

MARCH 2026
2025-2027

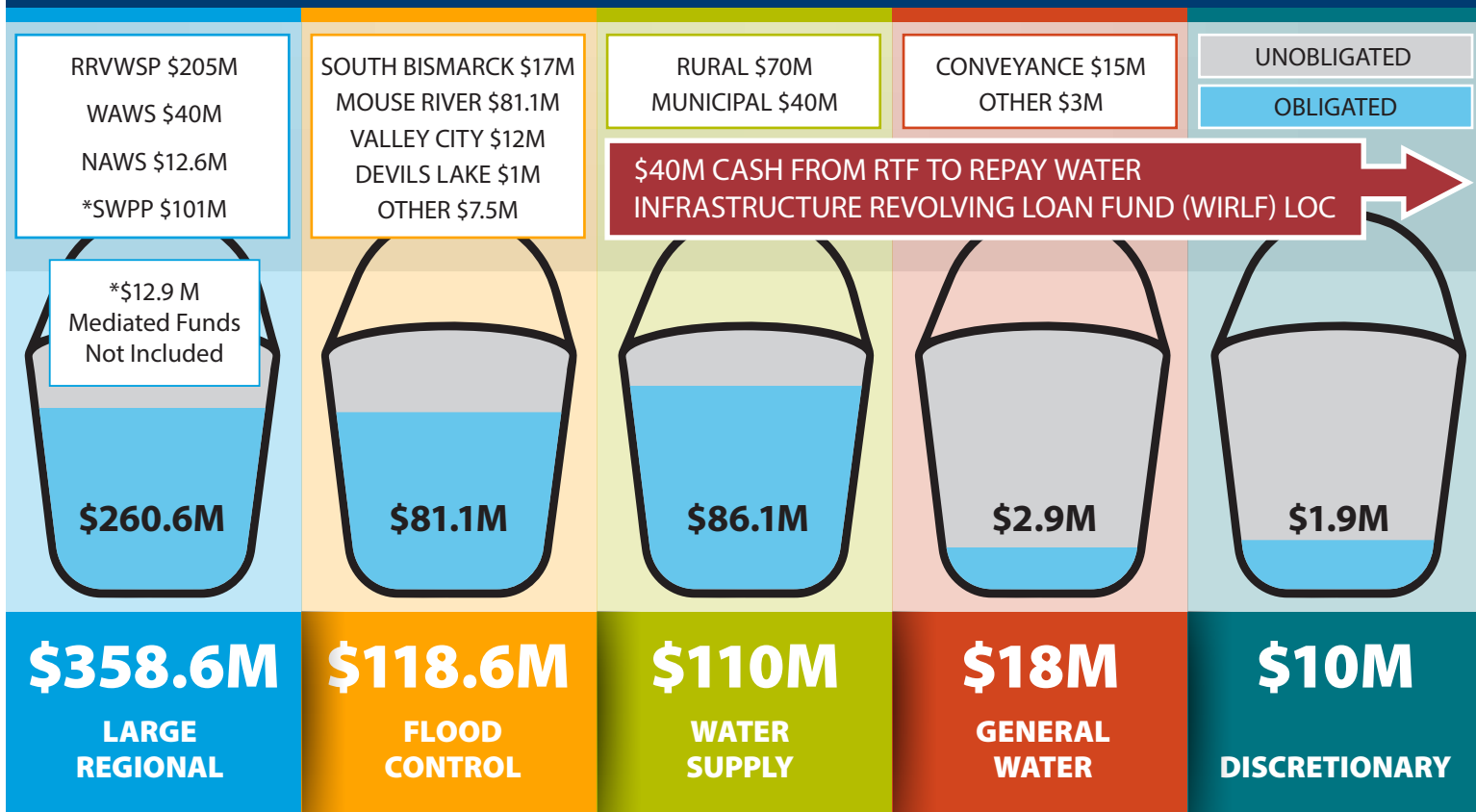
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BIENNIUM UPDATE

2025-2027 PURPOSE FUNDING SUMMARY

TOTAL PROJECT ALLOCATION = \$615.2M

Includes \$210M Line of Credit (LOC) & \$50M LOC for SWPP



2025-2027 CARRYOVER \$570.1M

\$328.2M
Obligated

\$39.3M
Unobligated

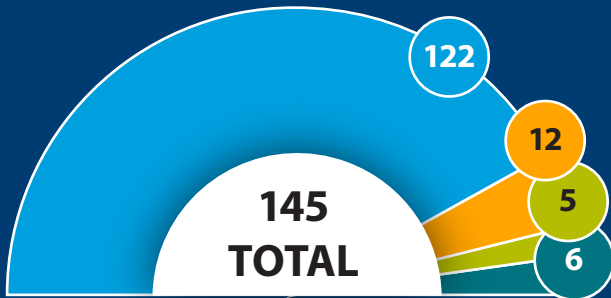
\$202.5M
Expended

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DEPARTMENT ACTIONS

2026 WATER APPROPRIATION

January 1 - March 23



Temporary Permits Issued

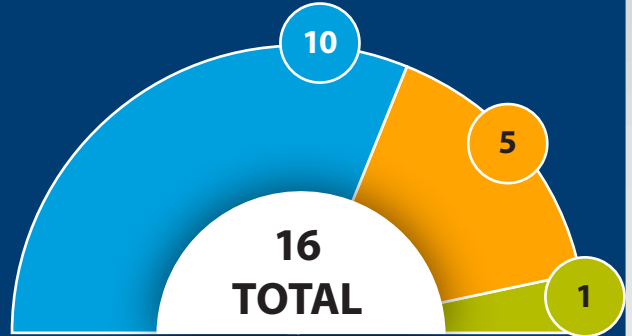
Conditional Permits Issued

Permits Canceled

Permits Perfected

2026 REGULATORY

January 1 - March 23



Sovereign Lands Permits Issued

Determinations Issued

Construction Permits Issued

AGENCY INITIATIVES

JUNE 2025 - JUNE 2026

Process Efficiency Task Force

Kickoff & Review

Assess

Implementation

Phase 2

Administrative Code Updates

Comment
Period

Rule
Revision

Legal
Review

Effective

SWC Cost-Share Program Policy Evaluation Study

RFI Review &
Contractor Selection

Study
Period

Draft
Report

Final
Report

ND Regional Water Systems Governance & Finance Study

RFI Review &
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JUN

JUL

AUG

SEP

OCT

NOV

DEC

JAN

FEB

MAR

APR

MAY

JUN

INTERIM AG & WATER COMMITTEE

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS UPDATE

Duane Pool – Director of Planning & Education | March 31, 2026

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ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

HISTORY OF EA IN ND WATER PROJECTS



2017 ND Legislature HB 1020

"The State Engineer shall develop an economic analysis process for water conveyance projects and flood-related projects expected to cost more than one million dollars, and a life cycle analysis process for municipal water supply projects. When the State Water Commission is considering whether to fund a water conveyance project, flood-related project, or water supply project, the State Engineer shall review the economic analysis or life cycle analysis, and inform the State Water Commission of the findings from the analysis and review."

HISTORY

1

Desire For
The Tool

2

Community/
Stakeholder
Input

3

Development

4

Integrated
EAs

5


Concerns

6

Proposed
Adjustments

7

Desired
Results



We Propose More
Flexibility Within The Tool
To Capture The Nuance
Of A Project

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

WHAT IT IS

A Decision-Support Tool To
Weigh Project Benefits Over
Costs & Inform Funding
Decisions Which Serve North
Dakota Taxpayers

MODEL INPUTS



URBAN

Flood Preparation

Flood Fighting

Flood Recovery

Income Losses

Transportation Impacts



RURAL

Structures & Infrastructure

Cropland Damage

Pasture Damage/Water Storage

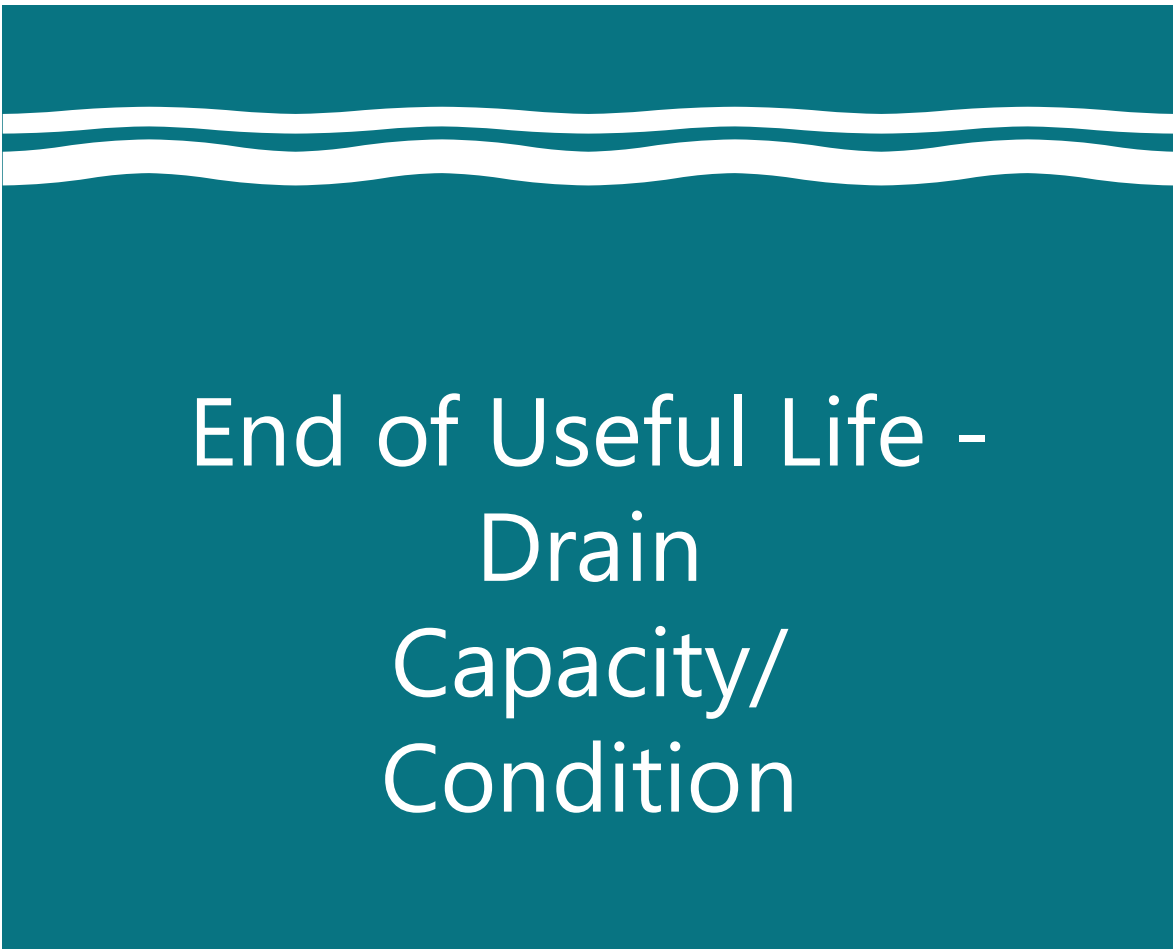
Enhancements (Recreation, Water Quality)

Bank Stabilization/Water Quality

ANY Other Reasonable Benefits (Demonstrable)

POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS

These Inputs Affect Useful Life & The Function



End of Useful Life -
Drain
Capacity/
Condition

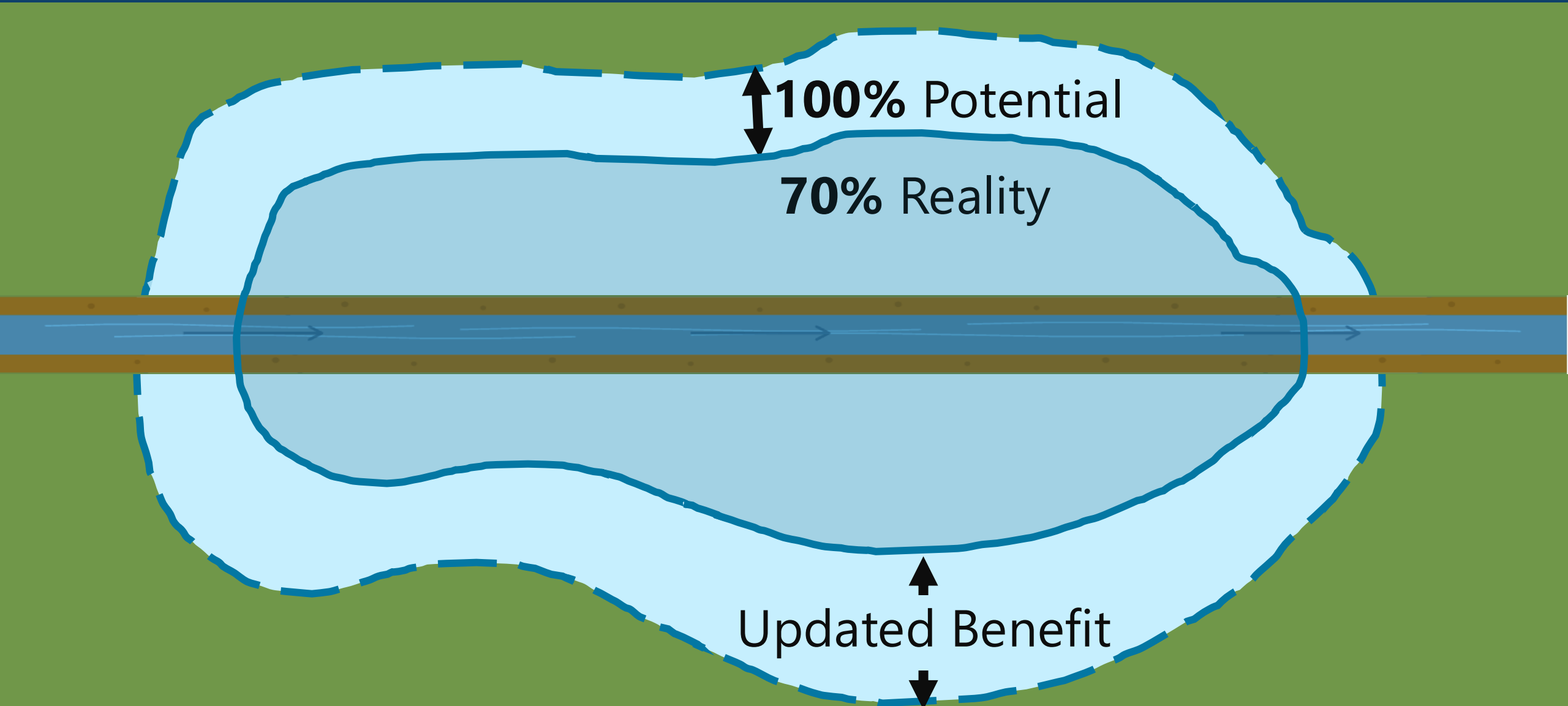


Hydrology Data To
Support
The Design
Requirements
Of The Drain



DWR TOOL IN PRACTICE

END OF USEFUL LIFE (CONDITION)

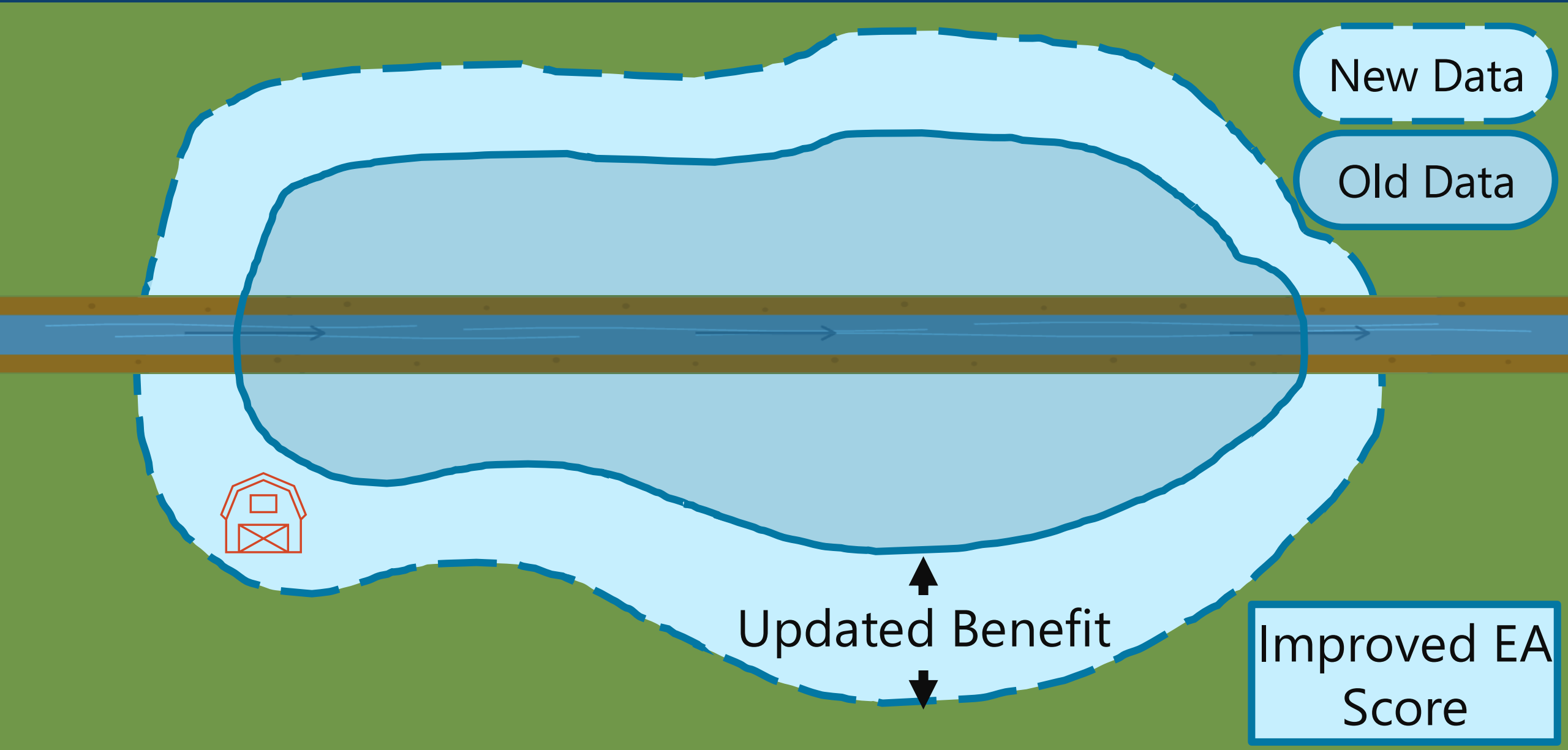


100% Potential

70% Reality

Updated Benefit

DATA TO SUPPORT DESIGN REQUIREMENTS



Follow-up From Committee Questions

	Conveyance	All Projects
Number Of Projects	39	46
Total Costs	\$68.7m	\$100m
Net Benefits	\$85.7m	\$356m
EAs With B/C > 1	29 (74%)	30 (65%)
EAs With B/C < 1	10 (26%)	16 (35%)



RESULTS

Potential
Enhancements
To Economic
Value

Increased Storage

Water Quality

Structure Values

Ag Acres

Capital Expenditures

Infrastructure

Higher EA Results



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THANK YOU



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