How Watershed Districts Are Funded:
Each watershed district in Minnesota may levy annually for a general fund. This ad valorem tax, known as the “Administrative Levy,” is based on property value, rather than benefits. The watershed district general fund levy may not exceed 0.04836 percent of the taxable market value – or $250,000 – whichever is less.

This annual levy must be determined and justified through the watershed district’s annual budget process. Watershed districts also receive funds from “Ditch Assessments,” based on benefits that legal ditches provide to landowners. Assessments collected by county auditors are distributed to local watershed districts twice a year. These funds can only be spent on legal ditch maintenance.

The RRWMB Levy: Each of the local watershed district members of the RRWMB may also levy another “ad valorem” tax not to exceed 0.04836 percent of the taxable market value of all property within the district. The RRWMB sets the “Red River Watershed” levy each July:

- Half of this levy is credited to the watershed district construction fund for the development, construction, and maintenance of projects and programs that benefit the local watershed district.

- The other half of this levy is credited to the general fund of the RRWMB to fund the development, construction and maintenance of projects and programs that benefit the Red River Basin.

See the next page for an illustration of the RRWMB tax levy.

Other Funding Partners: The RRWMB is part of the Red River Retention Authority (RRRA), which is a joint powers agreement with the North Dakota Joint Water Resource District. The RRRA primary objective is to ensure joint, comprehensive, and strategic coordination of retention projects in the Red River of the North Watershed and facilitating implementation and construction of retention in the Red River Basin. The RRRA received federal funding via the 2014 Farm Bill to develop comprehensive watershed plans in Minnesota and North Dakota for approximately 20 projects. More information about the RRRA can be found at the following website: https://www.redriverretentionauthority.net/
Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB)
Member Watershed District Tax Levy Income Structure

Dollar Figures Based Upon (20____ Calendar Year) Levies
Member Watershed District _____% of Max
RRWMB 100% of Max

- General (Administrative) Levy
  Max = $________

- RRWMB Tax Levy
  $________

- Watershed District Ditch Levy(s)
  $________

Submitted to and Collected by County Auditors

Distributed to the Watershed District and Placed in Financial Institution and Allocated to Various Funds for Projects

- General Fund
  $________

- Flood Control Construction Fund (1/2 RRWMB Levy)
  $________

- Sent To RRWMB (1/2 RRWMB Levy)
  $________

- Various Ditch Funds
  $________

- All Budget Items
- Watershed District Flood Control Projects
- RRWMB Regional Projects
- Maintenance on Public Ditches

Grants and Other Special Funding are Received by Watershed Districts