

## Vermillion River Watershed

### **Initiative/Project Title:**

Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization (VRWJPO)

### **Watershed Location:**

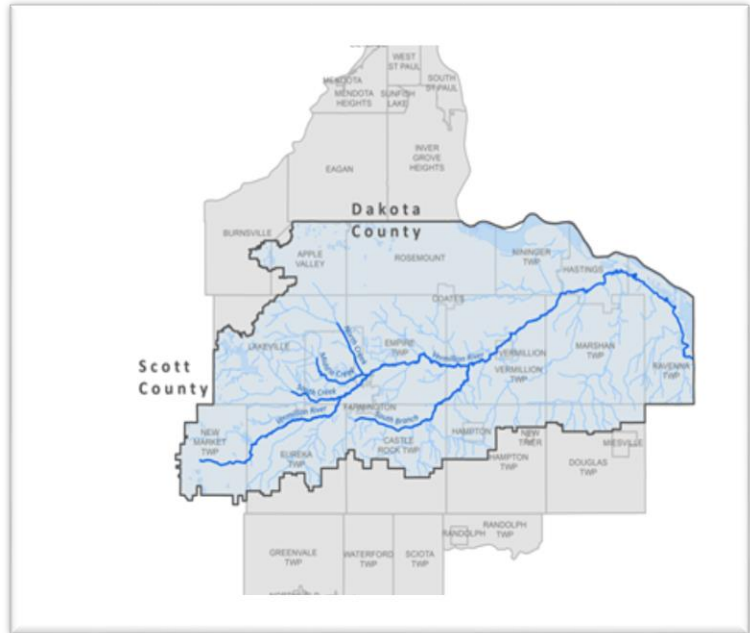
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### **Watershed Size:**

214,400 Acres

### **Start-End Dates:**

- Planning: 2013-2016
- Implementation: 2016 – 2025
- Monitoring: ongoing



### **Project Highlights:**

The focus of the VRWJPO is to protect and restore water quality in lakes, streams, and wetlands within the watershed. The quality of the surface water within the watershed is either threatened or impaired, while groundwater quality is also at risk. VRWJPO is implementing or planning to implement approximately 60 projects, split between the 8 highest priority subwatersheds within the larger watershed: these projects will use a combination of restoration, enhancement, and protection techniques.

### **Expected Benefits:**

The resulting benefit of these projects include increased watershed resilience, improved water quality, pollutant filtration and biodegradation, avoided flood/erosion damage, reduced infrastructural costs, and increased recreational value.

**Lessons Learned:** Designing project management to adequately represent all interested parties without becoming cumbersome was critical to the organization and its goals.