organizing People

I would like to get vermonter off comercial beef and onto grass fed that is from well managed pastures. It would have the biggest instate impact on carbon capture.

Policy, I feel that too much energy goes into rehashing existing work and too little goes into breaking new ground - we have a lot to learn, and we all need to

support acquisition of new knowledge and innovation

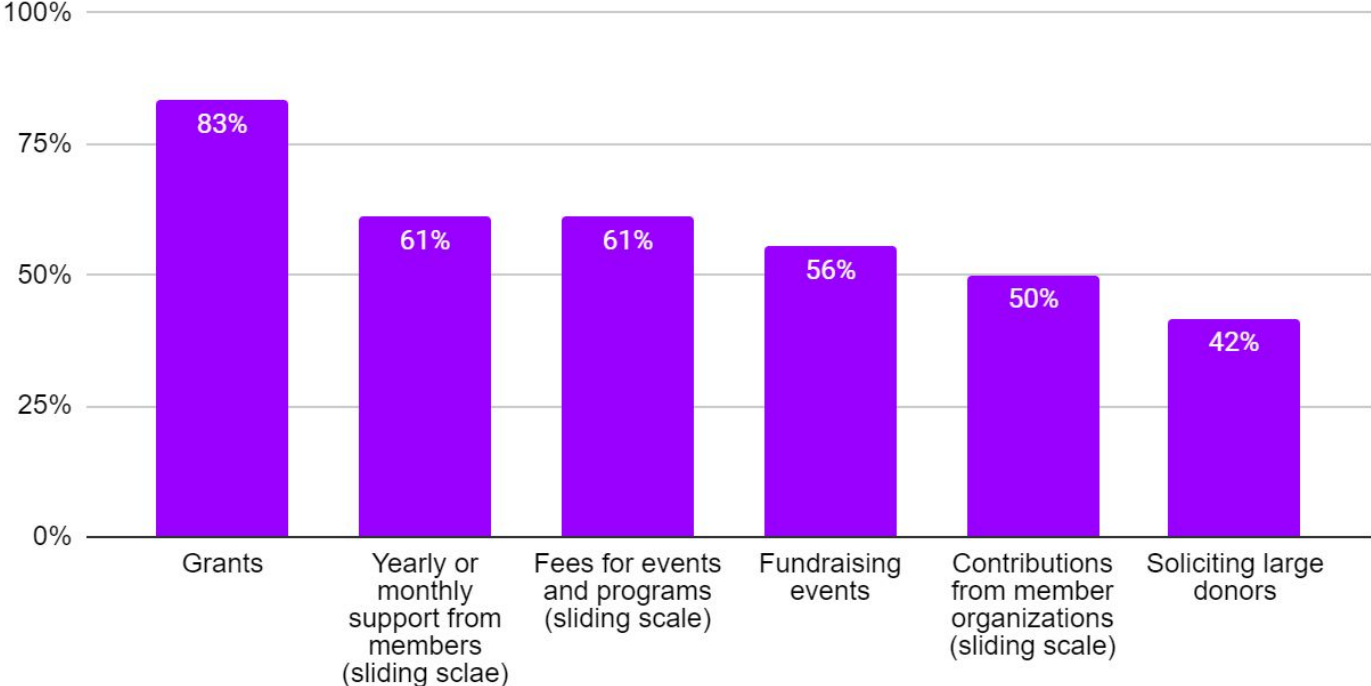
Economics

Providing training and financial resources for farmers transitioning to regenerative!

Partnering with key players (ROP, NOFA, F2P, UVM, State of VT, VLT) to build momentum for role of regenerative ag and land management to mitigate climate

change, loss of biodiversity, storm events, etc.

How do you think we should go about raising these funds?



- Partnering with other orgs on grants that feature collaboration - not competing for the same funding.
- I think a workshop to brainstorm and initiate a few efforts could be productive
- Silent auctions for items or skills, raffles
- Suggest reaching out to local businesses for class/webinar sponsorship, partner with local business to create a limited edition product w/regenerative ingredients etc