

Public encouraged to participate in water quality priorities survey

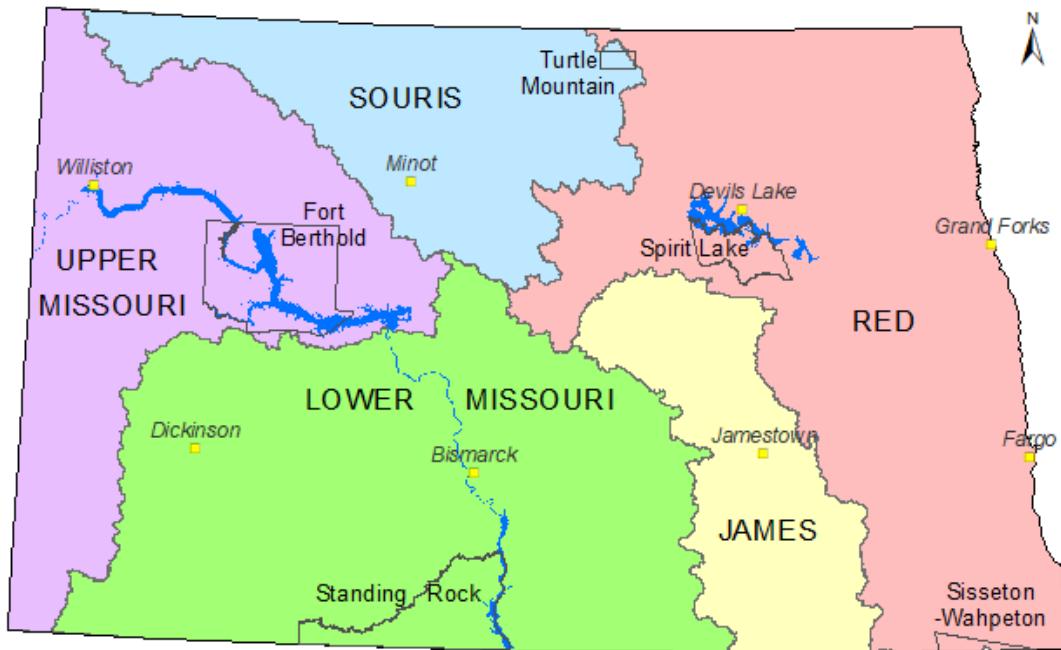
BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality requests public input in developing a 10-year strategy for ongoing efforts to address impaired waters. The 10-year strategy will address how and why Environmental Quality plans to approach surface water quality issues such as excess bacteria (*E. coli*), nutrients (nitrogen, phosphorus), and sediment that impact recreation and other uses of lakes and streams. Impaired waters often need a detailed assessment to identify pollutant sources and an action plan outlining steps to improve water quality. Environmental Quality will use the 10-year strategy to help structure water quality assessment and planning each year.

North Dakotans know their watersheds best. Environmental Quality wants to know: What are *your* water quality priorities? What water bodies do you want to see improved? What water bodies do you want to see protected? What concerns do you have for future water quality and watershed health where you live, work, and play?

Help North Dakota plan for the next ten years of water quality work by completing a short survey at www.tinyurl.com/NDwatersurvey or scan the below QR code with your mobile device:



Major River Basins of North Dakota and Tribal Lands



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