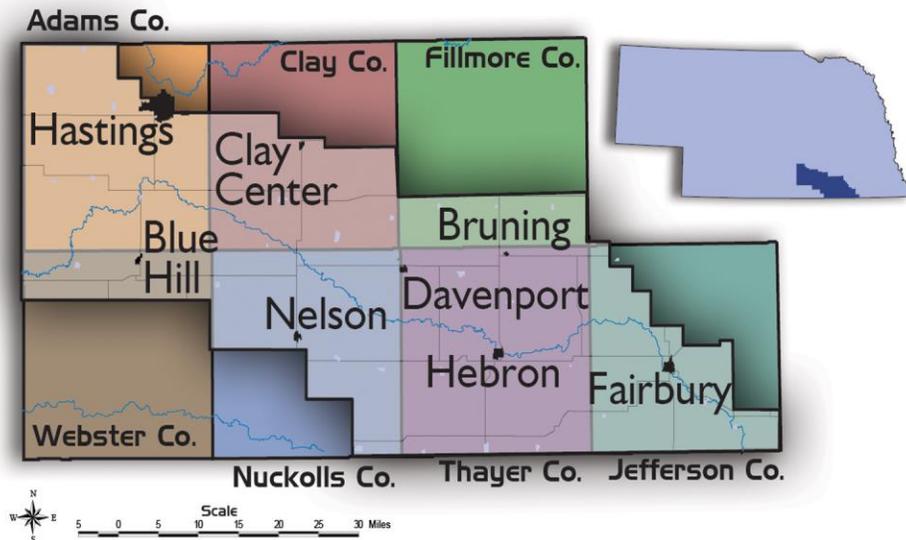


LITTLE BLUE NRD



NRD QUICK FACTS:

The Little Blue River Basin drains about 2,691 square miles or 1,722,200 acres of 11 South Central Nebraska counties. Approximately 1,495,234 acres are nonfederal lands of which 1,387,800 are agricultural lands.

All or parts of seven counties make up the Little Blue District: Thayer, Jefferson, Fillmore, Clay, Nuckolls, Webster and Adams Counties.

The total area of the Little Blue District is approximately 1,537,280 acres. The District has sixteen major sub-watersheds.

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New Erosion and Sediment Rules and Regulations for LBNRD

The Little Blue Natural Resources Board of Directors approved a new Erosion and Sediment Control Program and Rules and regulations in May. The old rules and regulations were established in 1986 and focused primarily on sheet and rill erosion. The new rules take into account the effects of ephemeral erosion, which is occurring from concentrated flow areas.

The purpose of these rules and regulations is to provide an orderly method for implementing the Erosion and Sediment Control Act, as amended to provide for the conservation and preservation of the land, water and other resources of the District.

Mike Onnen, Manager of the Little Blue NRD states, “the rules are designed to help people who are damaged by erosion and sediment from the land of others, find a remedy or solution to the problems. Little Blue NRD staff, with the assistance of the NRCS, will investigate complaints made in writing to the District office relating to erosion and sedimentation to determine if soil loss tolerance levels have been exceeded. If so, the NRD and NRCS will work with the alleged violator to identify options for resolving the erosion problems.” Generally, Act-of-God single rainfall events are not viewed with the same scrutiny as ongoing nuisance erosion and sediment problems.

A violation of the Erosion and Sediment Control Program and Rules and Regulations exist if: a) sediment damage is occurring; b) average annual soil losses on the land which is the source of that sediment exceeding the soil loss tolerance level; c) the activity causing the soil loss is not an exempted non-agricultural land-disturbing activity; d) the land which is the source of the damage is not in strict compliance with a conservation agreement approved by the District. If a landowner has been plagued with erosion and sediment damage, they should contact the NRD for assistance.

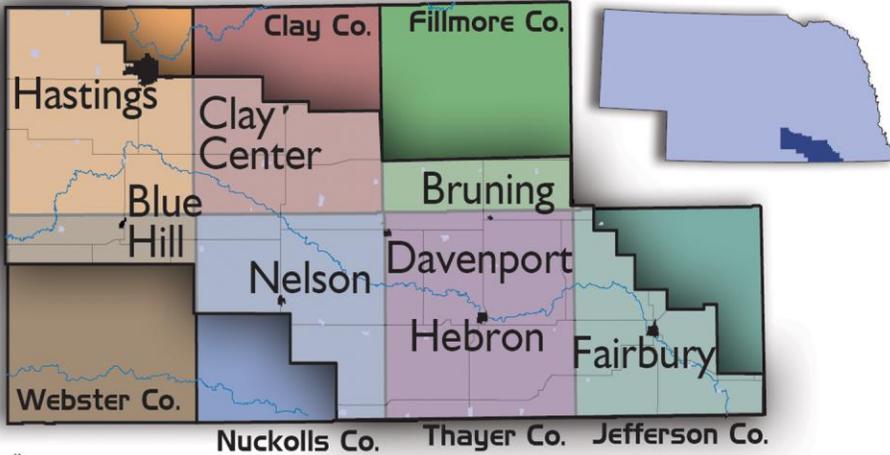
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Voluntary Integrated Management Planning Process

The Little Blue River Basin is a Watershed that is shared between the jurisdictional boundaries of the Little Blue and Tri-Basin Natural Resource Districts (LBNRD and TBNRD). The Districts have requested the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist in the development of Voluntary Integrated Management Plans (VIMPs) for the respective Districts. Because of shared responsibilities for managing the Basin's water supply, the two Districts will meet jointly to discuss matters of mutual interest. The ultimate goal of the process is to plan for management of resource in such a way to achieve and sustain a balance between water uses and water supplies for the long term.

Besides partnering with the DNR, the integrated management planning process requires that the NRDs involve stakeholders who represent various water interests and uses within the District. Their purpose will be to share their insights from the various corners of the District and offer suggestions on how the water resources can be properly utilized, while sustaining the resource for both the short and long term. It is anticipated that these groups will meet five times through the planning process from March 2016 through March 2017.

Goals and objectives will be developed to give the NRD Board recommendations for the management of the resource to sustain the supplies while maintaining economic viability, social and environmental health, safety, and welfare of the area. Mike Onnen, Manager of the District says, "It is critical that we view the resource as a vital part of our lifestyle and economy. Every constituent of the District uses water. We must assure that the resource is protected and maintained for current uses, and for future generations as well."

The VIMP may also include both regulatory and non-regulatory action items. For example, regulatory items might include certification of all groundwater irrigation uses or limitations on new water well development. Non-regulatory action items might include information and education programs, monitoring activities, data collection or other conservation programs.

The DNR and NRD will regularly review the plan and track progress toward accomplishing the goals. The public remains involved via NRD board meetings, information and education meetings, and other meetings. Additionally, stakeholders may be consulted again in the future to ensure that the goals and objectives of the plan remain sufficient for overall sustainability.

LBNRD FACTS

Education

The LBNRD is committed to providing natural resource information to adults and youth. We Sponsor the following events:

- Water/Earth Jamborees
- Water/Earth Festival
- Land & Range Judging
- Outdoor Classrooms
- Arbor Day Tree Programs
- Sub-Area Operator Training
- Technology and Irrigation Field Days

Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts are local government entities with broad responsibilities to protect our natural resources. NRDs help Nebraskans respond to natural resources challenges with local control and local solutions. Major Nebraska river basins form the boundaries of the 23 NRDs.

Little Blue NRD is governed by a locally-elected 17-member board of directors. The board sets policy for the district and directs the staff in carrying out the district's goals. The LBNRD works cooperatively with other local and state groups to promote good stewardship of natural resources in the district.

Find out more about Nebraska's NRDs at www.nrdnet.org and www.littlebluenrd.org



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