

# **Garrison Diversion Conservancy District**

#### **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.

Our mission is to provide a reliable, high quality and affordable water supply to benefit the people of North Dakota.



#### **RED RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROJECT**

A limited water supply in central North Dakota and the Red River Valley means existing water supplies would be inadequate for residents if a drought were to occur. While it is not a question of if a severe drought will occur, but a question of how soon, it's imperative to look to a solution for the water supply needs for central North Dakota and the Red River Valley.

Garrison Diversion is leading the development of the Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP), a drought resiliency project and economic development initiative that will deliver Missouri River water to central and eastern North Dakota through a buried pipeline.

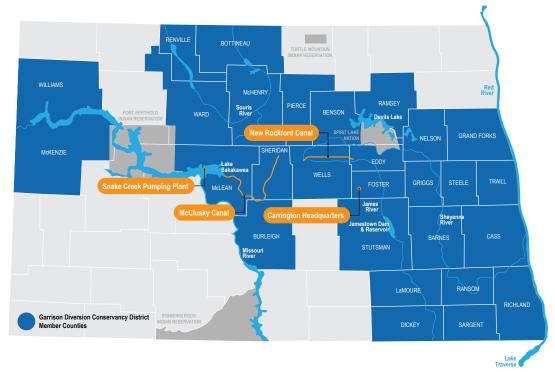
Users along the pipeline in central North Dakota and into the Red River Valley will benefit from a much needed, reliable supply of water. Project construction began in December 2020.

#### **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.



#### **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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### MUNICIPAL, RURAL AND INDUSTRIAL (MR&I) WATER SUPPLY

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 \$427 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.

Garrison Diversion recently implemented a Water Assistance Grant Program which provides funding assistance to offset the costs of new customer hookups to a rural water system or district. The grant program will also aid municipal water systems or districts with extraordinary OM&R projects that will impact the delivery of water to users, introduce health and safety issues, or bring potential harm to other infrastructure if not repaired.

#### RECREATION

Garrison Diversion has been careful to set aside public lands 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 \$9.2 million to local recreation projects within the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District.

#### **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**

Garrison Diversion is responsible for the operations and maintenance (O&M) on the Garrison Diversion Unit project facilities under Operations, Maintenance, and Replacement contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. These facilities consist of the McClusky Canal, New Rockford Canal and Snake Creek Pumping Plant.

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.