



METRO
FLOOD
DIVERSION
AUTHORITY

2025 State of the Diversion

*Cass County Commissioner Tony Grindberg,
2025 MFDA Board Chairman*

2024
Year in
Review

68 Components Under Construction



ASN
Constructors

316K



Hours Put on P3 Machinery



US Army Corps
of Engineers®



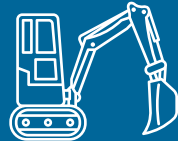
800

Boulders Placed
at Drayton Dam

>80



Tb of Data Collected
from Drone Surveying



28M

CY of Material Excavated

850K

CY of Material Excavated for the
Southern Embankment & OHB Levee



24

Miles of
Piling Driven



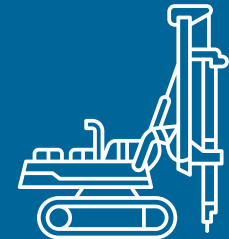
23K

CY of Concrete
Placed

42K



CY of Concrete Placed at the
Red River Structure



16

Miles of
Piling Driven
at RRS



3,508

Trees Planted

1,077

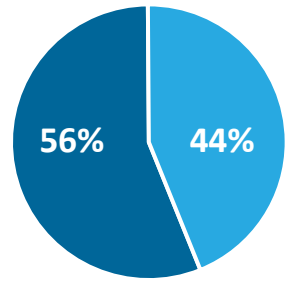
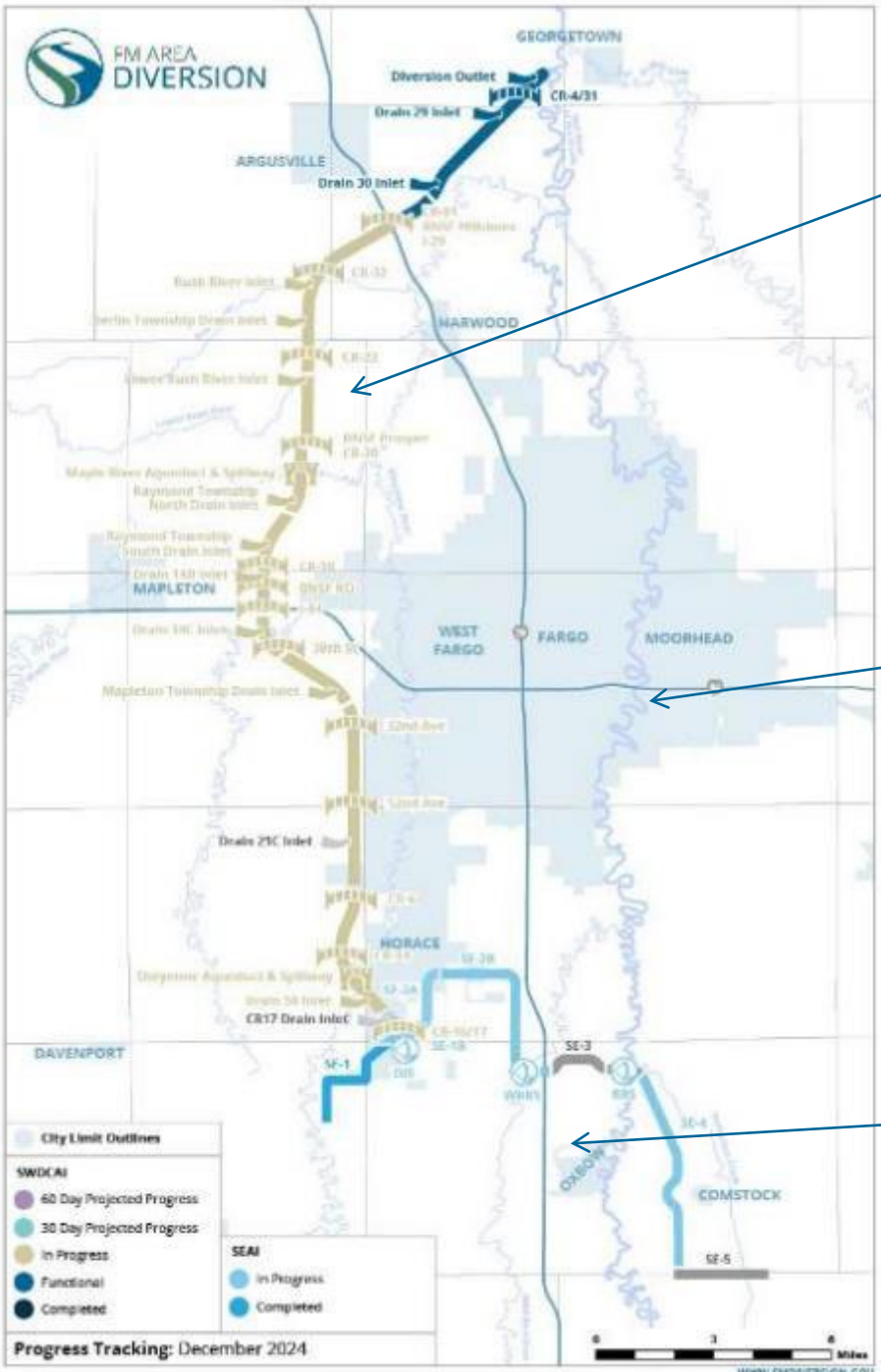
Acres of
Native
Grasses
Planted



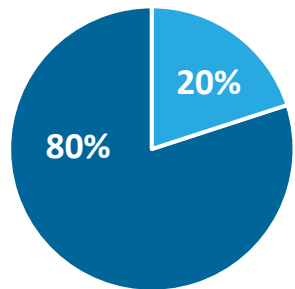
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Stormwater Lift
Stations Worked On

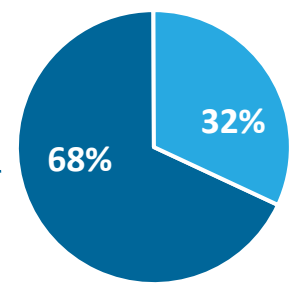




■ Completed ■ Remaining
P3 Work

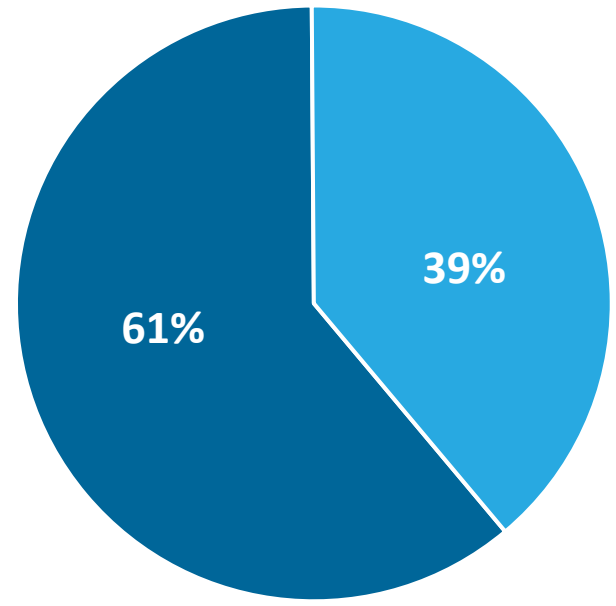


■ Completed ■ Remaining
In-Town Work



■ Completed ■ Remaining
Federal Work

Construction Completion



■ Completed ■ Remaining
FM Area Diversion Total



Red River Structure



2025 MFDA Priorities



Onboard Jason Benson

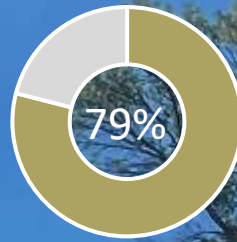
- New MFDA executive director
- Former Cass County engineer
- Significant project experience
- Brigadier general in the Minnesota Army National Guard
- Start date: Feb. 1, 2025



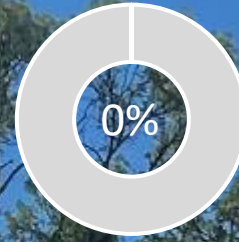
Develop 5-Year Strategic Plan

- Address Board challenges as the organization transitions from construction to O&M, ensuring sustainable operations and financial stability.
 - Administration of Funding & Finance Model
 - Board Policy & Guidance
 - Staffing & Transition Plan
 - Litigation/Conflict Management

In-Town MN Flood Protection To-Date



Moorhead



Clay County



Construction Overview

Projects began in 2009 to allow for up to 37 feet of floodwater to flow safely through town

Project Details

- 19 storm structure modifications
- 276 property acquisitions
- 4 miles road improvements/grade raises
- 12.7 miles of levees/floodwalls

\$124 million spent to date
\$60.4 million needed to finish

Secure MN Funding

\$60.4 million being requested from the DNR’s Flood Damage Reduction Program

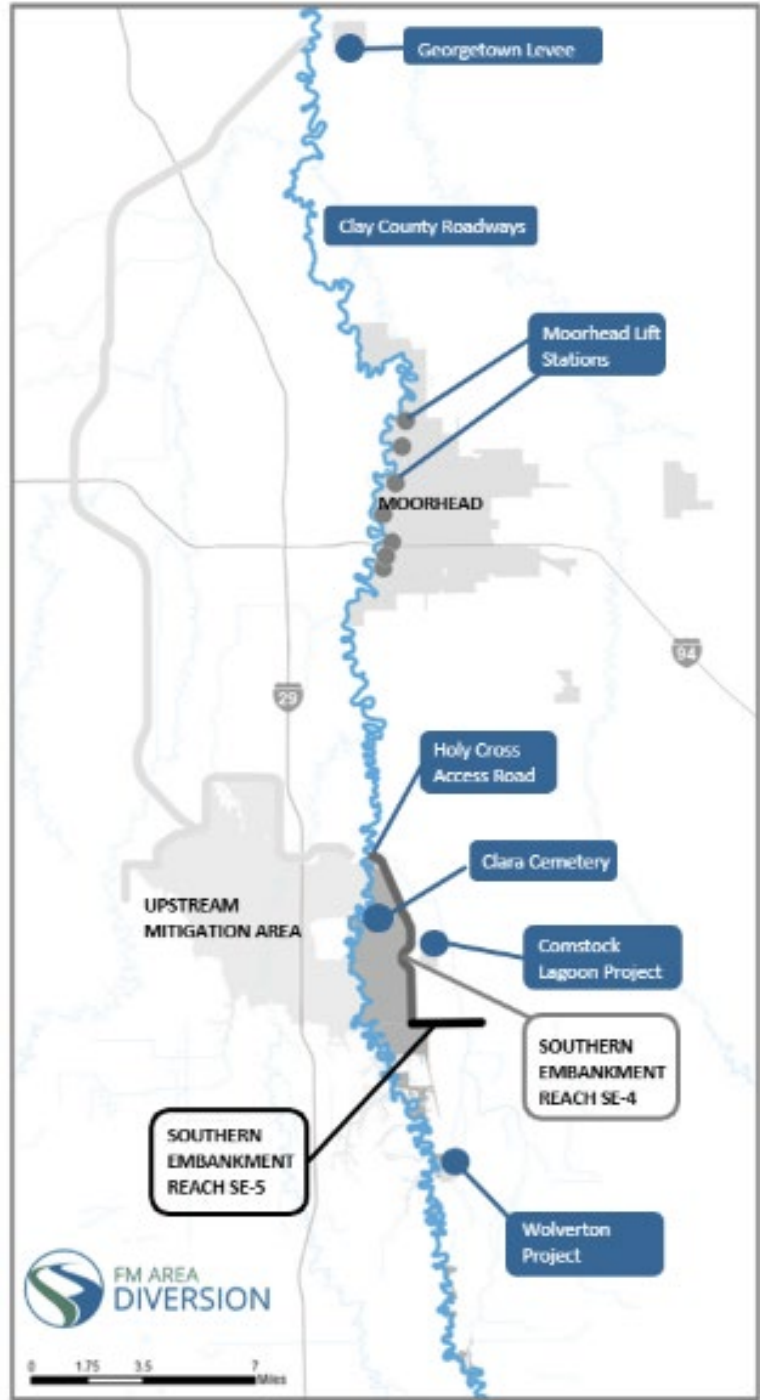


Clay County Roadways	\$11 million
Comstock Lagoon Project	\$5 million
Holy Cross Access Road	\$1.1 million
Southern Embankment Property Acquisition	\$2.2 million
Clara Cemetery	\$2 million
Georgetown Levee*	\$6.5 million
Wolverton Project*	\$16.6 million

Total: \$44.4 million

7 Flood Control Lift Station Improvements	\$16 million
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Total: \$16 million



MN Funding Resolution

Approved by the MFDA
Board in November 2024

**Clay Count Legislative
Priorities:**

<https://claycountymn.gov/2092/Legislative-Priorities>

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING MINNESOTA ENTITIES REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM THE MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the City of Moorhead and Clay County, Minnesota, are Member Entities of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority (the Authority); and

WHEREAS, the City of Moorhead is one of the three Non-Federal Sponsors of the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area Flood Risk Management Project (the “FM Diversion Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority was created to coordinate and oversee the construction, operation and maintenance of the FM Diversion Project; and

WHEREAS, the FM Diversion Project will benefit the City of Moorhead and Clay County by reducing flooding from the Red River in the City of Moorhead and in Clay County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moorhead and Clay County, Minnesota, formed the Moorhead Clay County Joint Powers Authority (the “MCCJPA”) to acquire lands in Minnesota and to foster cooperation between the City of Moorhead and Clay County regarding requests for funding and FM Diversion Project activities occurring within Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moorhead and Clay County, Minnesota, intend to request funding from the State of Minnesota as set forth herein during the 2025 Minnesota Legislative Session and have requested that the Authority formally support that request; and

WHEREAS, the Authority finds that it is in the best interests of the FM Diversion Project to support the 2025 Minnesota Legislative Requests of City of Moorhead and Clay County, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DIVERSION AUTHORITY BOARD THAT: The Authority supports funding requests of the City of Moorhead and Clay County, Minnesota, as described in Exhibit A, and will support such efforts.

Construction Commissioning and O&M Transition Plan

- P3 Transition Plan
 - Oversee construction closeout
 - Determine MFDA's O&M role
- USACE Asset Transfer Plan
 - Develop plan ensuring accountability and oversight
- In-Town Maintenance

Long-Term Priorities

- Flood Fight Coordination
 - Define roles/responsibilities for leading/coordinating flood responses with USACE and developer before substantial completion
- Post-Completion Plan
 - Develop flood response strategy for P3 operational phase of the P3

Discussion / Q&A

