

VERMILION RIVER WATERSHED ALLIANCE

The **Vermilion River Watershed Alliance (VRWA)** is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization composed of local watershed stakeholders working together in the Vermilion River Watershed. We are guided by the Goals, Directions and Actions of the 2012 Vermilion River Watershed Management Plan (VRWM Plan). The plan was developed with public consultation on what the Vermilion River Watershed means to those who live, work and play here.

VRWA VISION: *The Vermilion River watershed is a healthy and sustainable watershed.*

VRWA MISSION: *To successfully implement the 2012 Vermilion River Watershed Management Plan.*

GOAL 1

Develop capacity and knowledge in the Vermilion River watershed

We envision a future where people in the Vermilion River watershed have the capacity, knowledge, skills and resources to effectively work together.

GOAL 3

Maintain or improve surface water quality in the Vermilion River watershed

We envision a future where careful land management, flood management and water conservation support increase reliability of surface water supply.

We envision a future where water quality in the Vermilion River watershed supports both human uses and healthy aquatic ecosystems, and where there is no further human caused degradation of water quality.

We envision a future where aquatic ecosystems thrive and play a key role in the sustainable development of our region.

GOAL 5

Protect & sustain groundwater quality & supply in the Vermilion River watershed

We envision a future where we use groundwater resources sustainably and where we protect this vital resource from contamination from human activities.

GOAL 2

Improve reliability of surface water supply in the Vermilion River watershed

GOAL 4

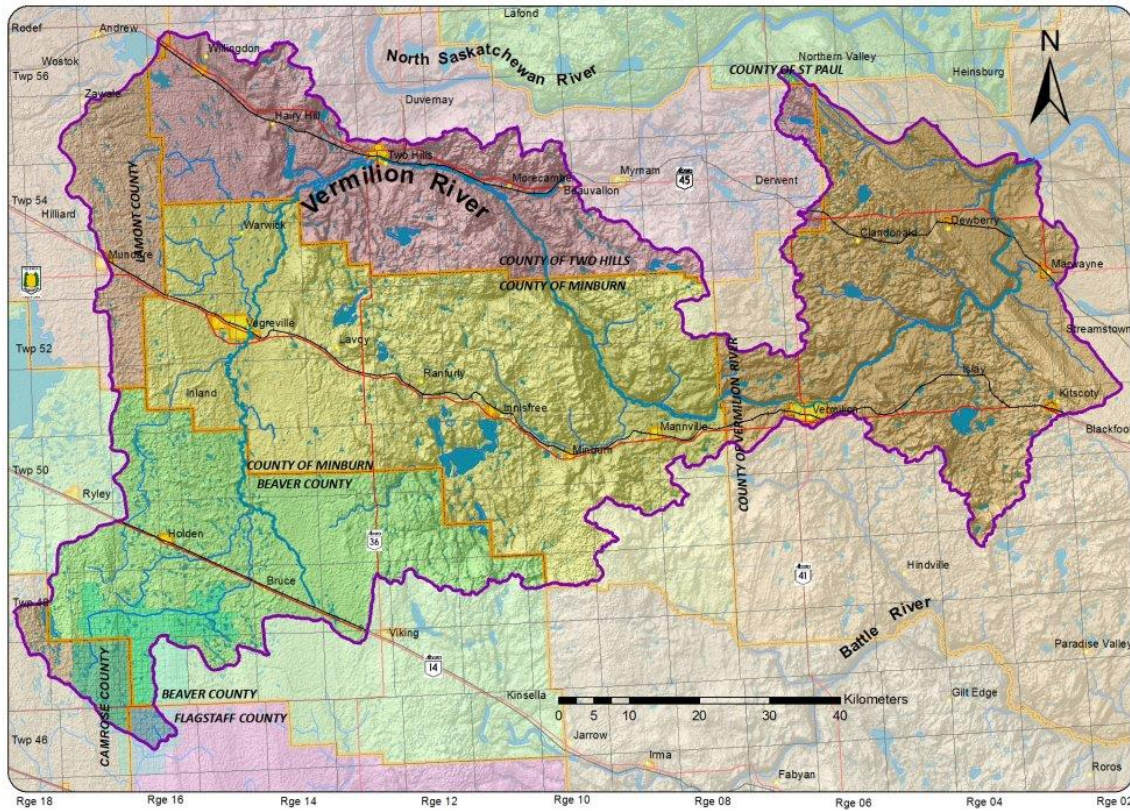
Maintain or improve aquatic ecosystem health in the Vermilion River watershed

Photograph by Bill Trout

Maintaining the concept of the watershed as the unit of management for human activities that affect the environment (air, land, water, and wildlife), the VRWA maintains a strong partnership with the North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance (NSWA).



Vermilion River Watershed Basemap



Legend

-  Vermilion River
-  Vermilion Watershed
-  Urban Municipalities
-  Rural Municipalities
-  Holden Drainage District
-  Townships
-  Highway
-  Roads
-  Rail



Location: East Central Alberta.
Parkland Natural Region

Predominant Land Use:
Agriculture

Eight rural municipalities:
Beaver, Flagstaff, Lamont, Camrose, Minburn, Two Hills, Vermilion River and St. Paul Counties

Twelve urban municipalities
including Towns of Vegreville and Vermilion

Watershed Size: 7,860 km²;
14% of the total North Saskatchewan River basin

Population: 56,977
(Statistics Canada, 2011)

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County of Vermilion River



Holden Drainage District



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the town of Vegreville



North American Waterfowl Management Plan

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