

Ripple Effect Water Minute #4 - Water Management

Managing water in a large watershed is no easy task. The Red River Basin is an international, multi-jurisdictional area, approximately 45,000 square miles in size, encompassing 28 million acres of land and water.

The Basin includes portions of North Dakota, Minnesota and South Dakota in the United States and the southern portion of the Province of Manitoba in Canada. It is a complex hydrologic system. Understanding all of the natural and human forces that impact the Basin's shared natural resources can make water management very challenging!

To be a good neighbor, we must use what resources we need with as little impact as possible. Finding balances between multiple interest groups and promoting cooperation across boundaries is essential in order to make decisions that will have the greatest benefit for all who live here.

Your opinion on how we manage our resources is important. Attend a local water board meeting and take an active role in making the Basin a great place to live.

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