

Riverscapes Community Platform Survey Results

1. You joined for learning, tools, and professional relevance

Top reasons for joining included staying up to date on tools, models, and data (82%), learning from shared resources (64%), and connecting with peers (50%).

Takeaway: The technical and knowledge sharing foundation is strong

2. You want more engagement

We heard a lot about the low engagement with quotes like, “I wish more people were participating” and “Participation is limited, which limits the information on the platform.” We also heard optimism that steady encouragement can steadily build participation.

Takeaway: We need more visible momentum

3. You want applied learning and real world examples

High interest topics include monitoring and metrics (83%), LTPBR (79%), and restoration design (73%). Case studies (71%) and project spotlights (67%) were the most requested formats. We heard responses like “Low-tech restoration success case studies that I could use to convince local stakeholders.”

Takeaway: Consistent hunger for case studies and applied examples

4. Clarity and structure are current barriers

Uncertainty about where to post and not knowing how to get involved were top barriers to participation. You told us: “There are a few too many options/paths to take” “Too many options/crowded - I get overwhelmed”

Takeaway: Lowering barriers to posting and simplifying navigation are essential

5. You want stronger connection, a broader, more inclusive field, and to move the field forward

Respondents emphasized professional collaboration, coordinated training, and expanding beyond narrow topic areas.

Takeaway: This community cares deeply about advancing healthy riverscape initiatives