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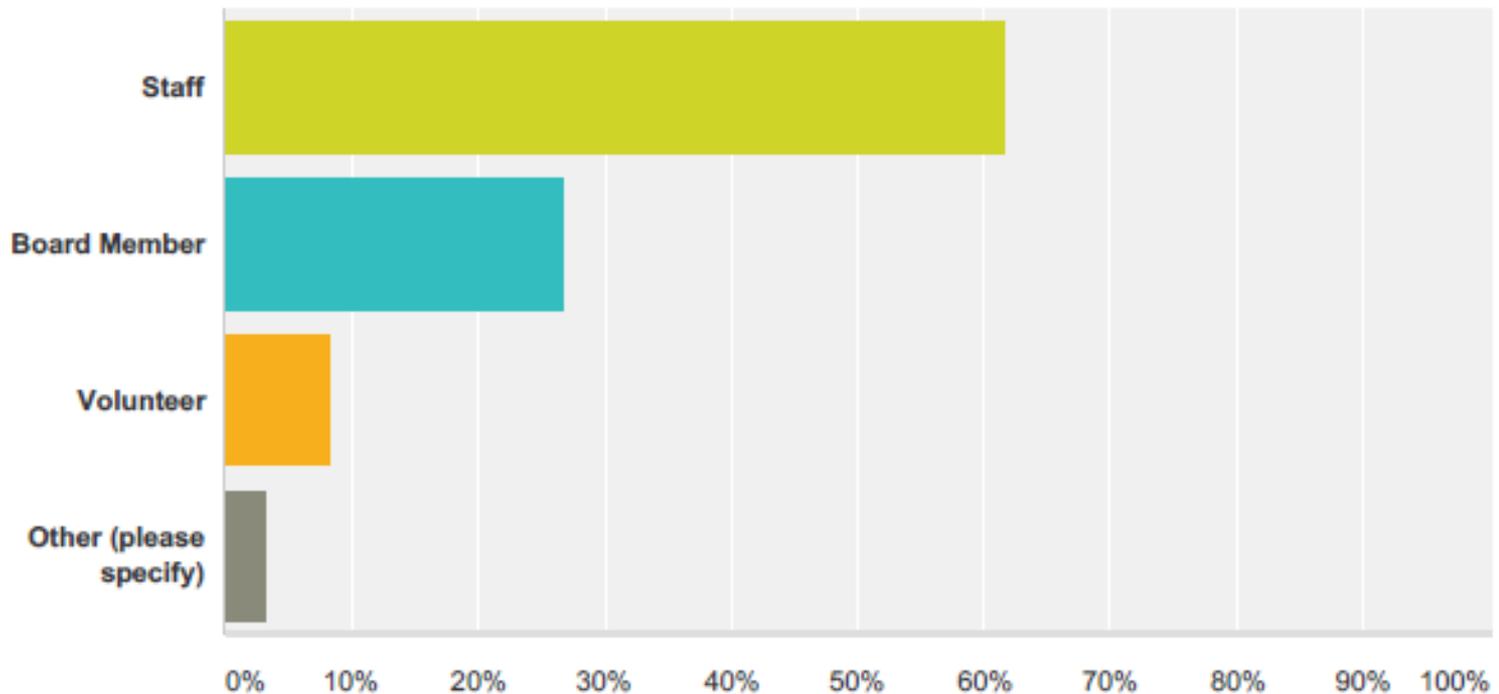
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## 2015 Member Survey

58 responses

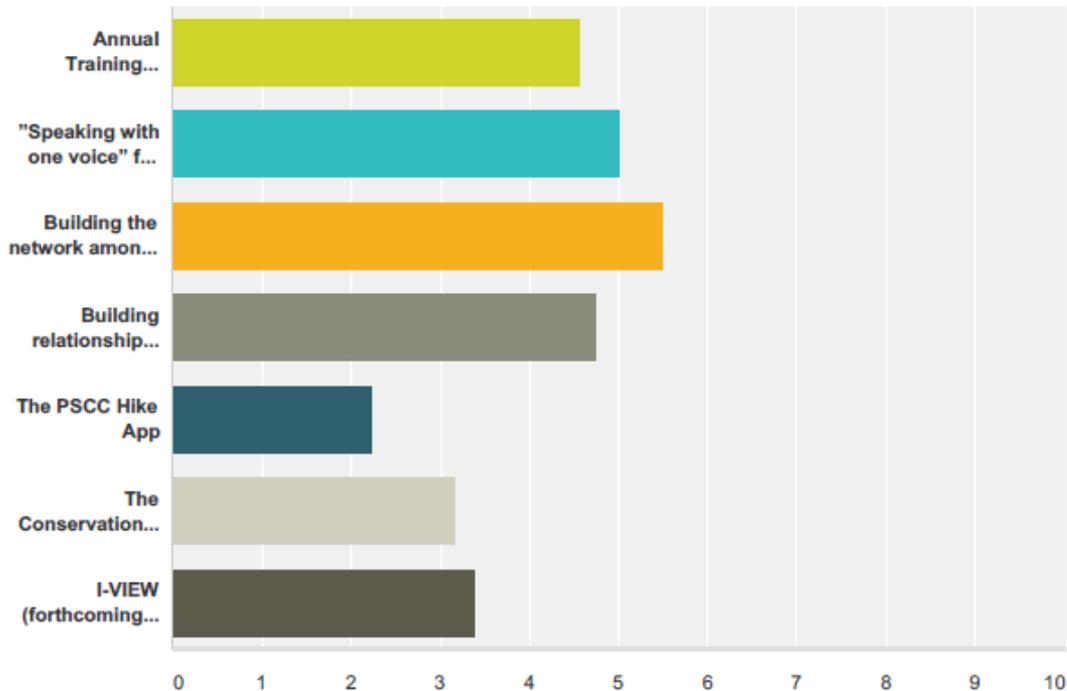
Q2





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Please rank the categories of services that PSCC provides:

**No. 1** Building the network among Illinois land trusts and the broader conservation community

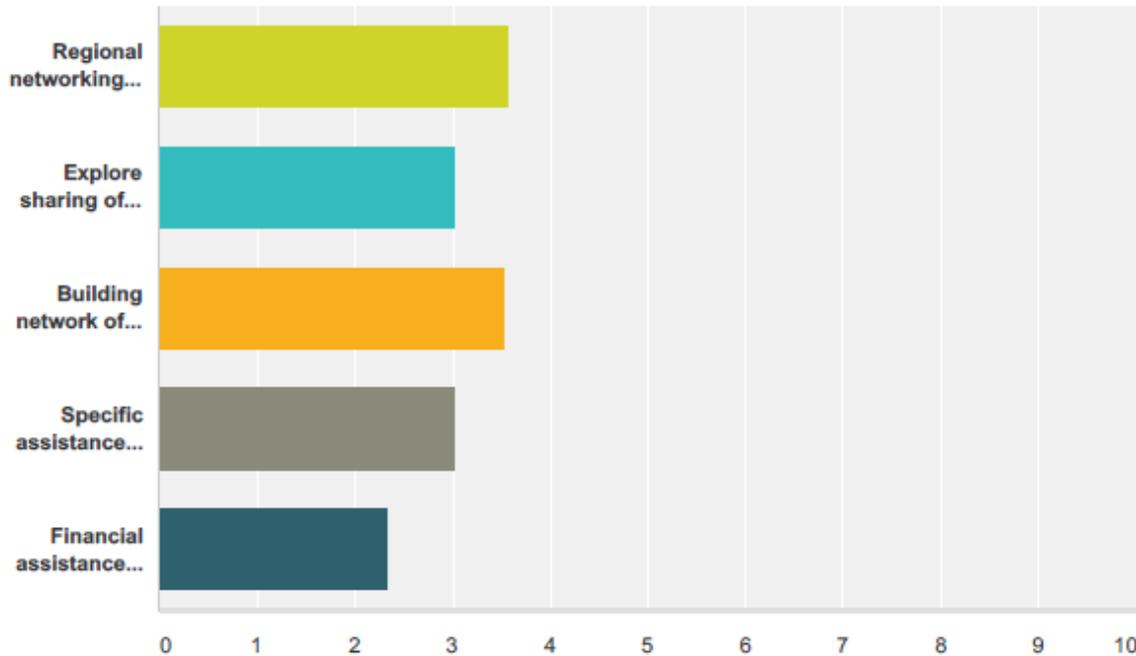
**No. 2** Annual Training Workshop

**No. 3** Speaking with one voice for Illinois land trusts



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What other services could PSCC provide the support your work?

**No. 1** Regional networking opportunities

**No. 2** Building the network of professional service providers (attorneys, appraisers, insurer, ecological restoration consultants, etc)

**No. 3 (Tie):** Assistance related to Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices and exploring sharing of resources

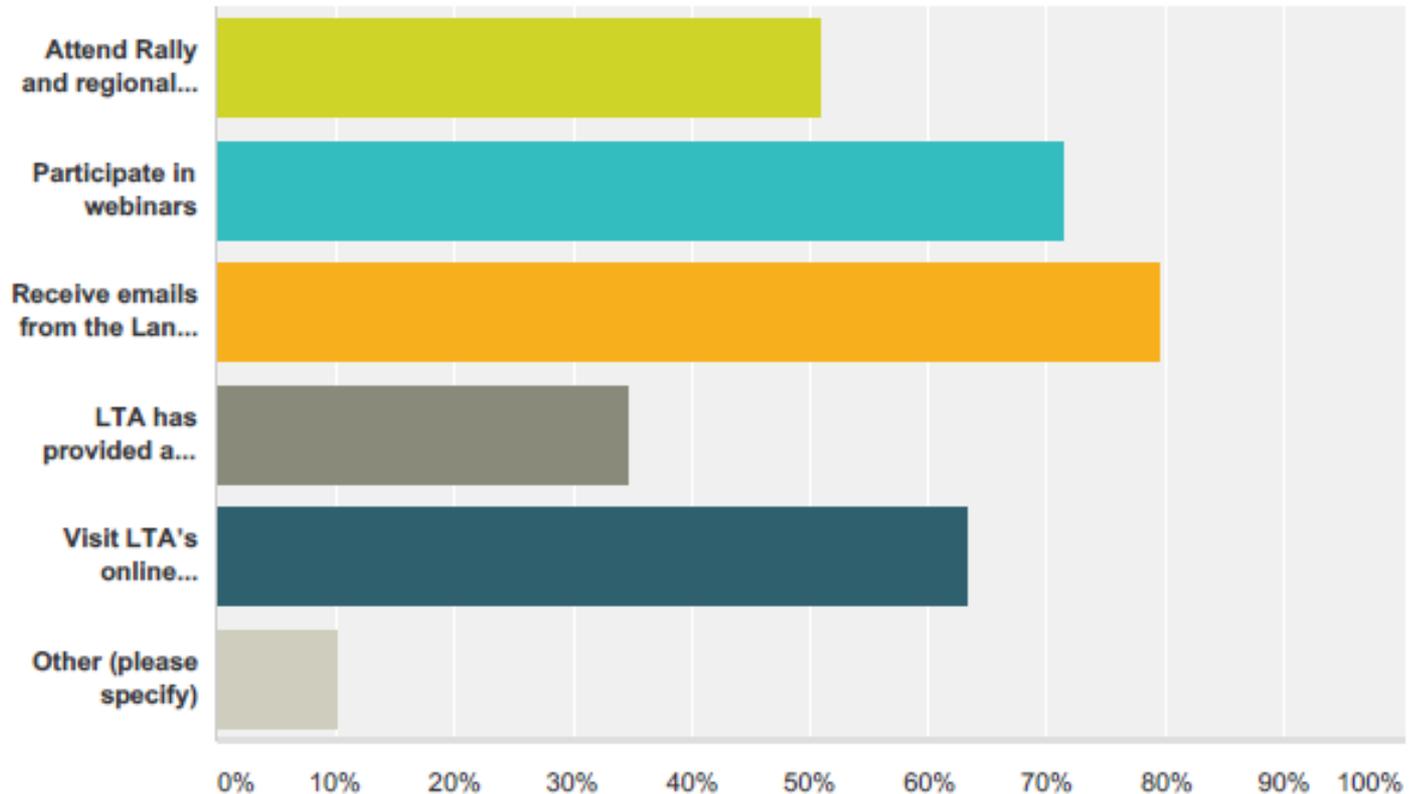


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## Q6 What Land Trust Alliance services do you currently access?

Answered: 49 Skipped: 11





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## Biggest Issues:

- Funding for Operations (including capacity, focus, office space, hiring first staff, sustainability) - 18
- Stewardship and Restoration (including 'digesting' recent purchases; funding stewardship) – 9
- State Budget challenges – 5
- Transactions/Land Acquisition (including acquisition funding) - 4



# What One Thing?

## Funding and Capacity!

Capacity/Funding for Operations and Staff - 12

General Funding – 8

Growing Endowment – 2

Board Engagement in Fundraising - 1

Growing Donor Base – 1

Acquisition Funding (county-wide tax, state grant program) – 5

Publicity/Visibility - 4

Growth in Volunteer; Member and Community Interaction/Support – 4

Other: Governmental Leadership; Diversity; Time; Completing Deals; and one *Million* dollars

Note: 74% said CAPACITY of the organization was a factor in determining which lands to protect



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## What PSCC can do to support your work:

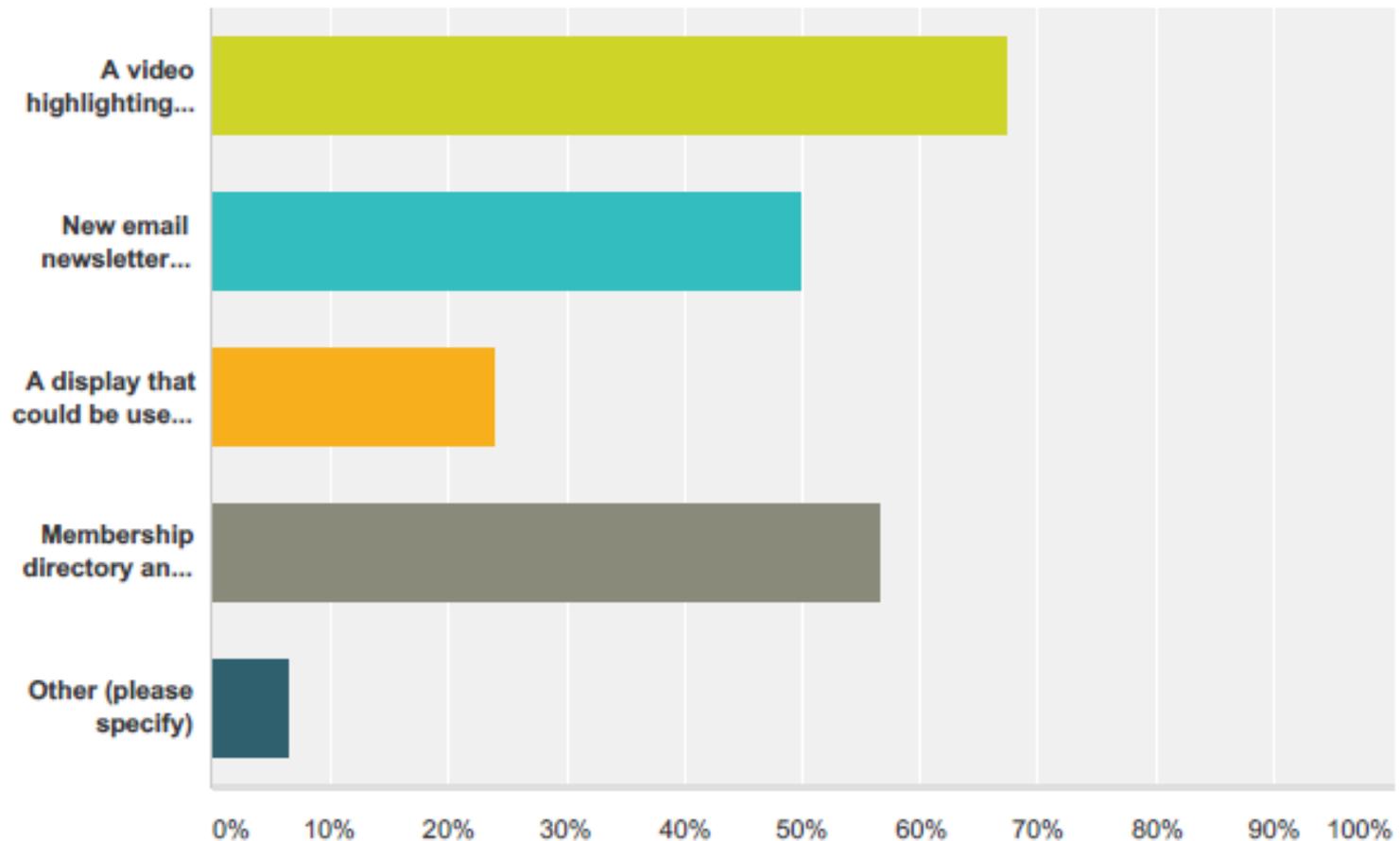
- Continue supporting land trusts (information, grants, skills) – 9
- Lobby and represent in Springfield – 6
- Share resources – 4
- Build collaborative work – 4
- Help land trusts speak with one voice – 3
- Encourage foundation support for land conservation - 1
- Stay relevant - 1
- Buy Tom Clay a beer - 1



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## Help Telling the Story:





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Let us know:

*Does this reflect your perspective?*



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