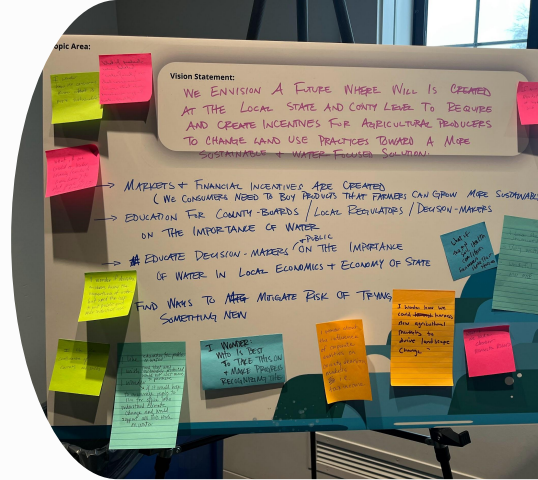


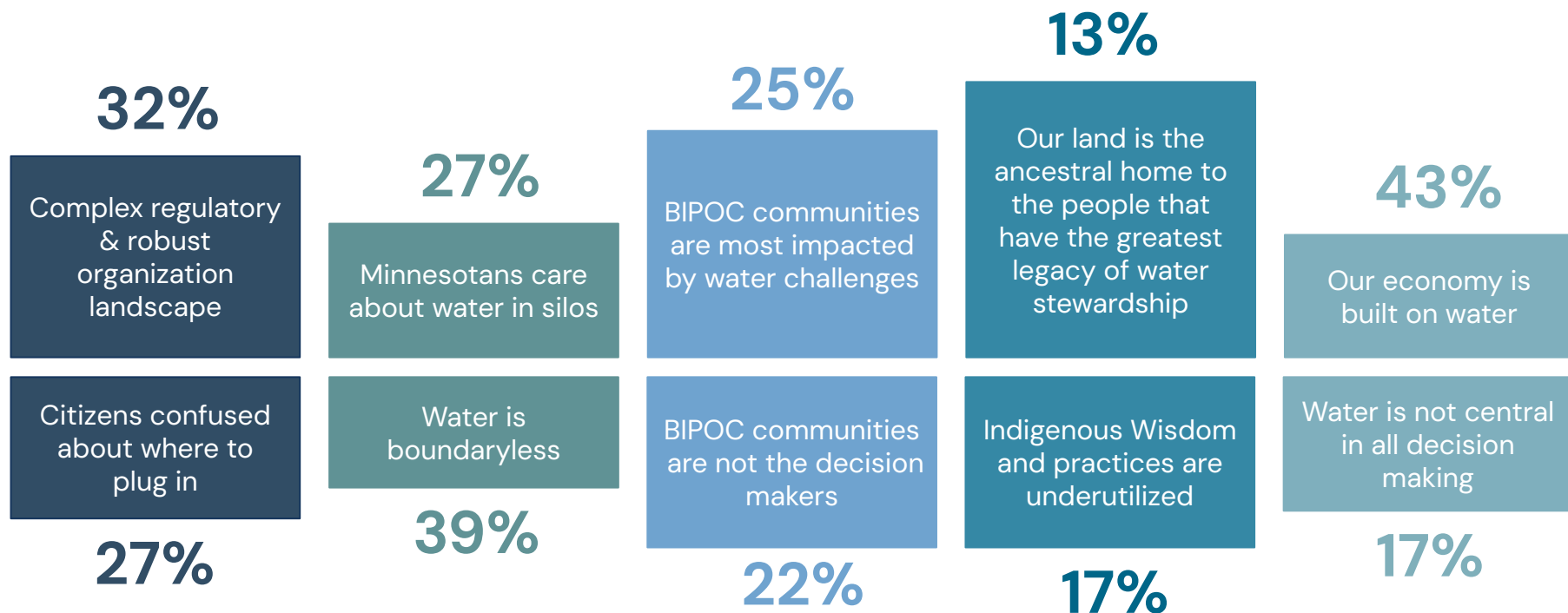


The Water Project



Water Challenges are Interconnected

Water Project participants shared these points of view:



Water Is Indispensable To Our Economy

\$20
billion

The economic losses in 2022 from cargo stalling in the Mississippi River due to low water levels

\$106
billion

The economic impact of the agriculture and food processing industries

6%
growth

In employment in Minnesota's water tech industry (2016–2022) — faster than overall state employment growth

Impact Beyond Our Borders: The Mississippi

The Mississippi River Basin reaches over a million square miles and **supplies water to millions of people across 31 states.**

Saltwater has wedged into the Mississippi River 70 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico, affecting the drinking water for millions of people.

The Mississippi River is a vital **migration corridor for nearly half of North America's bird species.**

31
states

70
miles


50%

92%

of U.S. agricultural exports are carried by the Mississippi River, totaling over \$9.2 billion annually.

19
feet

This was the last high point in spring 2023 of the Mississippi due to snow melt. **This tailwater depth put over 30 communities in a flood watch.**



One, we're trying to compete in the economy that exists, and two, we're trying to build the next economy. And the rules are different.

– Minnesota Business Leader

The federal government will pay a farmer to stop doing bad things, but they don't pay them for doing good things

– Minnesota Farm Leader

Heaven is going to be when your hair smells like lake water

Emily Buermann, White Earth Reservation,
Becker County, talking about her grandmother,
Cordelia

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Building On Bold Actions

\$1.8
billion



Raised by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment since 2010

1,500
certified
farms



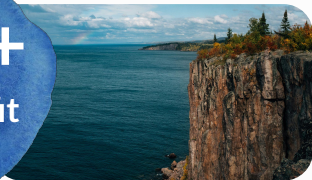
Through the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

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leader



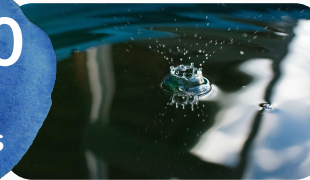
In banning PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) in consumer products

180+
non-profit
orgs



Working on water and wetland conservation, restoration management, and stewardship

1,000
water
stewards



Participating in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Water Stewardship Program

4,500+
lakes



Monitored by LakeFinder with publicly accessible data

Put Water First.Org

A public blueprint and open-source
hub for advancing Minnesota's water
future



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