

NATIVE PLANT GARDEN TO RECOGNIZE HISTORIC PUYALLUP TRIBAL LANDS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON TACOMA CAMPUS

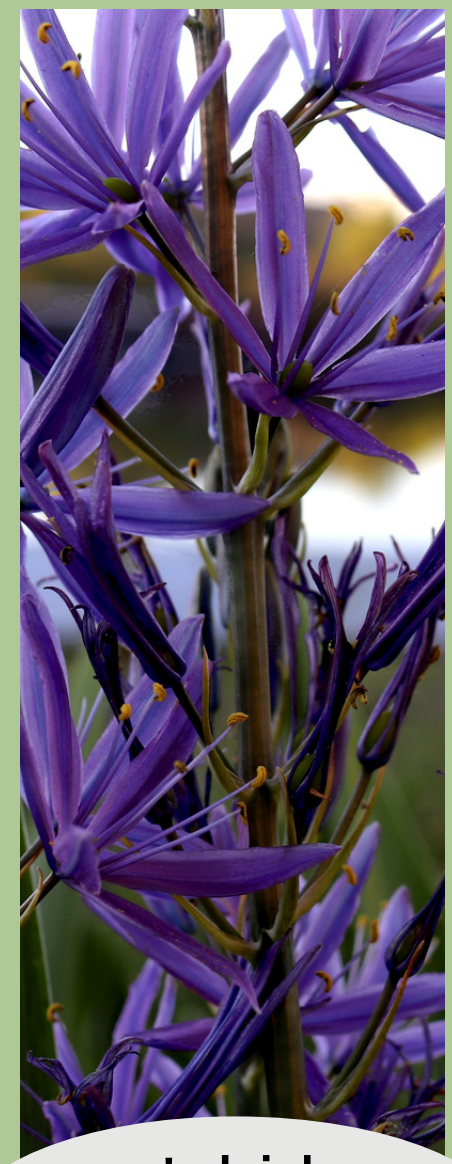
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What is the UWT Recognition Garden?

This project's primary objective is to integrate a land acknowledgment garden onto the UWT campus. This acknowledgment garden will pay homage to the land upon which UWT stands, historically owned by the esteemed Puyallup Indian Tribe. It aims to foster a deeper connection with indigenous culture and promote equity by featuring plants of cultural significance to the PNW. By undertaking this initiative, we actively contribute to the application of UW's Sustainability Action Plan, specifically focusing on targets I and III. Furthermore, it has the potential to enhance equity, environmental consciousness, and economic sustainability across our campus.



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Tall Oregon Grape



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Camas



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Nettle



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Huckleberry



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Elderberry

Approval

- Establishing collaboration with the Puyallup Tribe.
- Facilities and Services to establish a sound project plan.
- Safety and Security for garden space design.

Personnel

- Project Lead - UWT Sustainability Committee, Student and Faculty Volunteers
- Budget Oversight - UWT Sustainability Committee and potentially the Puyallup Tribe

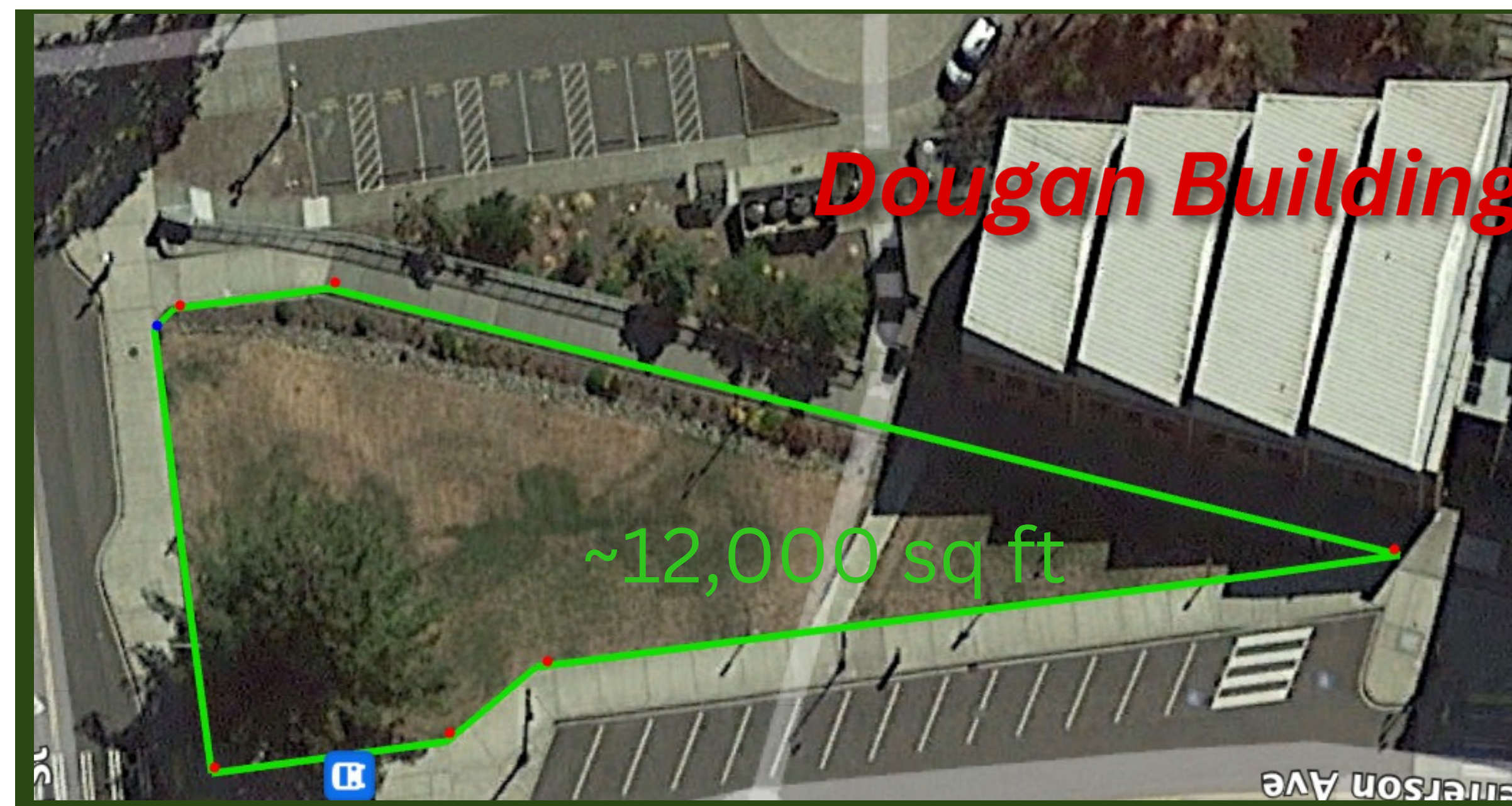
Promotion Strategy

- Create Fliers or permanent QR code signs.
- Native Speaker Event.
- Planting Event.
- Student and Faculty Volunteers.
- Hands-on events.
- Art Event

Successful Gardens

- Taqwsheblu Vi Hilbert, Seattle University
- Longhouse Garden, Evergreen State College
- UW Medica Herb Garden, Seattle

Proposed Area Next to Dougan Building



The Why

- A recognition garden would acknowledge the Puyallup Tribe, whose land the campus is built on.
- It would showcase the cultural and historical use of native plants.
- Adds more accessible greenspace.
- Cultural Preservation and revitalization.
- Promote biocultural diversity.
- More accessible green space on campus

Challenges

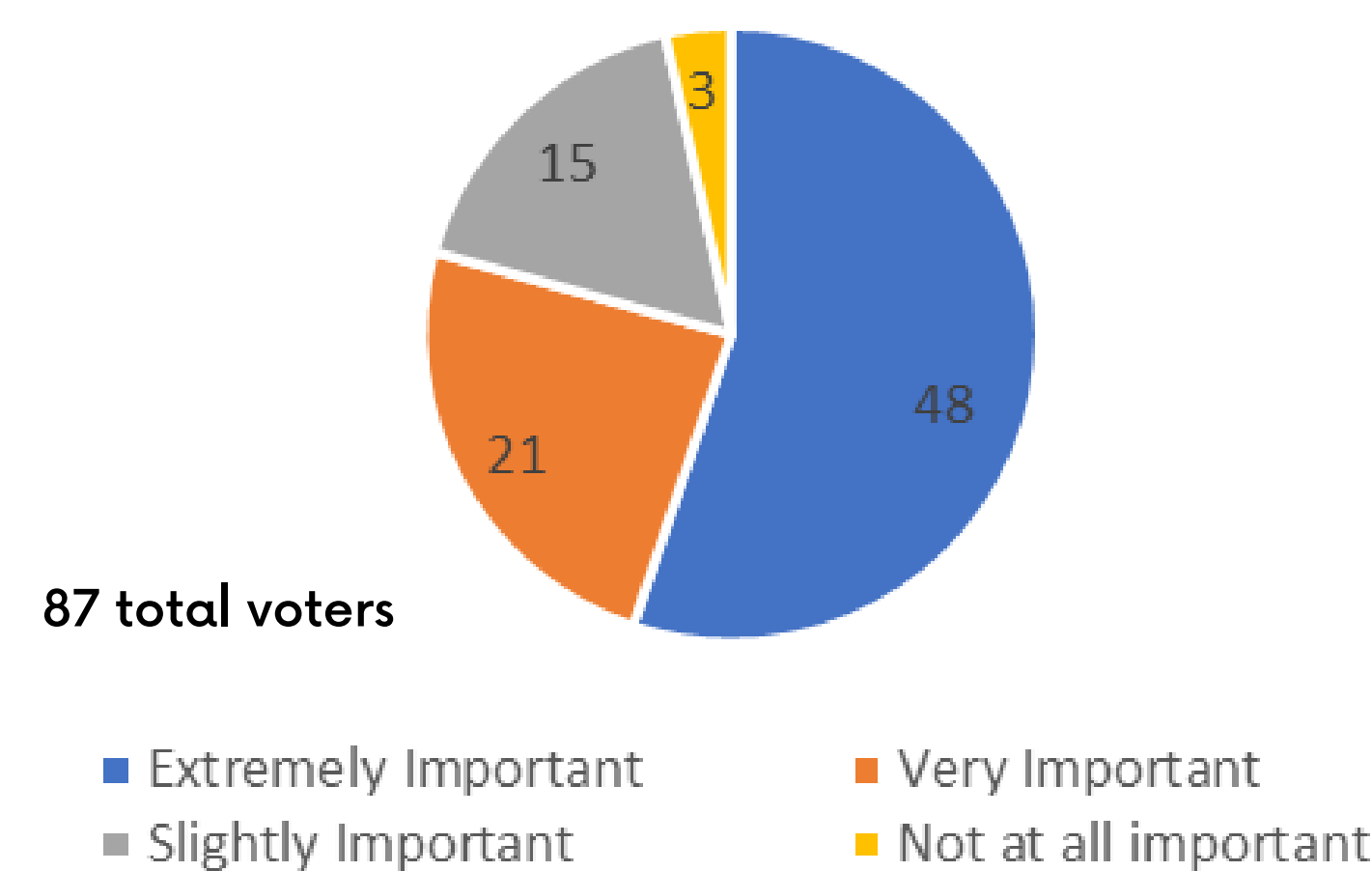
- The high initial cost of installation and landscaping
- period for plants to fully grow. Could take years for some to bloom.
- Plants grow at different rates and have different lifespans.
- Securing and maintaining involvement and collaboration with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians.
- Getting students aware of and involved with the garden.
- Finding long-term care for the garden.

Budgeting

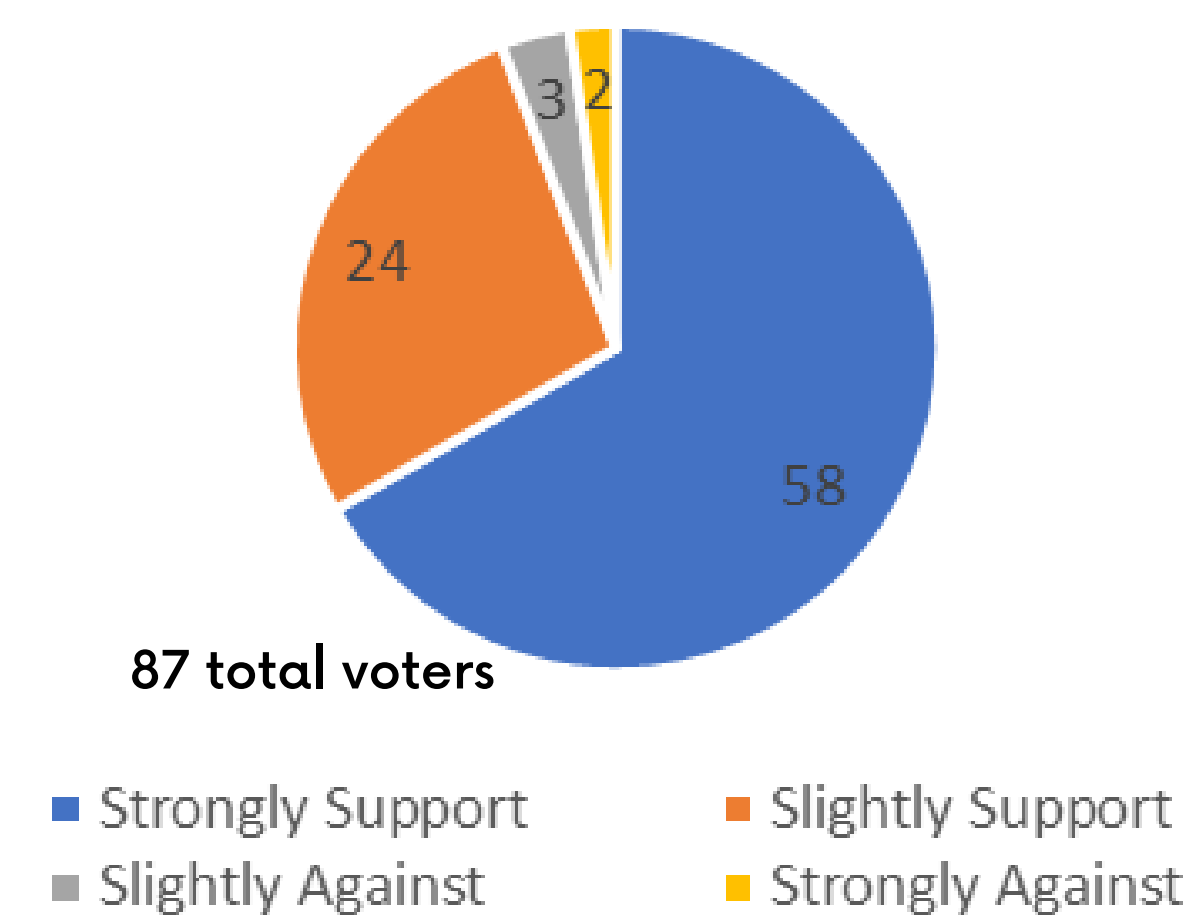
- Seating
 - Park bench or table and bench
- Garden Establishment
 - Raised bed vs in-ground bed installation
 - Top-soil and plants
 - Plant ID stakes
 - Labor costs
- Honorarium for Puyallup Tribe

Student Survey Results

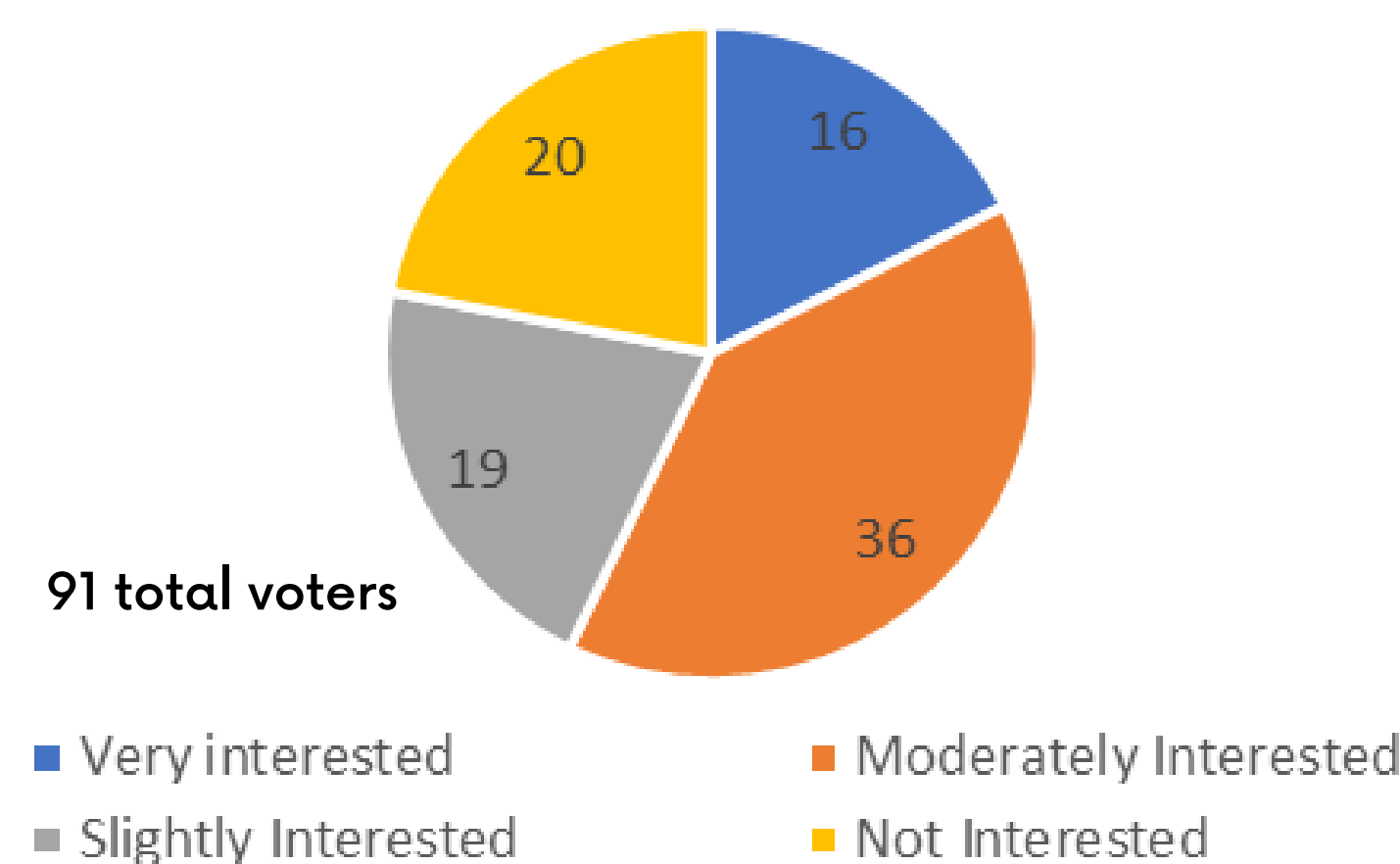
Importance of including indigenous knowledge



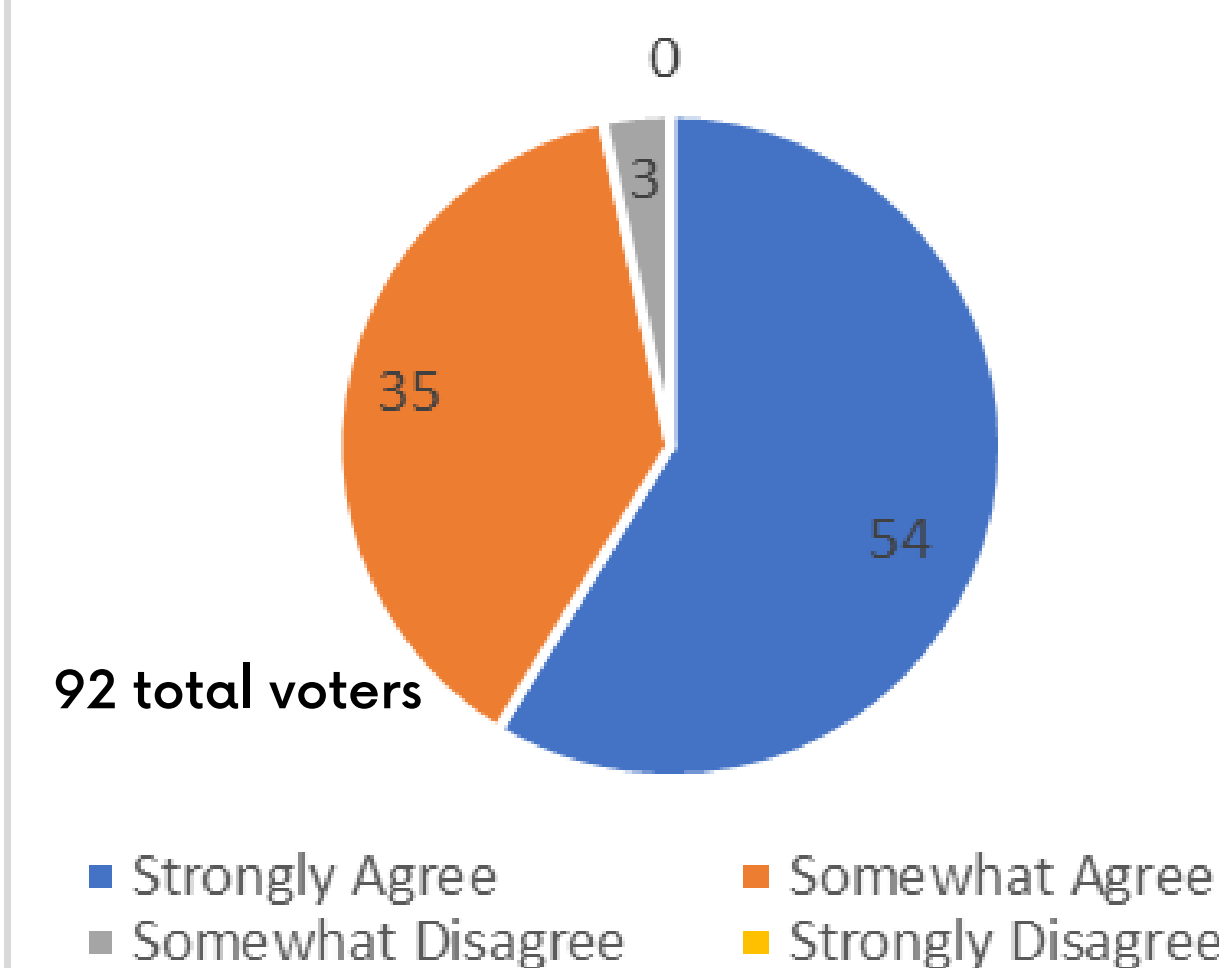
Support for recognizing indigenous land



Interest in Hands on participation



Addition of More Green-Space



Uses for Native Plants

- Teas:** Dried herbs boiled in water for 5 minutes
- Infusions:** Dried herbs soaked, covered, and boiled for 20+ minutes
- Decoctions:** Roots, Barks, and Tough fruits simmered in water for 20+ minutes
- Poultices:** Soft mass of plant matter, often heated and applied to areas of the body to help with aches, pains, and inflammation