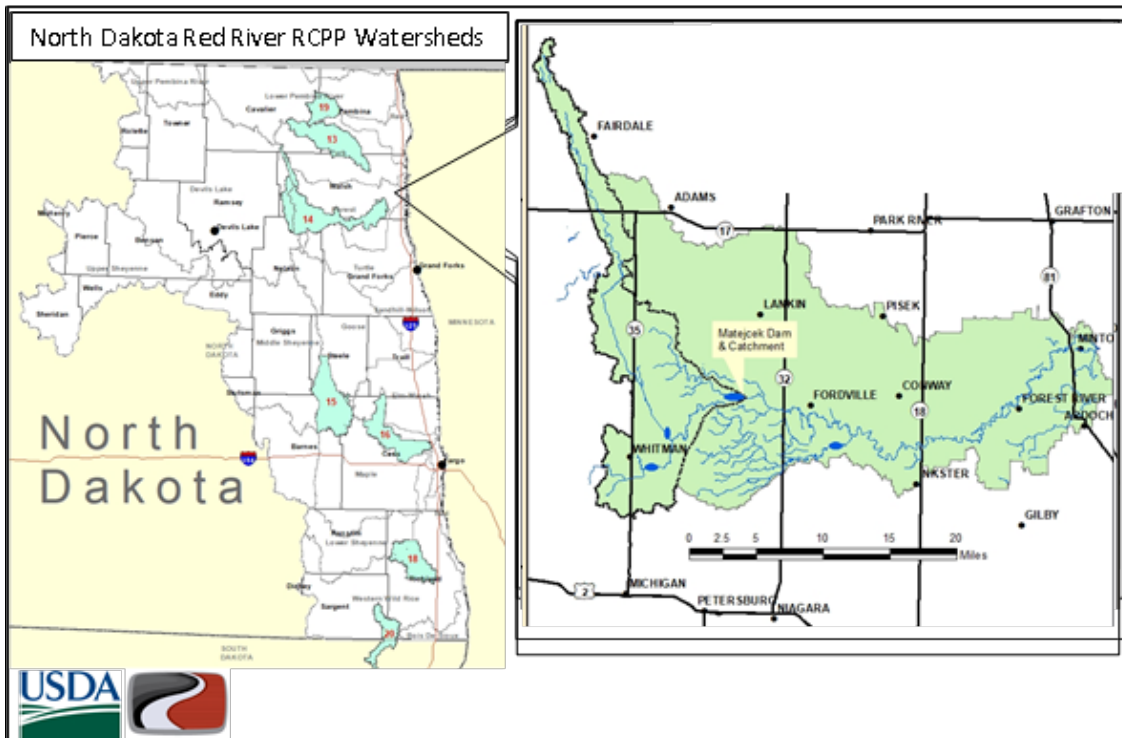


Forest River Watershed Project



Sponsor - Forest River Joint Water Resource District

Daryl Campbell, Chairman (Grafton), Ben Varnson (Michigan), Richard Axvig (Grand Forks)

Watershed size – 364,000 acres **Counties** - Cavalier, Grand Forks, Nelson and Walsh

Communities - Ardoch, Fordville, Forest River, Inkster, Minto and Whitman

Background: The watershed planning effort was initiated by a joint request from the Forest River Joint WRD and the RRRRA in 2015 to address flooding and related resource concerns. The WRD formed a project team of local agricultural landowners, other interested county residents, and local government/state/federal agencies working on water resource issues in the county to guide the progress. The WRD hired Houston Engineering to provide technical support for the planning effort. Funding for the planning effort is from NRCS, ND SWC, Red River JWRD, and the Park River Joint WRD. NRCS RCPP agreement signed 9/18/2015, sponsor requested separating watershed into two planning areas, (Upper and Lower) the agreement ends 6-30-2019.

Objective: Reduce economic and natural resource damages throughout the watershed, including:

- Flood damages to agricultural land, public and private infrastructure, and the communities of Forest River and Minto from flood flows along the Forest River
- Reduce flood damages for up to a 10-year flood event on cropland
- Increase flood resiliency for public and private infrastructure
- Maintaining or increasing flood resiliency for areas downstream of the planning watershed

Plan Goal - Identify feasible, cost effective solutions to address the above noted issues. At completion of the plan, one or more alternatives will be at the conceptual design phase, permitted and ready to implement pending acquisition of funding for final design and construction.