NeDNR Update: Water Planning 2020

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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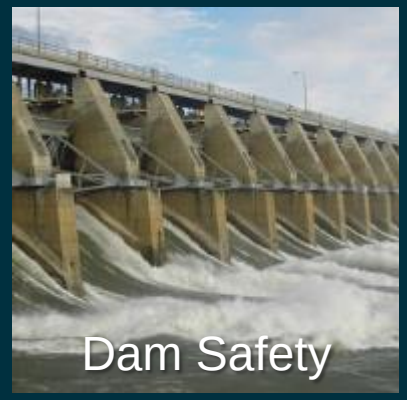

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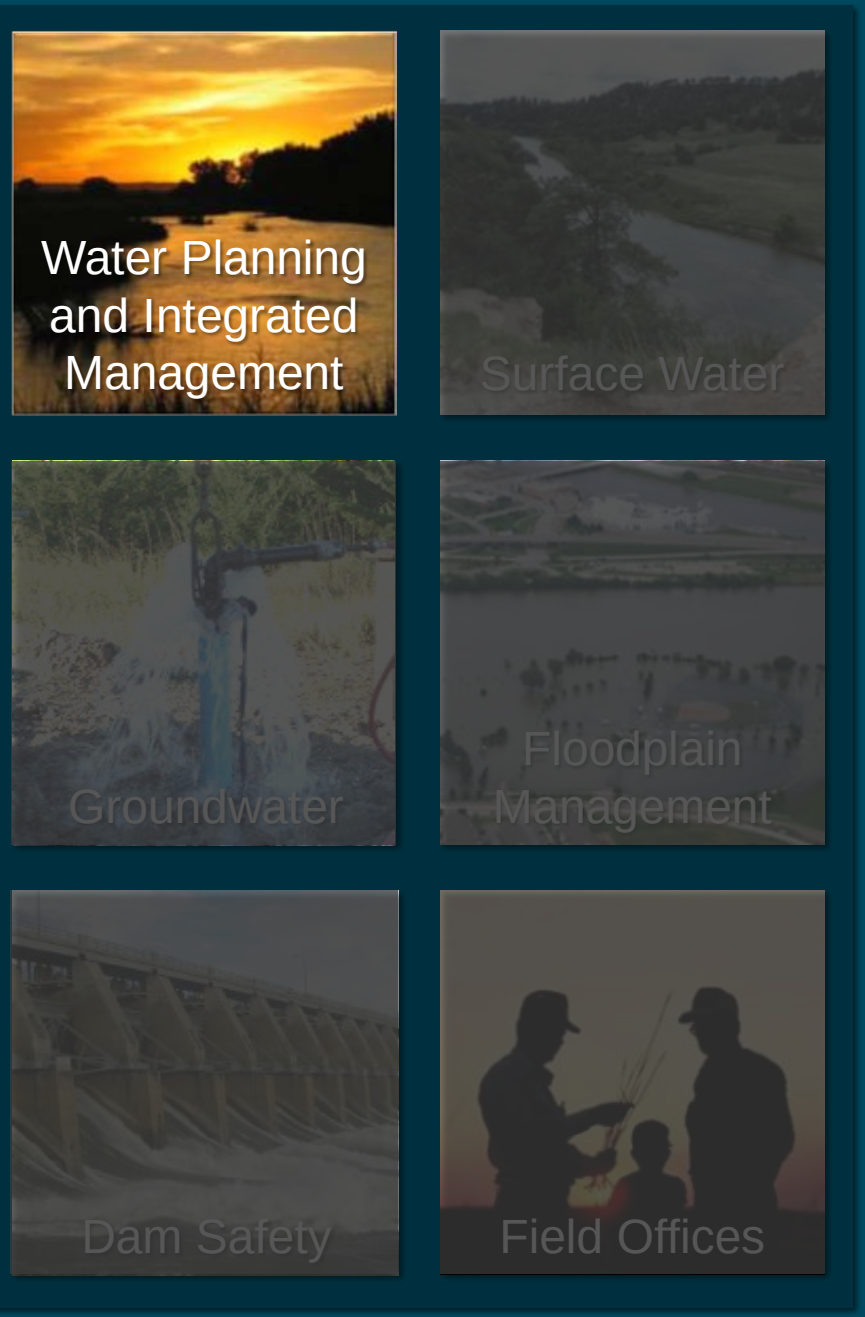

Overview

- Integrated Management Plan – What is it?
- Status of IMPs and BWPs
- Drought Planning
- Technical Updates
- Interstate Agreements

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Integrated Management Plan – What is it?

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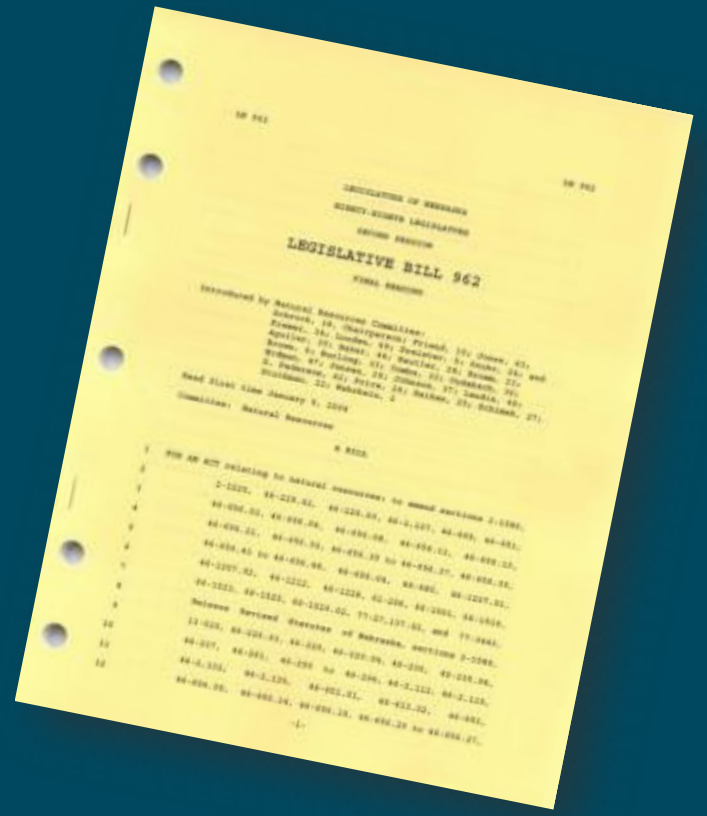
Nebraska Integrated Water Law – LB962 in 2004


LEGISLATIVE BILL 962

- Created over and fully appropriated areas, in portions of the Platte, Republican, and Niobrara Basins
- Set out IMP development and implementation processes
- Allows for future designations of fully appropriated

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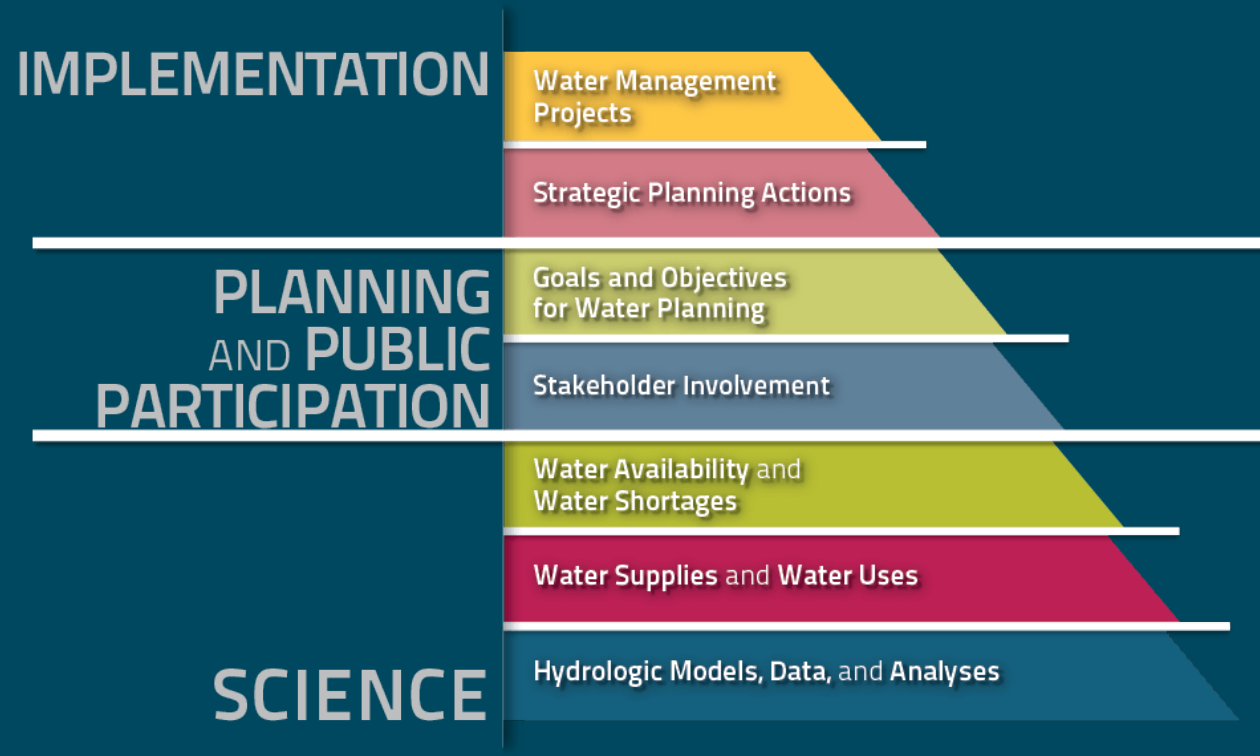
IMP Development Process

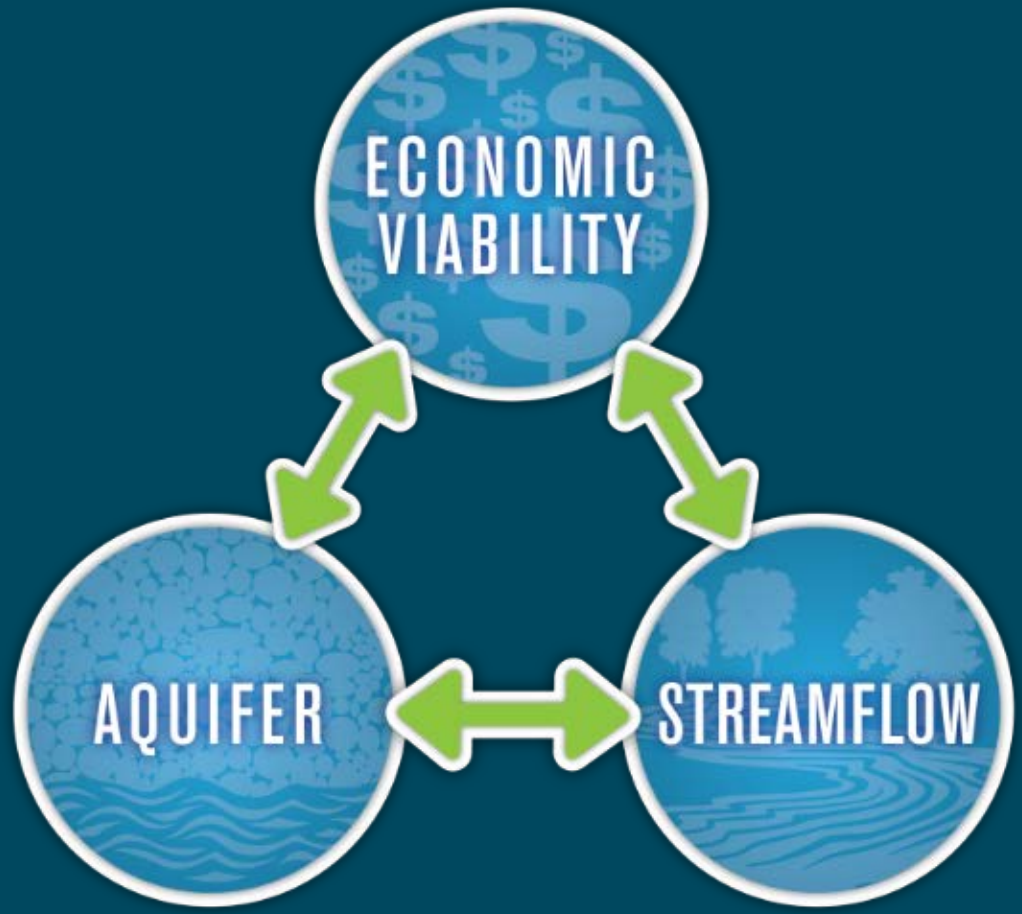
Integrated management planning is:

- Surface water and groundwater management
- Cooperatively developed With NRD and Stakeholders
- Suited to local conditions
- Proactive
- Protects existing users
- Adaptive management
- Based upon science



IMP Development Process

Core elements – balancing water use and supplies so that economic viability can be maintained



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IMP Development Process - Stakeholders

- Convey local water concerns and solutions
- Guide development of goals, objectives, and action items
- Attend meetings
- Community leaders

Status of Plans

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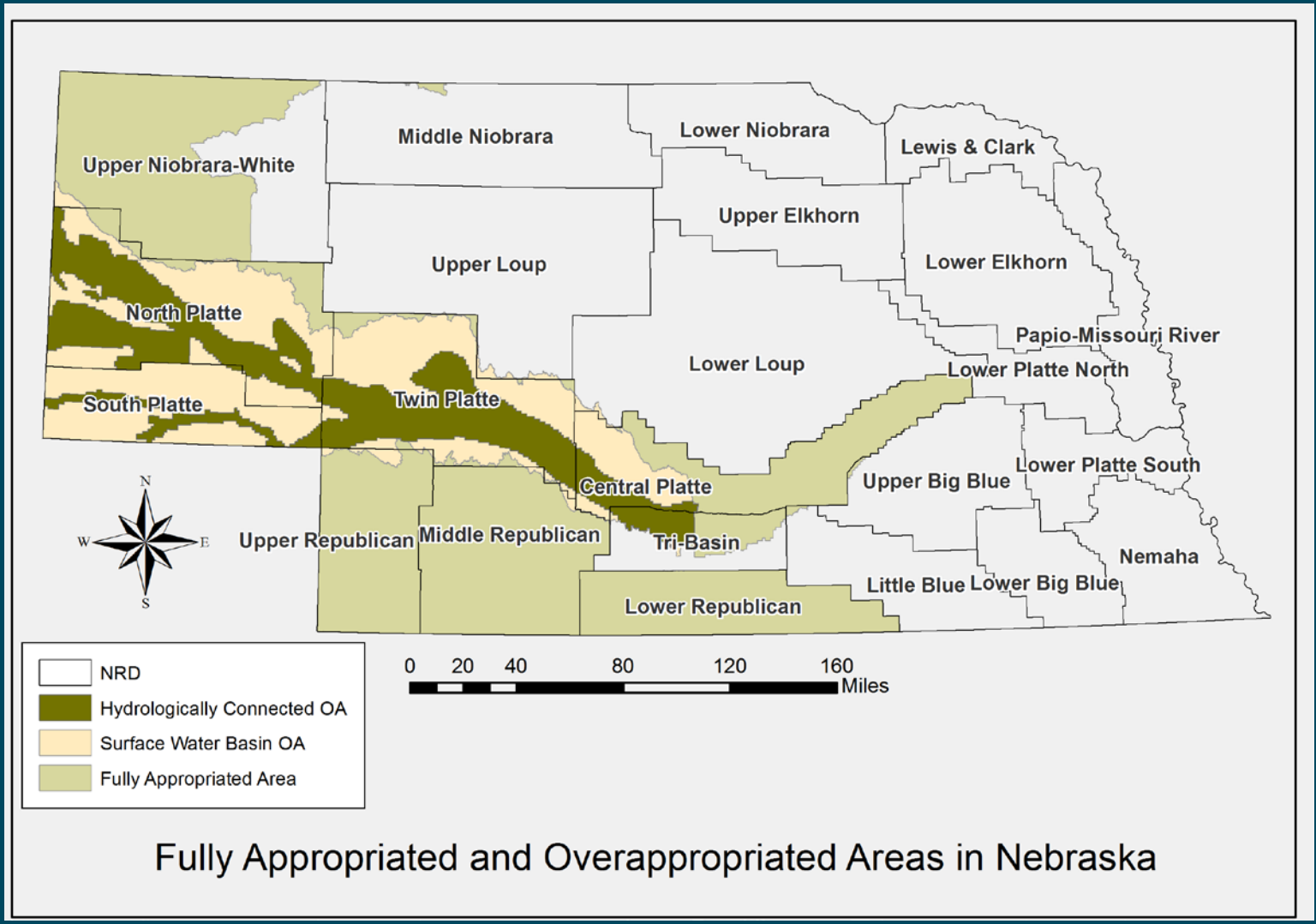
Fully and Overappropriated Areas in Nebraska



Fully Appropriated and Overappropriated Areas in Nebraska

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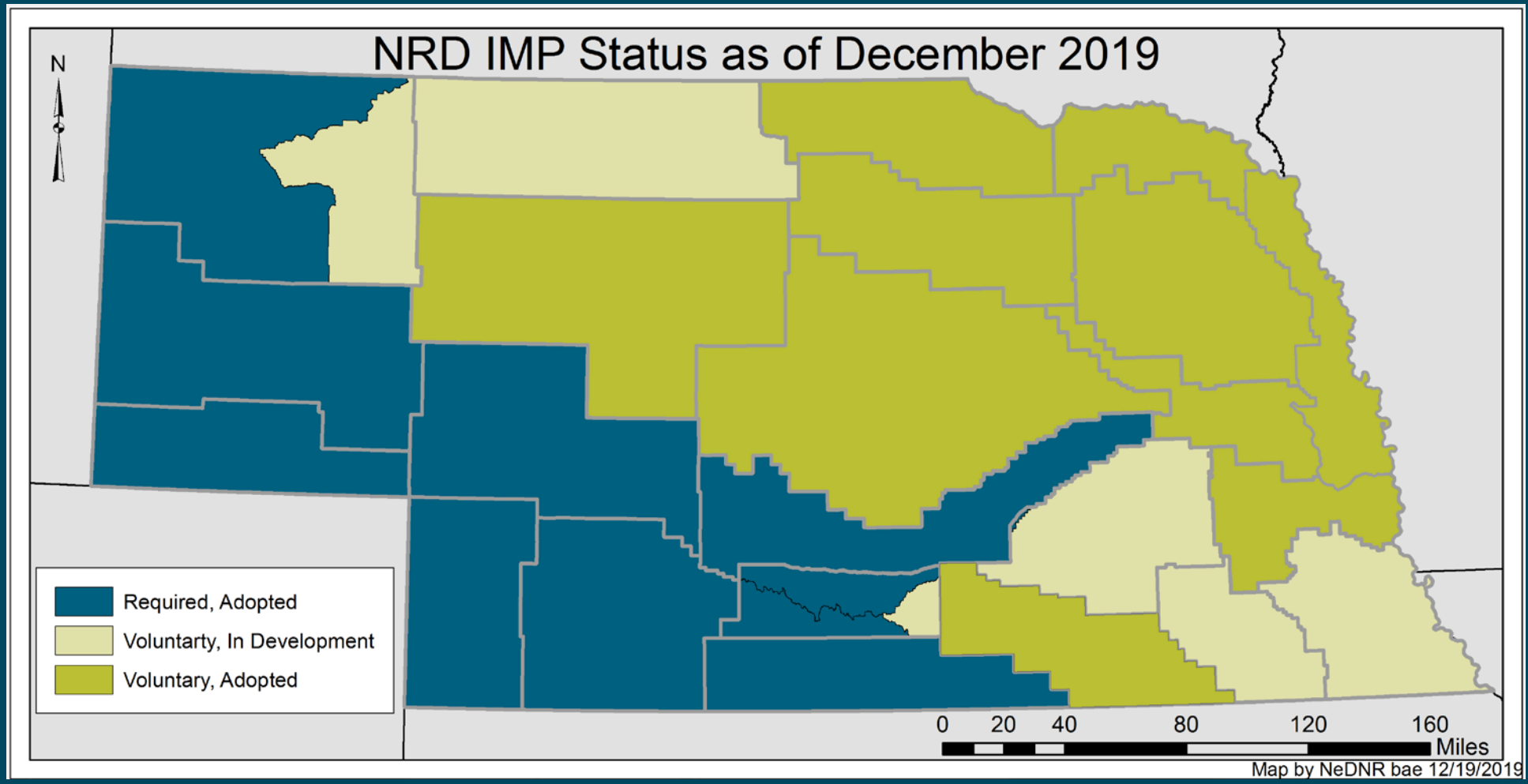
Current Status of Integrated Management Plans

- ✓ 10 Required
- ✓ 10 Voluntary
- ✓ 6 Voluntary In Process



Adopted In 2019:

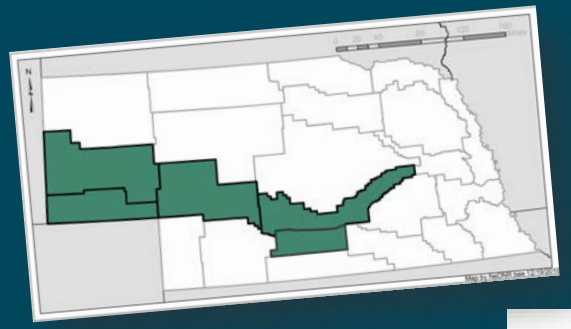
2 Basin-Wide Plans

7 IMPs

- 5 Second Increment
- 2 Voluntary

Upper Platte IMPs

- Effective Sept. 2019



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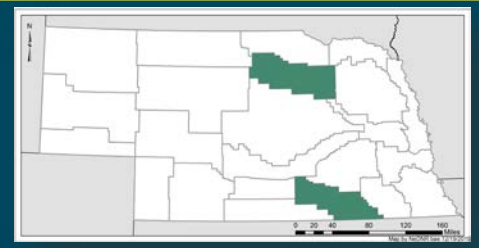
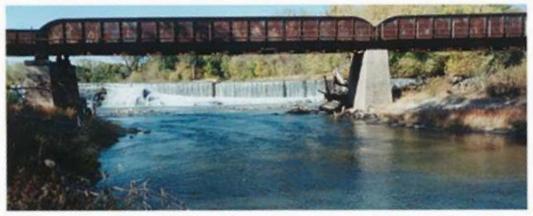
Elkhorn & Little Blue NRD Voluntary IMPs



Effective August 15, 2019

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
VOLUNTARY
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN



Cooperatively Developed by the Little Blue Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
August 2019

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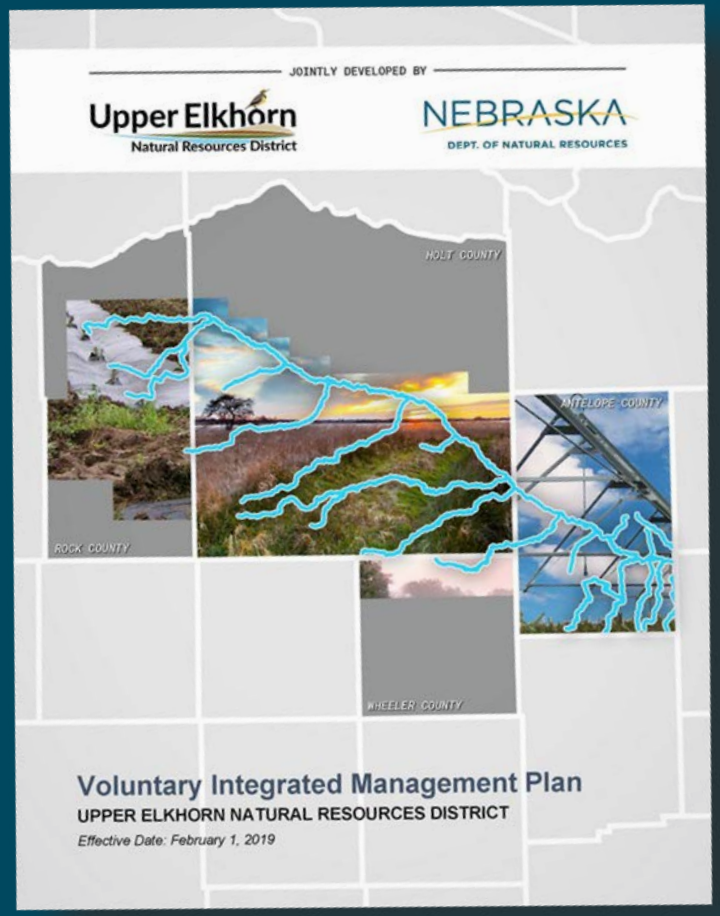
Effective February 1, 2019



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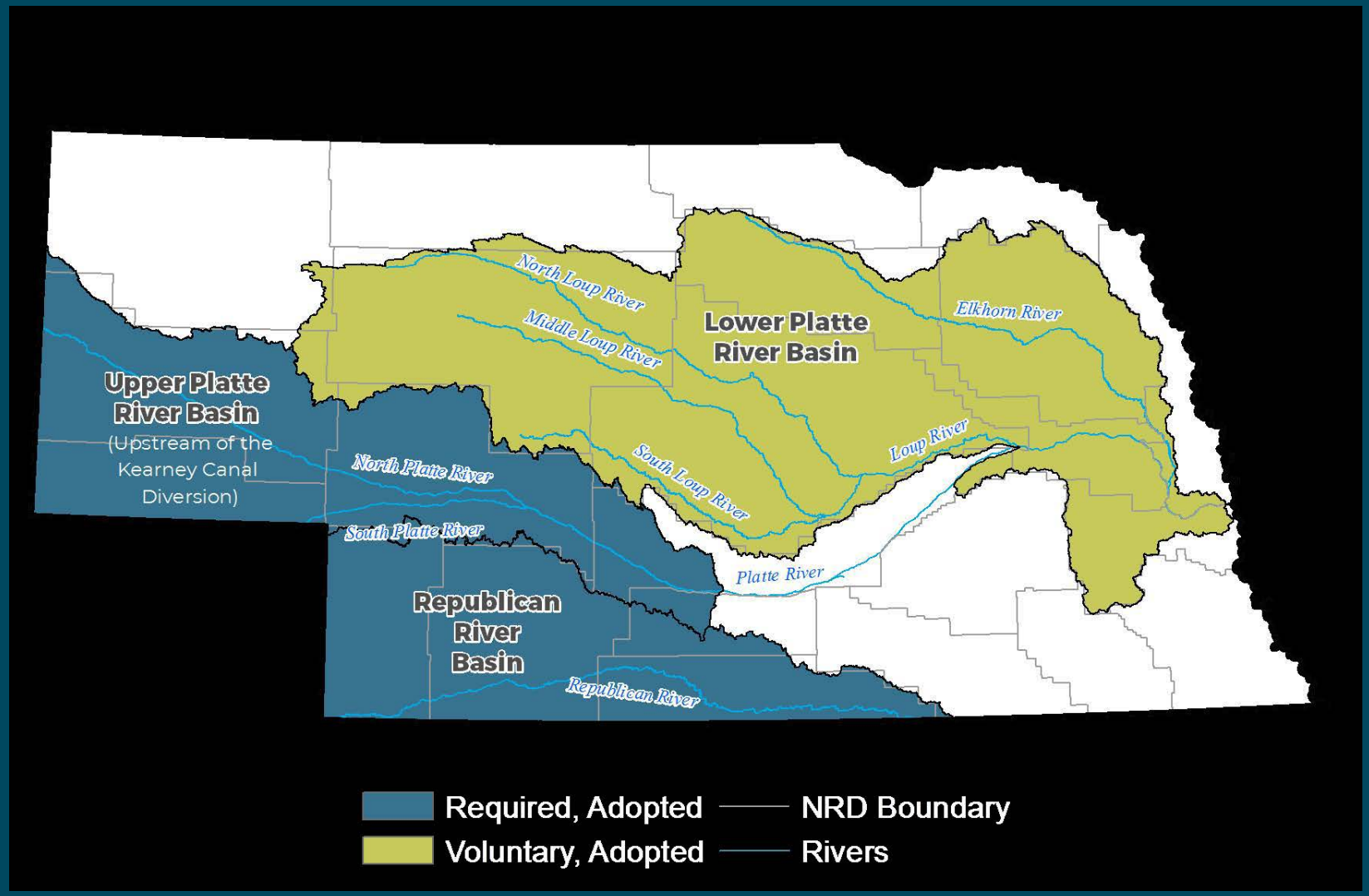
Basin-wide Plans



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Upper Platte & Republican Basin-Wide Plans

Effective March 2019

Vision *Statement: "Waters responsibly used and the Republican River Basin is economically vibrant"*

Effective September 2019

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IMP Development Process – Implementation

Plan Completion Means **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Action Items
- Monitoring Program
  - Tracking action items in context of achieving goals & objectives
- Evaluation
  - Are action items achieving desired goals?
  - Are water supply and demand changing?
  - Have goals changed?
- Adaptive Management

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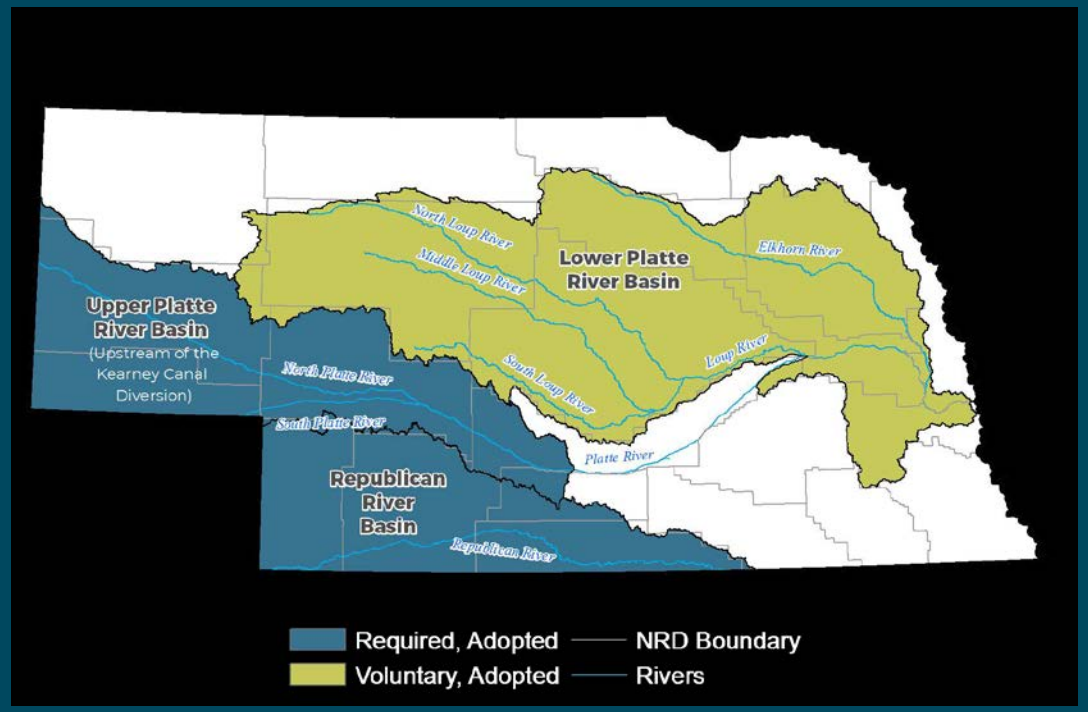
Drought planning

- Upper Platte BWP
- Republican BWP
- Lower Platte Drought Contingency Plan



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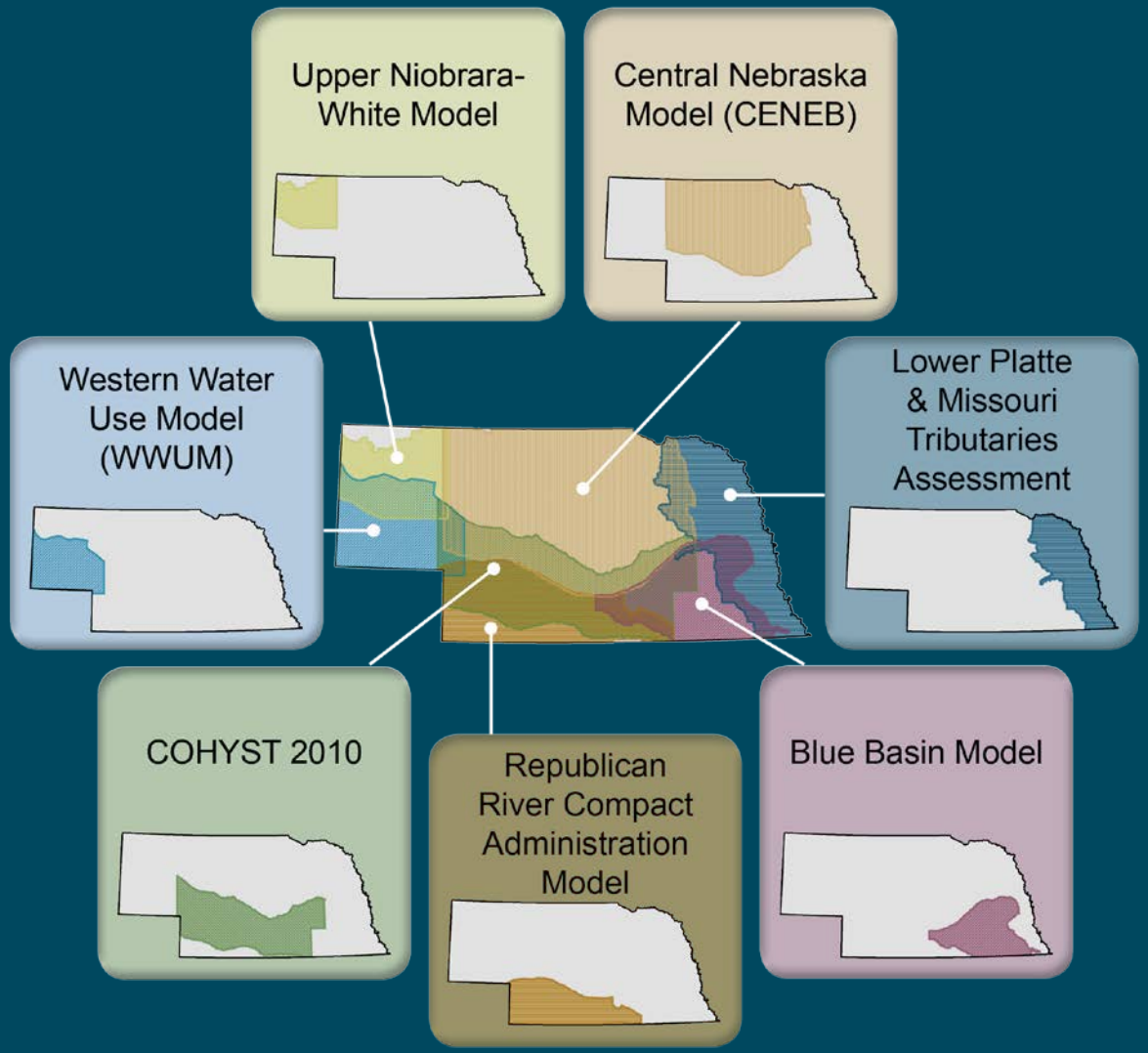
Technical Updates

Modeling Projects



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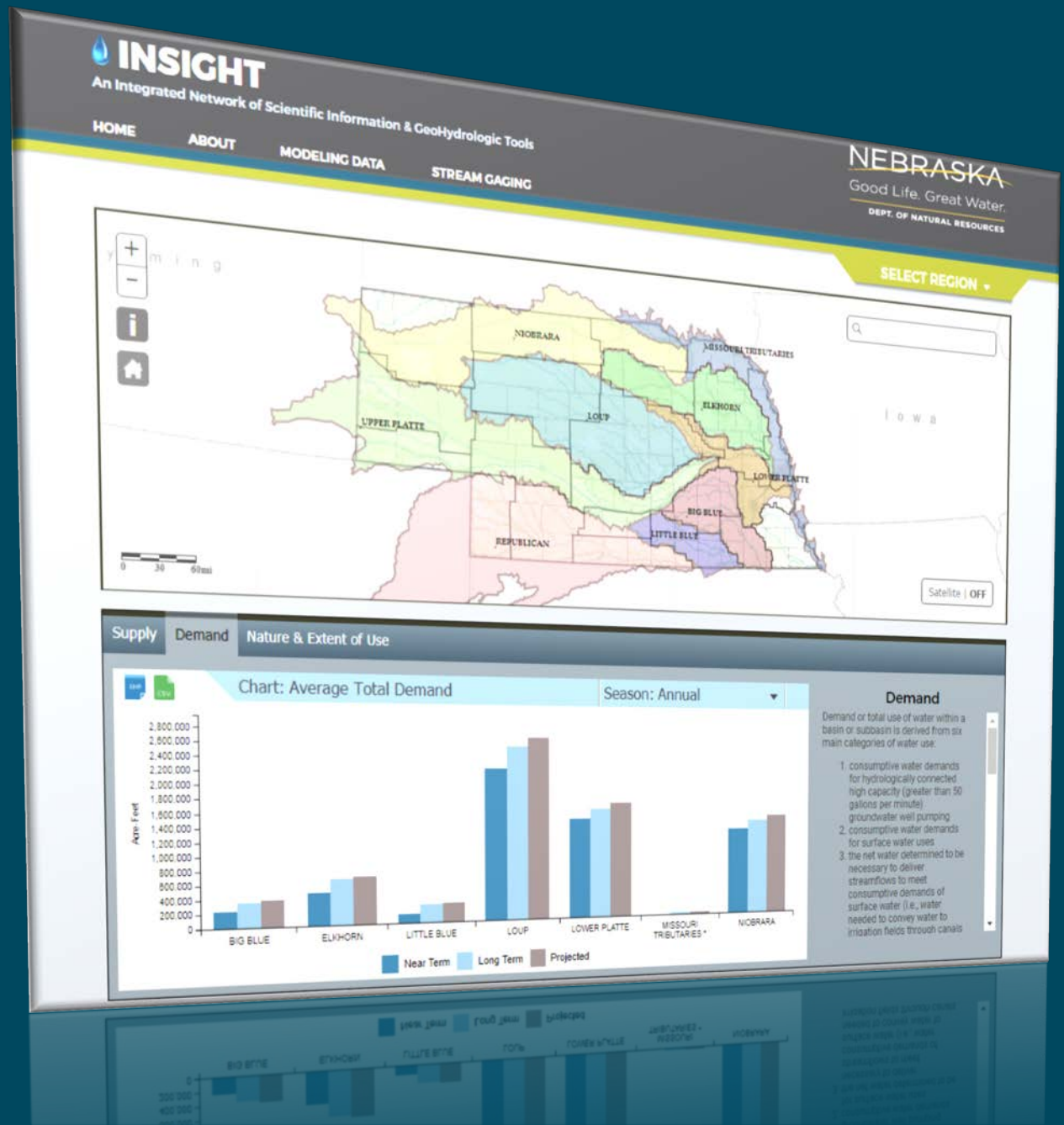
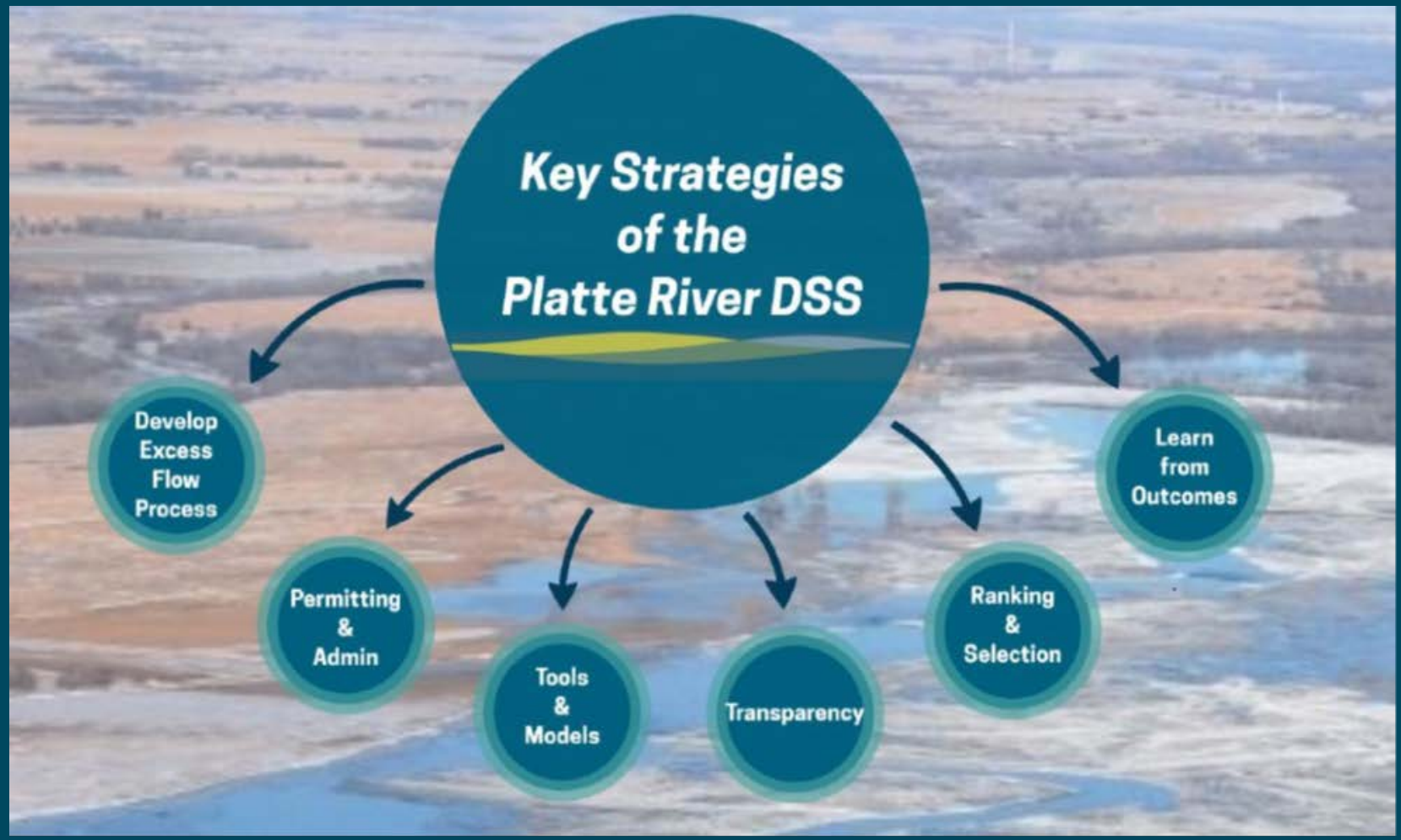
INSIGHT

- Republican Data
- Upper Platte Data



Decision Support System



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Interactive Web Applications

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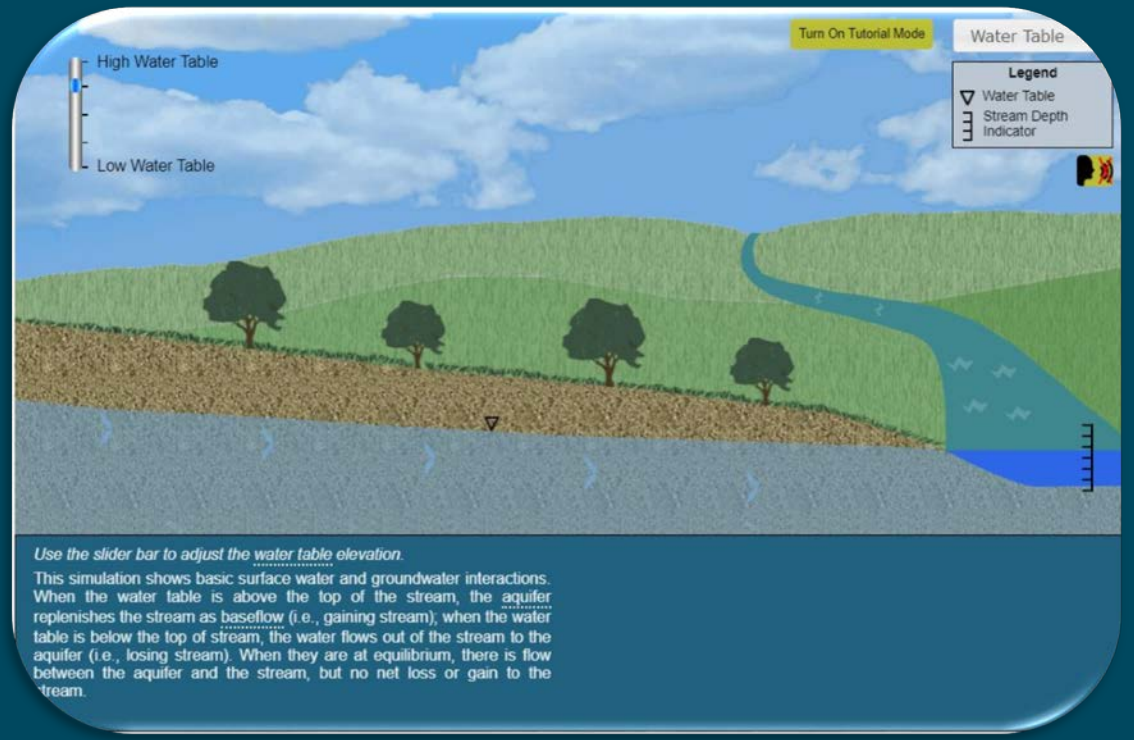

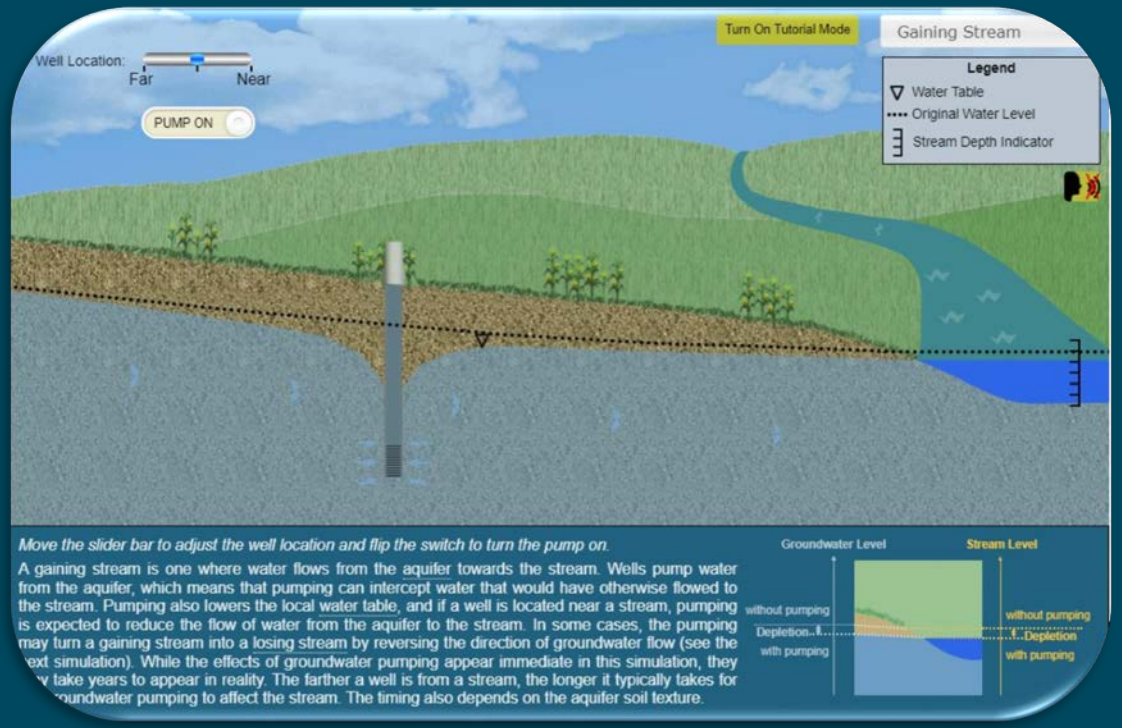

2. Effects of groundwater pumping on streamflow

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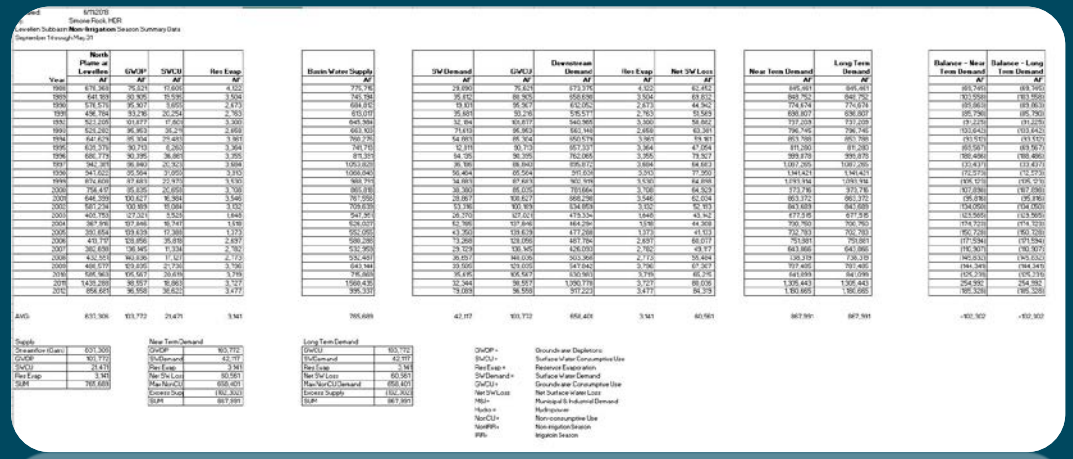
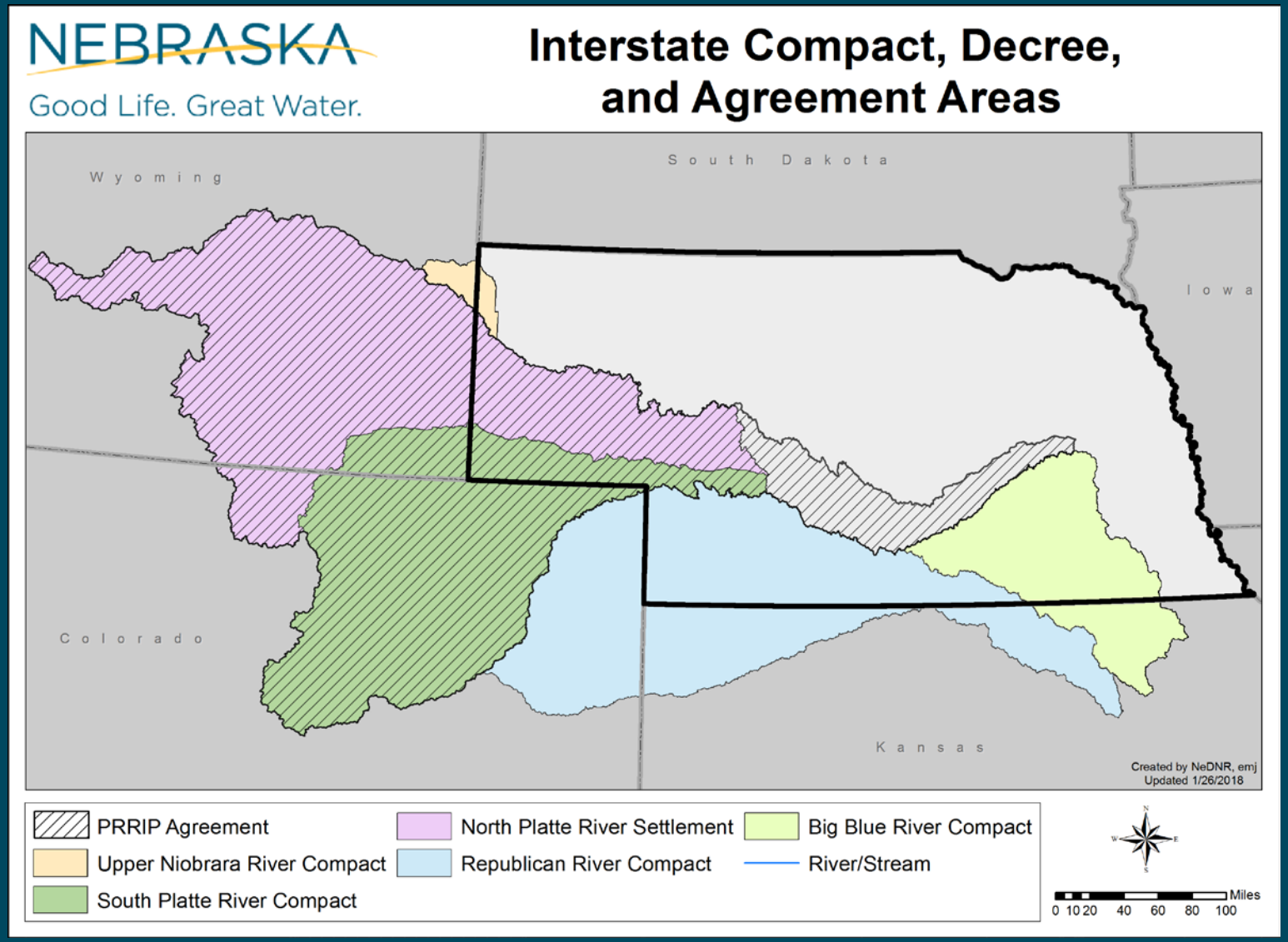
New Website: Upper Platte Joint Planning

- http://upjointplanning.nebraska.gov/
- Upper Platte River Basin-Wide Plan
- Robust Review
- Conservation Measures Studies
- Total Depletions Report
- Upper Platte River Basin INSIGHT Analysis



Interstate Agreements



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