

Beginnings of the Nebraska Resources

Development Fund (NRDF) go back to the 1972

Legislature which called for, among other things, an investigation into sources of revenue and alternatives available for financing statewide projects for land and water development. That investigation found Nebraska had relied almost totally on the Federal Government for financing of large projects in the state. As a result the Legislature passed the Nebraska Resources

Development Fund Act which became effective July 1, 1974. The purpose of the Fund is to assist with the development and wise use of Nebraska's land and water resources.

After forty years of existence and approximately \$107,000,000.00 of state financial assistance, 71 projects can be found across the state (see project location map). The fund is financed by state tax dollars appropriated by the Legislature and

administered by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. It provides assistance in the form of grants and/or loans for qualified projects that are sponsored by political subdivisions (such as the state's 23 natural resources districts, counties and cities) or state agencies. The projects must be found to be economically, financially and technically feasible as well as environmentally acceptable in order to be eligible for assistance. Benefits from these projects are many and varied but often emphasize flood damage reduction, sediment and erosion control, and recreation opportunities as a result of the stored water. It's been estimated that approximately \$1,400,000,000 in benefits will accrue from these funded projects during their project life periods (generally 50 years). Other major project benefits include groundwater recharge, improved irrigation water management, fish and wildlife enhancement, and preservation of water for all beneficial uses.

Many projects completed with the assistance of the Fund, may not have been possible without the team effort between federal, state

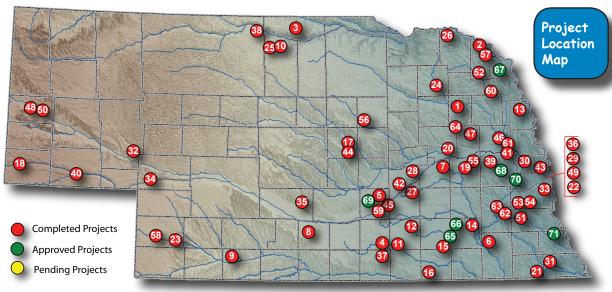
and local resources. The Resources Development Fund has provided approximately 40% of the needed project assistance with local entities and federal programs providing the remaining funding.

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources is dedicated to the wise management, development and proper use of the state's valuable land and water resources. The 71 projects assisted by the NRDF enhance the state, and the lives of its residents today and will for many years to come.

For additional information on the **Nebraska Resources Development Fund** or specific projects and associated benefits, please contact the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

## www.dnr.ne.gov

A Resources Development Fund project location map can be found on the reverse side.



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Numbered by Completion Date as of September 2012

Listed in order of completion date

- Maskenthine Aowa Creek Cub Creek Crystal Lake
- Prairie Creek Clatonia
- Clear Creek Watershed 8. Loomis Pipeline McCook
- 10. West Sand Draw Big Sandy #1
- School Creek (suspended) Summit Lake
- Walnut Creek Big Sandy #2
- Deshler (suspended) Mira Creek
- Oliver Reservoir Central Butler Water Management Project 48.
- 20. Lost Creek South Fork 2-A
- Thompson Creek
- 23. Wauneta
- 24. Willow Creek Ainsworth Reservoir
- Antelope Creek Aurora 35-11-6
- Silver Creek
- Chalco Hills Recreation Area

- Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization
- Long Branch Site 21 32. Union Irrigation District
- 33. Mill Creek
- 34. Ogallala
- Buffalo Creek Dawson Co. 35. Buffalo Creek Sarpy Co.
- Liberty Creek
- Niobrara River Access
- Czechland Lake Lodgepole Creek at Sidney
- Rawhide Creek Warm Slough/Trouble Creek
- Big Papio Channel
- Davis Creek Recreation Area Moores Creek
- Scribner Levee Howells Levee
- Gering Canal Phase 1 & 2
- Papio Site 21
- Gering Canal Phase 3 Upper Little Nemaha Wtsh.
- Wakefield Levee Weeping Water Creek Wtsh.
- Weeping Water Creek Site 7-G (suspended)
- Skull Creek Site 55 Lake Ericson Powder Creek

- 58. Enders Dam (suspended)
- Lower Wood River/ Upper Warm Slough
- Pender Flood Control
- Winslow Levee
- Stevens Creek Wtsh. 62. Antelope Creek
- Maple Creek Recreation Project

## **Approved Projects**

- Little Sandy Creek Wtsh.
- Lower Turkey Creek Wtsh. Pigeon/Jones Creek
- Sand Creek Environmental Restoration
- Upper Prairie/Silver/Moores Western Sarpy/Clear Creek 70.
- Buck & Duck Creek

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