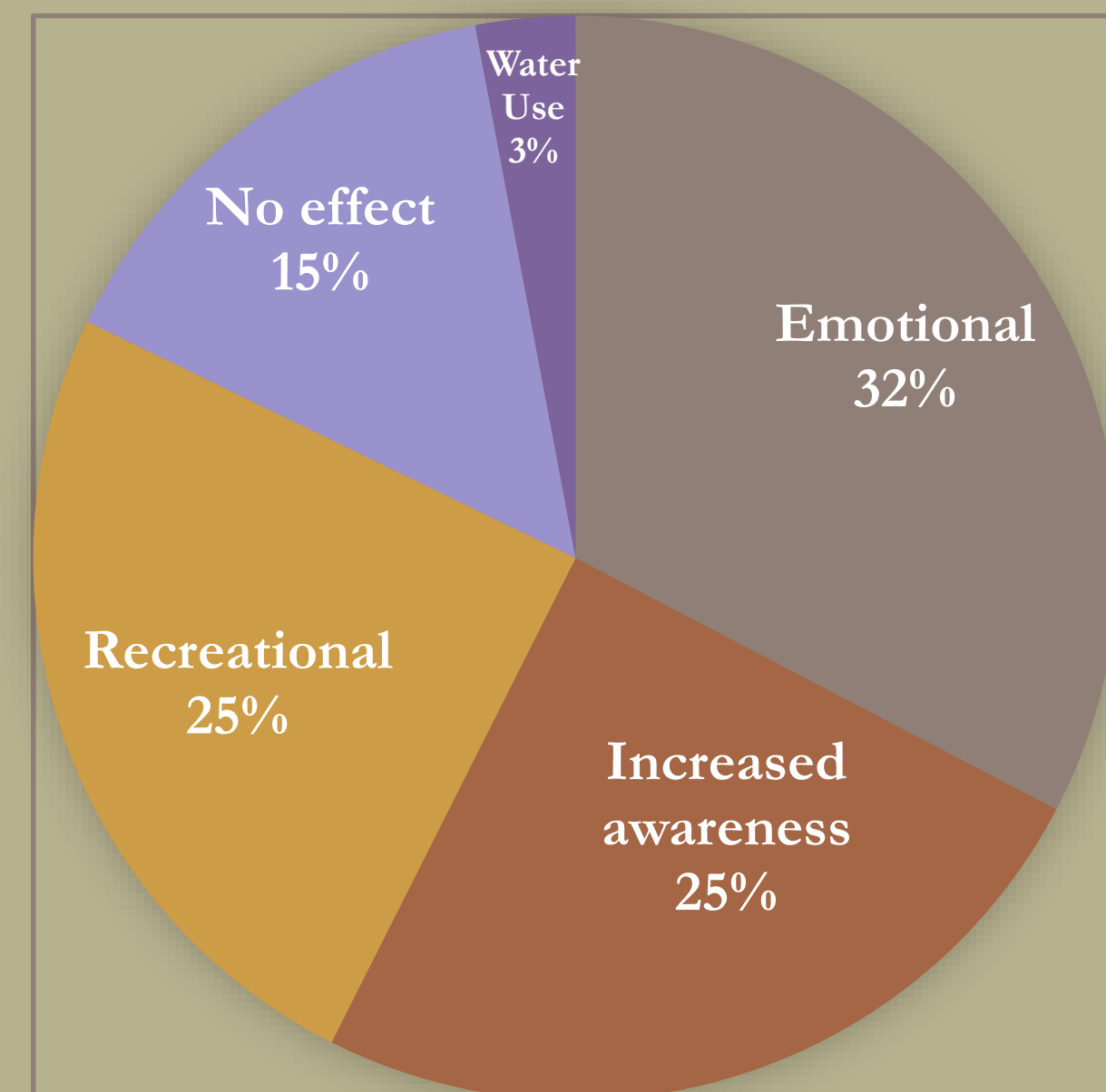


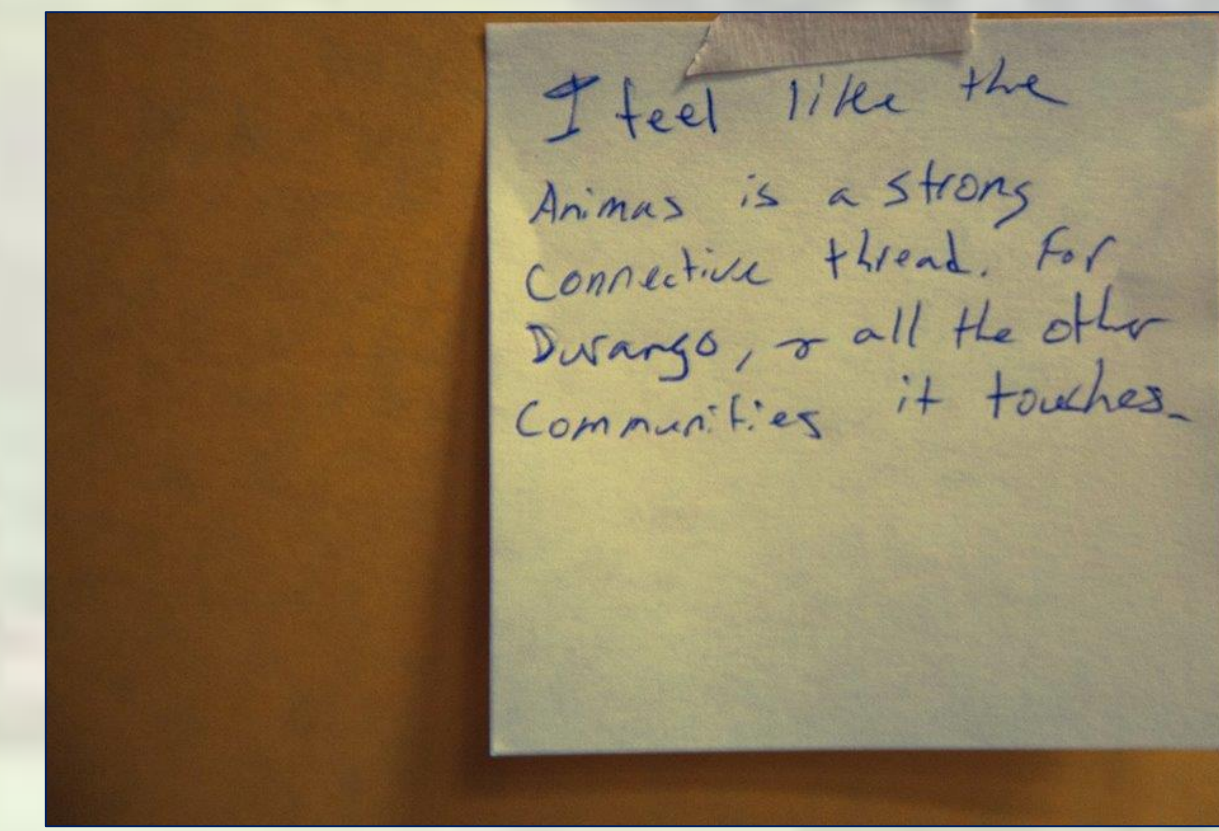
# Animas Community Listening & Empowerment Project

## Summary of Public Comments from "Voices of the Animas" Event in Durango, Colorado

### 1. How Have You Been Affected by the Spill?

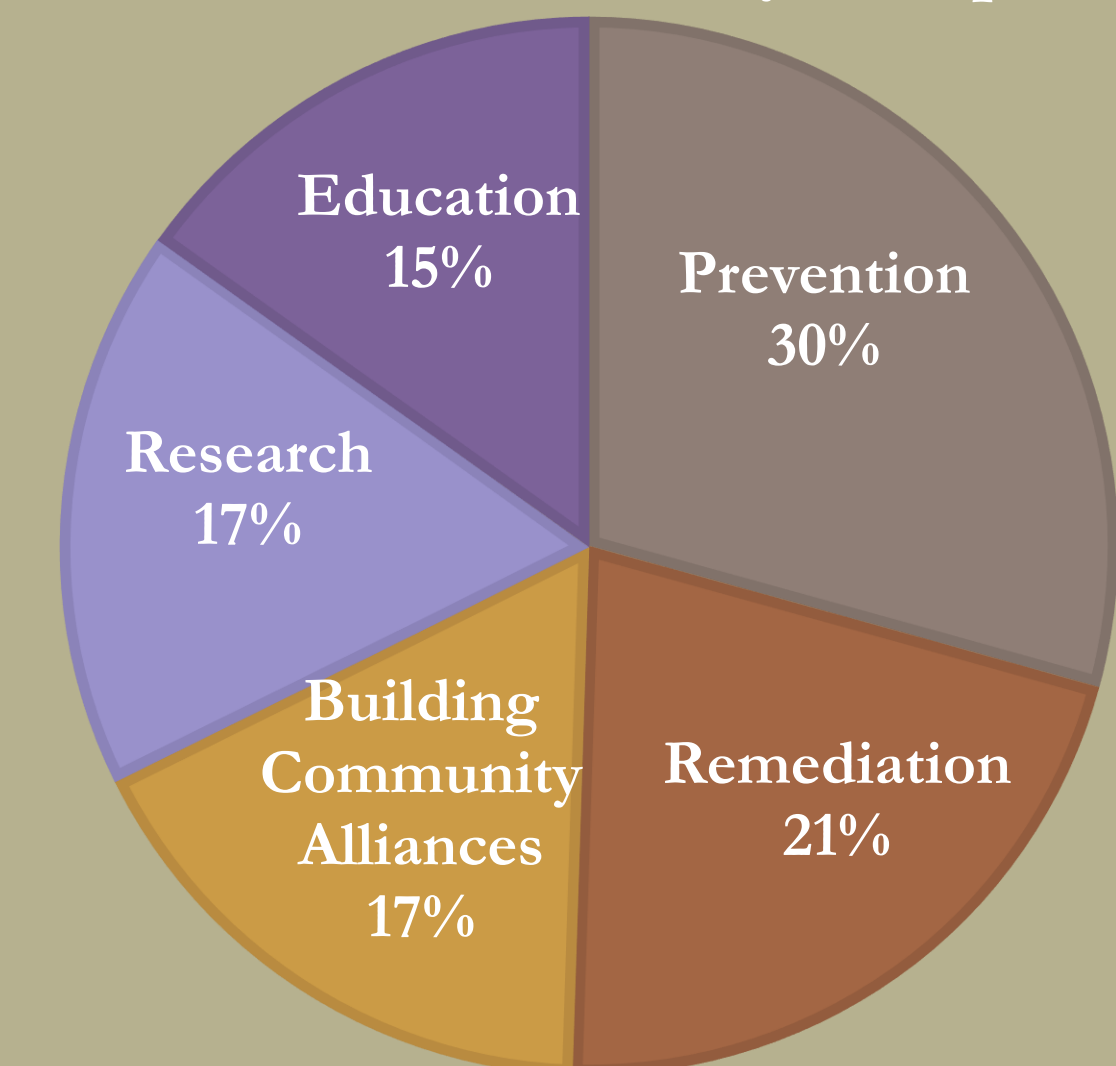


Animas High School students gathered interviews about people's responses to the Gold King Mine spill, and the community was invited to listen to a variety of perspectives.



Many responses signaled a new awareness of the connection between upstream and downstream river communities.

### 5. What Issues Should Community Groups Focus On?

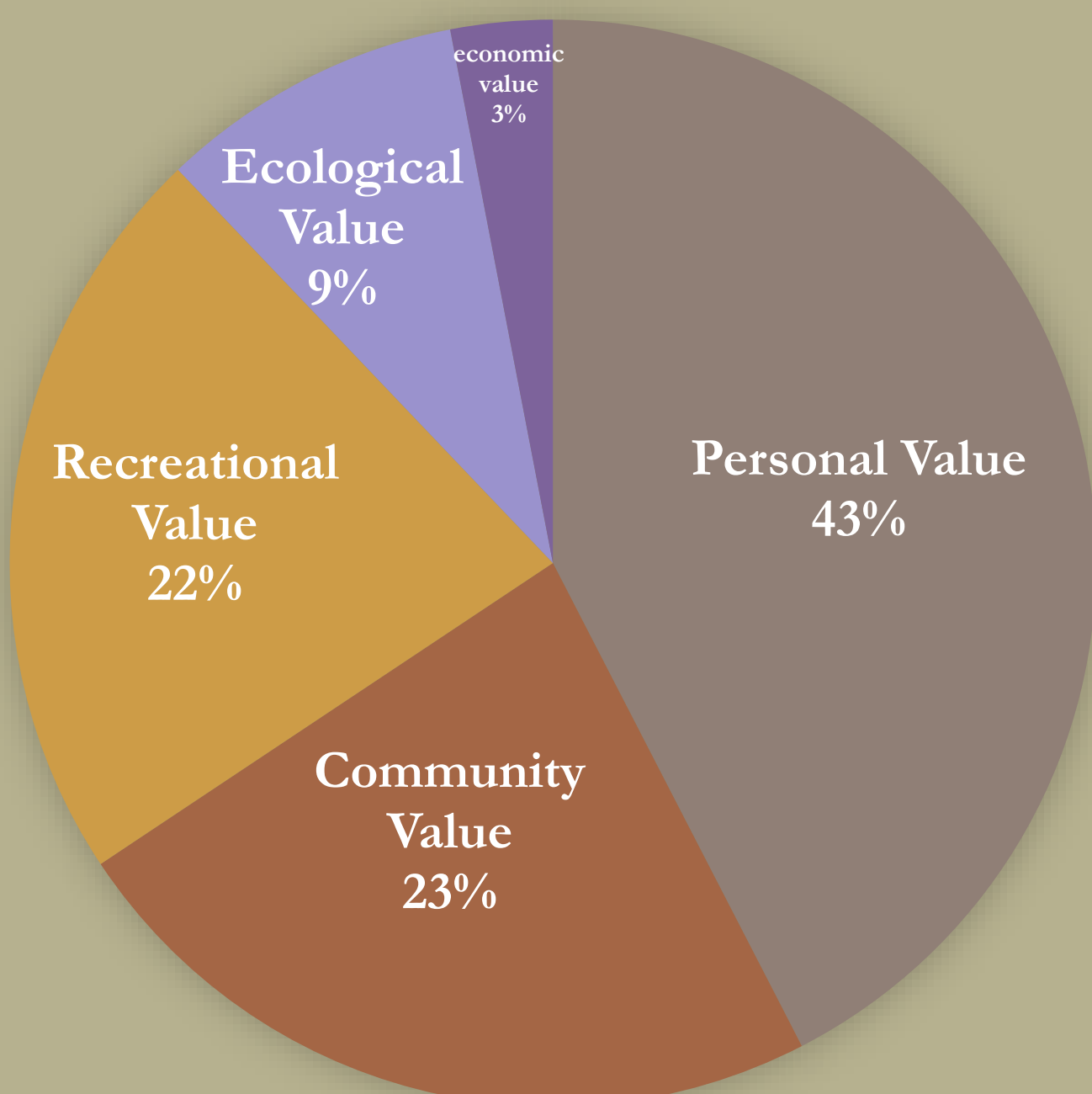


**About Us:** The "Animas Community Listening and Empowerment Project" is a grassroots group that formed weeks after the Gold King Mine Spill to address the social, economic, political, and emotional effects of environmental disaster.

**Our Purpose:** We are dedicated to providing public forums to hear stories and experiences from our region. Our goal is to foster better understanding between Animas-San Juan river communities, and recognize needs of the bioregional as a whole.

**Our Projects:** We partnered with Animas High School students to host a public forum where community members could express their thoughts in a comfortable environment. The first event was held Oct 8, 2015 at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, and approximately 200 people attended. This poster is a summary of the thoughtful responses that were gathered.

### 2. What Does the River Mean to You?

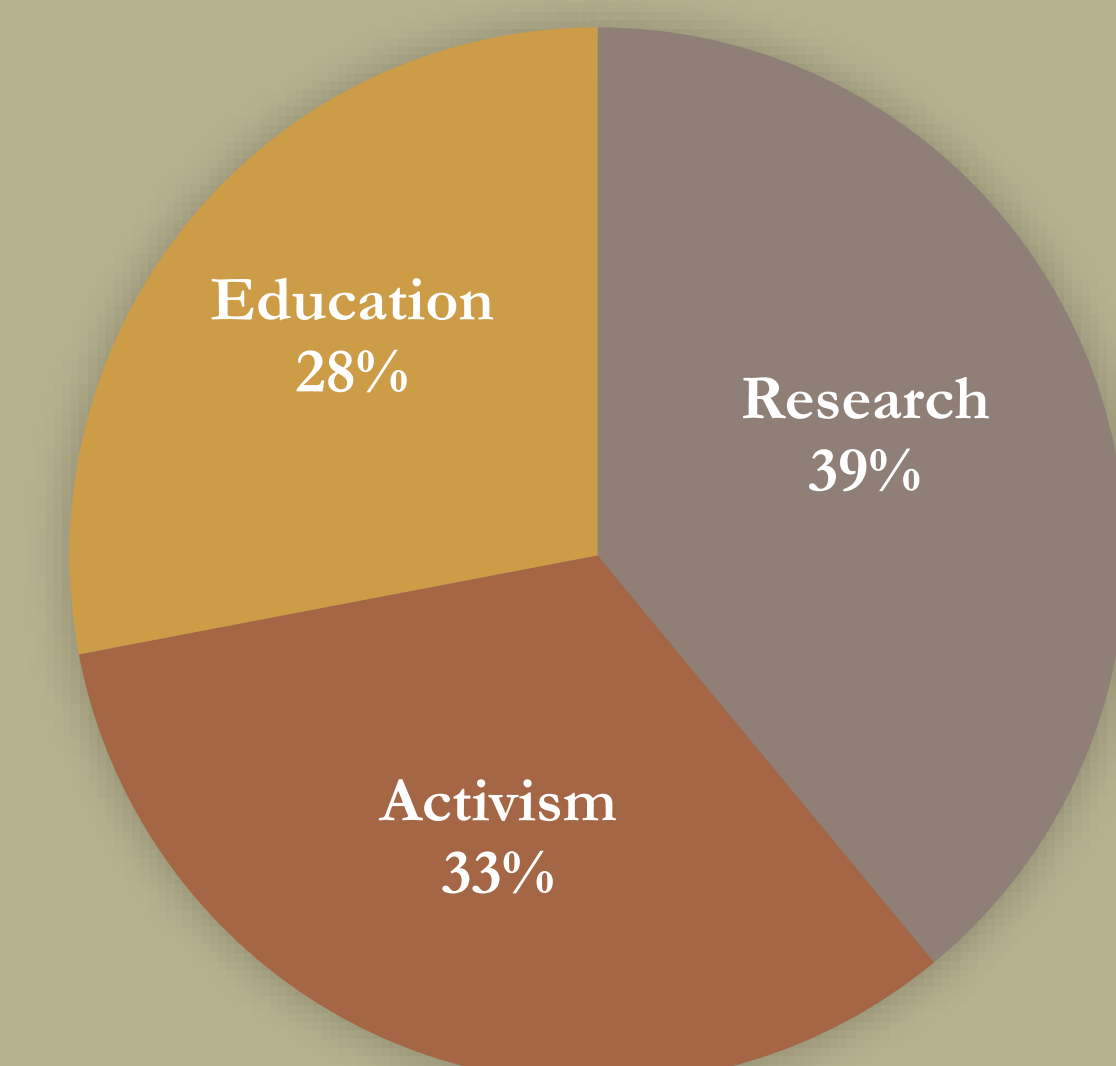


The public forums prompt conversation and connection between Durango residents.

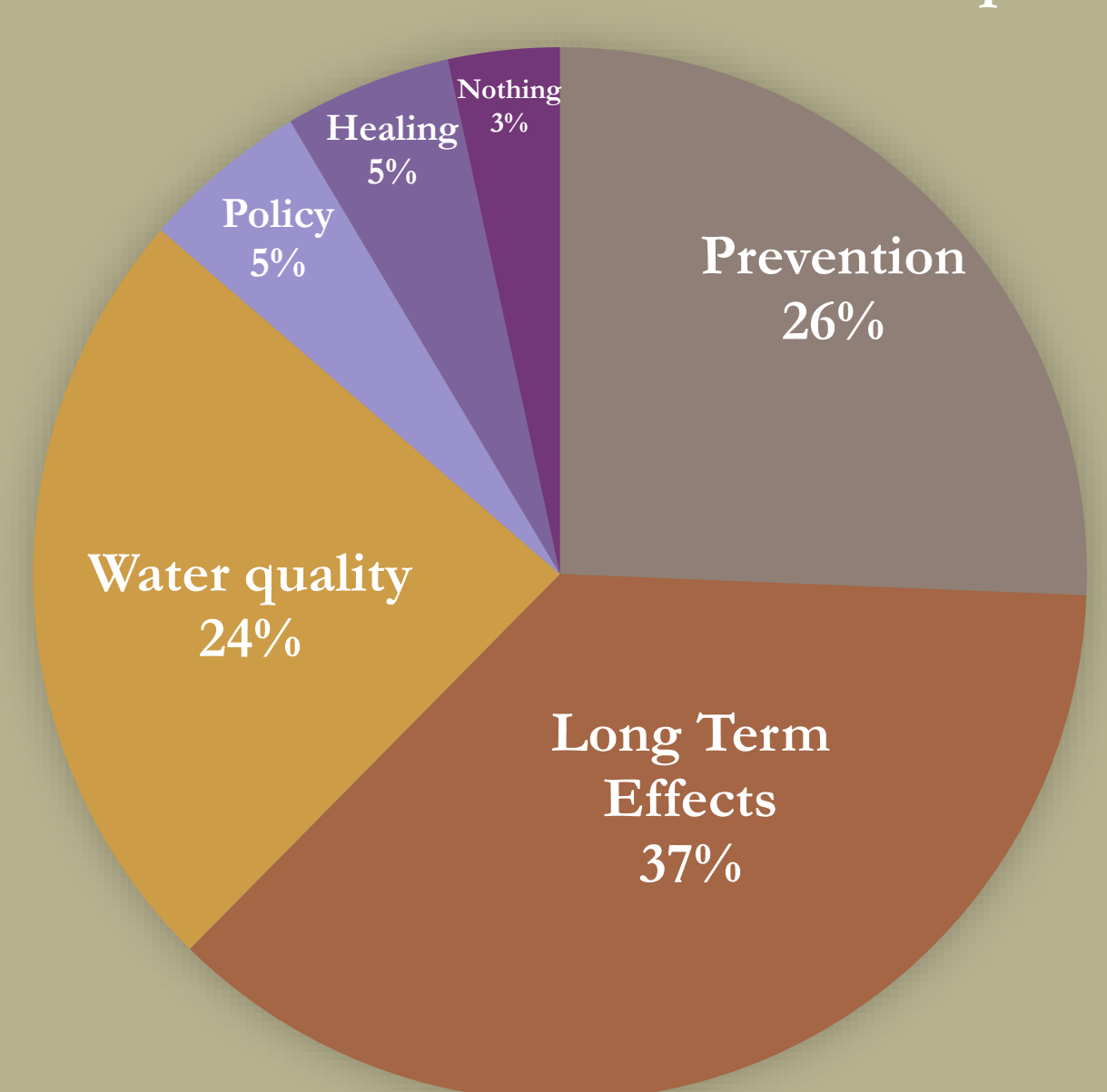


The Animas Community Listening and Empowerment Project has partnered with students from Animas High School, Fort Lewis College, and Southwest Colorado Community College.

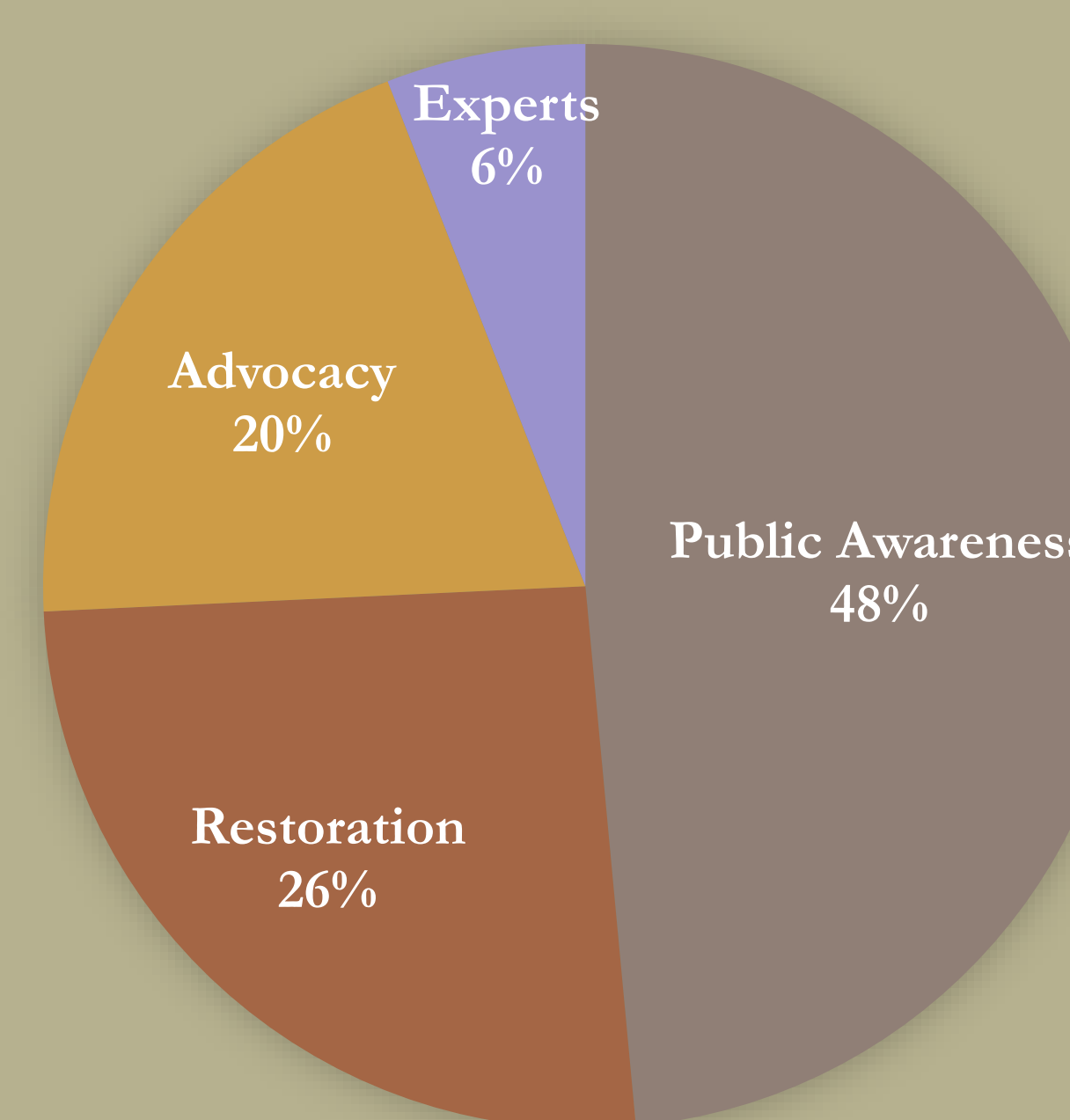
### 6. What Are Some Solutions to Protect Your Personal Future?



### 3. What Other Resources or Information Do You Need to Recover From the Spill?



### 4. What Does the River Need?



### 7. What are Some Solutions to Protect the River's Future?

