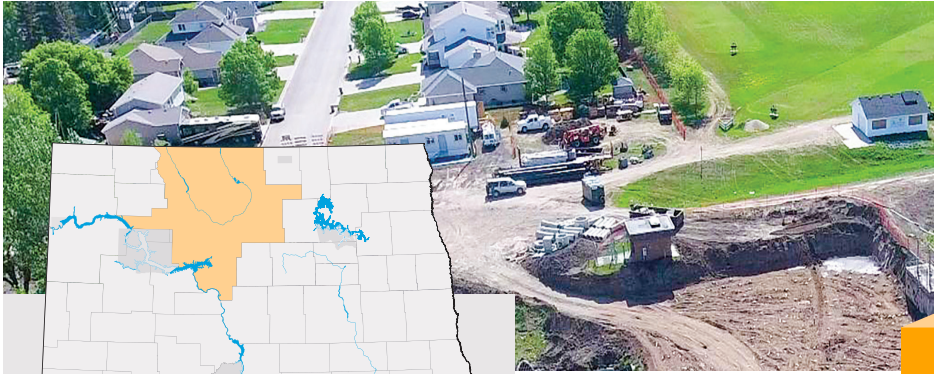




NORTHWEST AREA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT



LOOKING AHEAD 2025-2027

\$12.6 MILLION

HB 1020

QUICK FACTS



FUTURE WATER USERS
(10% OF ND POPULATION)



SYSTEMS SERVED



MILES OF PIPE



LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
(2, 3, 4B, 5, 6, 38, 40)

CURRENT DWR SHARE

65%*

*Biota Water Treatment Plant -
100% Federal Funds

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

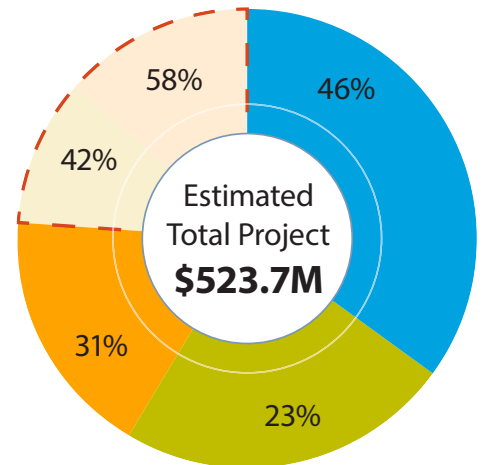
The purpose of the Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) project is to address long-standing water supply and poor water quality problems in northern North Dakota by delivering high quality Missouri River water to the region. NAWS was authorized by the Garrison Diversion Reformulation Act of 1986 and the Dakota Water Resources Act of 2000 under the Municipal, Rural, and Industrial (MR&I) Water Supply Program. Construction of NAWS began in April 2002, with a main line and associated features being built between the City of Minot and Lake Sakakawea. Later in 2002, lawsuits were initiated, delaying the project for 17 years. Today, construction on the NAWS project is back underway, with interim water supplies provided by the City of Minot. Utilization of Missouri River water is expected to begin in 2025, with overall expected completion in 2029.

HISTORIC FUNDING

Local	\$92.8M
State	\$123.1M
Federal	\$184M

FUTURE FUNDING

Est. Remaining Funds	\$123.8M
Local	\$52.1M
State	\$71.7M



LOCAL SPONSOR

The city of Minot has been covering the entire local share of the project through a one percent city sales tax. In addition, the 68th North Dakota Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 1218, replacing the Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) Project's Advisory Committee, created in 1991, with the NAWS Authority, which was signed into law on April 12, 2023. HB 1218 elevates the NAWS advisory committee to an authority and aligns it with other regional systems in the state.



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