



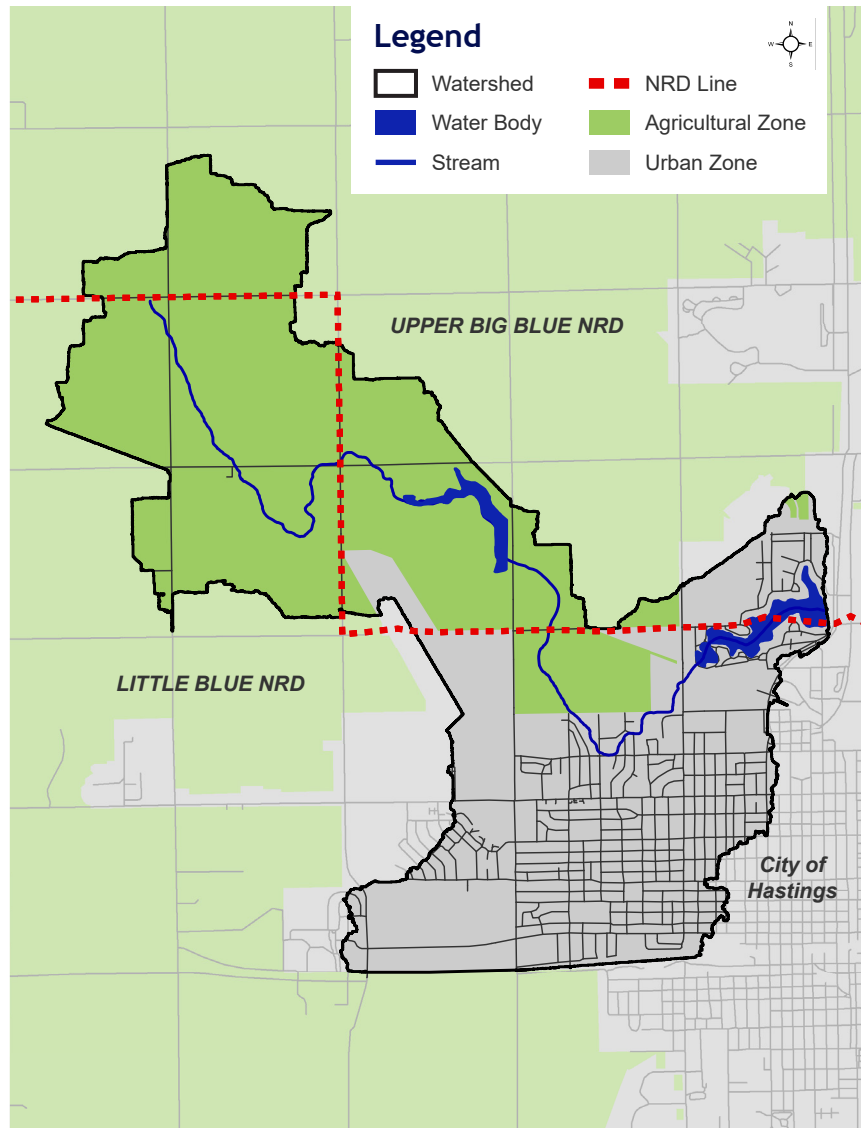
Upper Big Blue NRD Water Quality Management Plan Update

Lake Hastings Implementation Plan

The Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District (NRD) is partnering with the City of Hastings and Little Blue NRD to update its 2020 water quality management plan to include an implementation plan for the Lake Hastings watershed.

Lake Hastings has been listed as impaired by Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) due to high levels of chlorophyll a, nutrients, and excess sedimentation. Sources of pollutant loading are believed to be both external (watershed) and internal (in-lake). The goal of the implementation plan is to further study existing conditions and contributing causes, as well as identify best management practices that would achieve and sustain improved conditions.

It is anticipated the Lake Hastings Implementation Plan will be funded through a NDEE's Section 319 grant program, with the local cost share split equally among the three local partners. Once the grant is awarded, the project team will engage Lake Hastings watershed residents, businesses, farmers, landowners, and other stakeholders to develop a community-informed implementation plan.



Learn more about the Upper Big Blue water quality management plan and stay up to date about the Lake Hastings Implementation Plan at upperbigblue.org/WQMP.

