



***Garrison Diversion's mission:
to provide a reliable, high quality and affordable
water supply for the benefit of North Dakota.***



Water plays a vital role in North Dakota's future for individuals, families and the economic viability of the state. The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District (Garrison Diversion) is a leader in building North Dakota's water supply infrastructure and managing this priceless resource to benefit everyone who works and lives here.

Garrison Diversion Overview

Garrison Diversion was created by the state in 1955 to develop the Garrison Diversion Unit project. Garrison Diversion encompasses 28 counties; each member county elects a citizen to serve on the board of directors and levies one mill to support the activities of Garrison Diversion.

Focus Areas

The Municipal, Rural and Industrial (MR&I) Water Supply Program

Reliable and high quality water can mean the difference between success and failure for small towns and family farms. Garrison Diversion works to ensure North Dakotans have access to reliable and high quality water through the MR&I Program.

Garrison Diversion is the fiscal agent and, along with the State Water Commission, is responsible for administering the state MR&I Program. This program has \$400 million authorized in federal funding to help water systems deliver quality water to homes, businesses and farms across North Dakota.

To date, over \$250 million has been awarded for system expansions and improvements. Systems that received funding include, among others, the Southwest Pipeline Project, Southeast Water Users District, All Seasons Rural Water, South Central Regional Water District and the Northwest Area Water Supply. Through future federal funding, several new and existing regional projects and the four Indian Reservations in North Dakota will benefit from a reliable, high quality and affordable water supply.

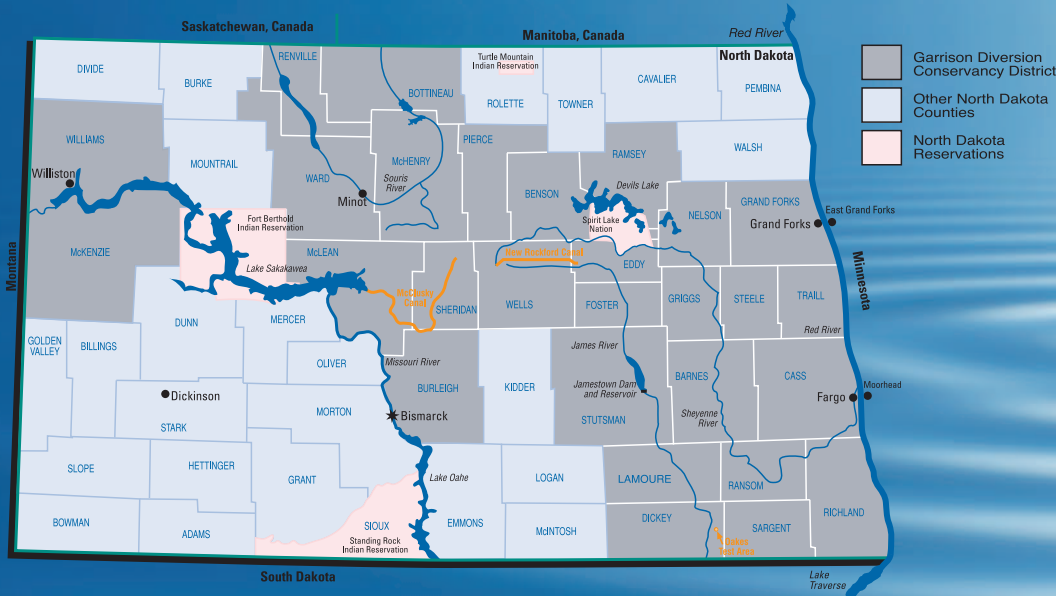
Agriculture & Natural Resources

Garrison Diversion's roots are in agriculture, and though we are now a multi-purpose project, we have not forgotten our roots. Garrison Diversion continues to invest in agricultural initiatives throughout the state. We have partnered with NDSU Extension Service and the North Dakota Irrigation Association to develop, expand and enhance irrigation efforts.

There are 75,480 acres authorized for federal irrigation development in North Dakota, and we continue to work with individual producers and irrigation districts to expand the number of acres under irrigation.

Garrison Diversion works to maintain, enhance and protect North Dakota's natural resources. From wildlife habitat mitigation to the North Country Trail, Garrison Diversion plays a part in keeping North Dakota a beautiful and environmentally friendly place.





Recreation

Garrison Diversion has been careful to set aside public land accessible to people with a variety of recreational interests. We dedicate two-tenths, or 20%, of our one mill levy to our Matching Recreation Grant Program. To date, this program has awarded over \$2.7 million to local recreation projects within the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District.

The \$6.5 million Dakota Water Resource Act Recreation Program is ready to implement. We are developing the Chain of Lakes Recreation Area along the McClusky Canal, in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation, and we partnered with the ND State Parks and Recreation Department to develop the Devils Lake Park System.



Red River Valley Water Supply Project

Red River Valley residents rely on the drought-prone Red River for their primary water supply needs. Present water supplies would be insufficient if the Valley were to face a severe drought similar to the 1930s. It is not a question of if a severe drought will occur; it is a question of how soon.

Garrison Diversion was designated by Governor Hoeven to be the state lead in developing the Red River Valley Water Supply Project. The proposed Project will supplement existing water supplies to meet the needs of the Red River Valley. The proposed Project will use the McClusky Canal and a buried pipeline to bring treated Missouri River water east to Lake Ashtabula. Using Lake Ashtabula as a regulating reservoir, the water would continue down the Sheyenne River and flow into the Red River, ensuring the Valley a much needed, reliable supply of drinking water.



Operations & Maintenance

Garrison Diversion is responsible for the operations and maintenance (O&M) on the Garrison Diversion Unit project facilities under a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation. These facilities consist of the McClusky Canal, New Rockford Canal and Oakes Test Area.

We employ a skilled workforce and maintain a large fleet of equipment to aid in the completion of O&M projects. We are also able to provide support to systems experiencing water emergencies. Our crew can mobilize quickly with equipment and is able to handle just about any situation that arises.

Learn More

Garrison Diversion is unwavering in our commitment to provide a reliable, high quality and affordable water supply for the benefit of North Dakota. We are proud to play a vital role in the future of our state.

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