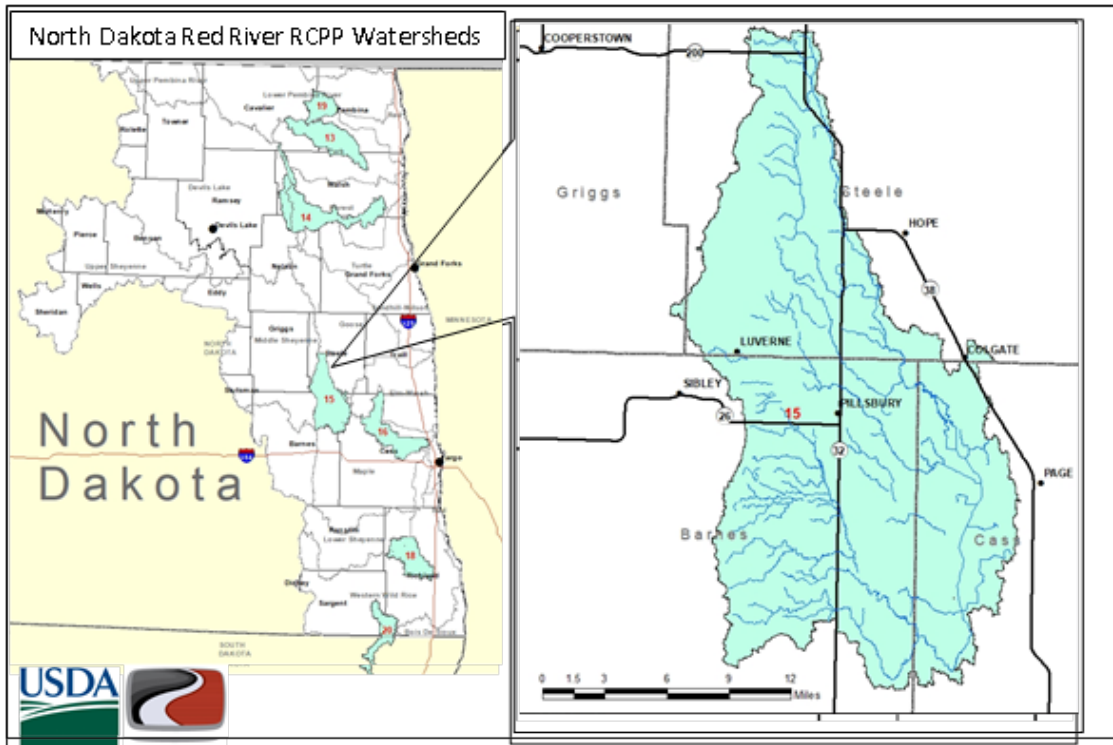


Upper Maple River Watershed Project



Sponsor - Cass County Joint Water Resource District

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Watershed size - 187,006 acres **Counties** - Barnes, Cass, Griggs and Steele

Communities - Colgate, Hope, Page and Pillsbury

Background: The watershed planning effort was initiated by a joint request from the Cass County 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 Moore Engineering to provide technical support for the planning effort. Funding for the planning effort is from NRCS, ND SWC, Red River JWRD, and the Cass County Joint WRD. NRCS RCPP agreement signed 9/24/2015, sponsor has requested agreement be extended one year to 9/30/2019.

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

- Reduce adverse economic impacts to agriculture caused by flooding
- Reduce adverse impacts to transportation systems
- Reduce flood impacts to existing dams and water management systems (e.g. legal drains)
- Reduce flood impacts to rural residences & personal property
- Improve water quality and maintain or enhance soil health
- Focus and accelerate watershed protection within the Highway 32 corridor

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.