

SAMPLE WATER/BACKYARD STREAM SUCCESS STORY

Note to Agents: This is a sample success story that aligns with the Sample Evaluation. It is to be adapted to meet your county and programs. If you use the Sample Evaluation, Qualtric does analysis and provides the totals and percentages that you can use.

It is suggested that you use the top two to three intermediate outcomes in your story, not all of the possible outcomes.

Clean water is necessary to sustain life. The _____ County Extension Service promotes good agricultural and urban land use practices that protect the land, water and living things during their programs and educational materials.

In an annual survey to Extension clients, ___% used the UK Extension Diagnostic Services to identify plants, disease, pests, and nutrients needed in their soil. ___% made decisions about how to treat problems based on the Extension recommendations.

Fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals impact soil health and water quality. Of those reporting, ___% used one or more recommended practices that included soil and water conservation, increase of soil organic matter, incorporating native plants, planning, and applying chemicals in a manner to increase nutrient efficiency.

Extension clients use recommended practices in chemical handling, storage and disposal. This includes the way they spray, testing the water used in pesticides application, selecting alternate materials, and communicating to neighbors when using chemicals.

Extension clients use Integrated Pest Management practices that include scouting fields/gardens weekly, adopted new cultural management practices such as biological controls, and altered spray program.

Native plants play an important role in protecting streams from erosion and providing pollinator habitat. During the past 12 months, ___% of Extension clients reported making decisions or employing best practices to protect or install native plants and pollinator habitats.

Extension clients are leaders for the natural environment. They share information with others, mentor people who are new to agriculture, and serve on advisory councils.

<Quote from clients>